## Chemical Safety and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2014

- <u>State Programs:</u> Establishes state programs under the Safe Drinking Water Act to oversee and inspect chemical tanks that present a threat to sources of drinking water.
- **Builds on Existing Drinking Water Protection Plans:** Directs states to use existing source water protection plans developed under the Safe Drinking Water Act to identify tanks that present a risk to drinking water.
- <u>Sets Minimum Federal Standards for State Programs:</u> Establishes minimum standards for chemical tanks subject to a state program, including:
  - Construction standards
  - o Leak detection and spill and overfill requirements
  - o Emergency response and communication plans
  - o Notification of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), state officials, and public water systems of chemicals that are being stored at a facility
- <u>Sets Minimum Inspection Requirements:</u> Requires annual inspections for tanks storing high hazard chemicals. Tanks identified in drinking water protection plans are inspected every 3 years and all other tanks are inspected every 5 years.
- Ensures Drinking Water Systems Have Information: Requires information on chemical tanks to be shared with drinking water systems in the same watershed.
- *Gives Drinking Water Systems Tools to Address Emergencies:* Allows drinking water systems to act in emergency situations to stop an immediate threat to people who receive drinking water from a public water system.
- *Ensures States Can Recover Costs for Response:* Allows states to recoup costs incurred from responding to emergencies.