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Drinking Water and Transportation Systems -Things You Should Know

The City has been working together with its Wellhead Protection Committee and local, state, and federal agencies to protect area drinking water sources through the implementation of a Wellhead Protection Plan. Transportation facilities, i.e.: roads, bridges, pipelines, waterways, railroads and airports, are locations where accidents and spills happen and where surface water runoff, contaminated water, or spilled materials can reach your drinking water supply.

When properly sited, designed, constructed, and operated, transportation facilities pose a relatively minor threat to drinking water sources. On the other hand, transportation accidents and spills of hazardous materials can become a significant source of groundwater contamination that may lead to adverse health effects. You can help to protect drinking water supplies by being alert while traveling, report accidents and spills, and work with your local emergency response unit or fire department to keep transportation facilities safe. To report accidents with spills, the state emergency response duty officer may be contacted at 800-422-0798.

For more information contact the City's Wellhead Protection Manager or log on to the Minnesota Rural Water Association's Web site at mrwa@mrwa.com.