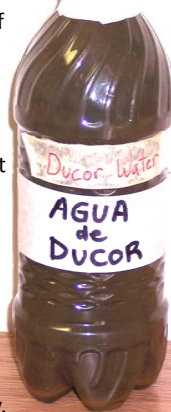


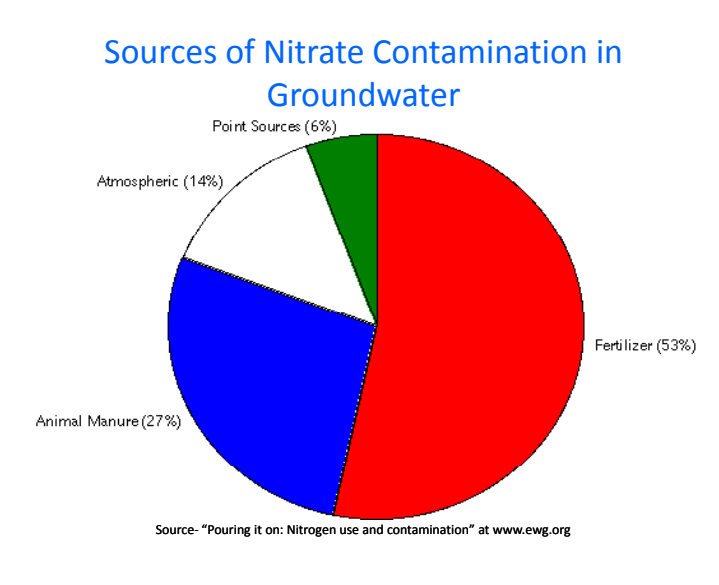
Contaminated Drinking Water



- Approximately 30% of small public drinking water systems in Tulare County have ongoing safe drinking water violations, most of which are due to nitrate.
- Pesticides and their byproducts continue to be found in drinking water wells throughout the Valley.
- Private Well testing in Tulare County indicates that 75% of private wells tested have a contaminant over health standards.
- Many families have to pay up to 10% of their household income for drinking water.

Nitrate in Groundwater

- Nitrate is an acute contaminant that has been linked to birth defects, stillborn babies and blue baby syndrome.
- It has also been linked to kidney and spleen problems, impaired thyroid functions, as well as bladder cancer in adults.
- Nitrate is the largest cause of well closure in the State, costing consumers millions of dollars to replace.
- Nitrate contamination at high levels is caused by human activities – mostly fertilizer and manure.



Communities Pay the Costs



- Health
- Social
- Financial

Raising Our Voices



Call to Action



Solutions

- Stop groundwater contamination from primary sources.
- Fund clean-up, emergency water, rural infrastructure and treatment technology.
- Secure long-term sustainable water sources for communities.
- Establish a statewide "lifeline" rate for drinking water.



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