

Water Supply

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[Water Supply Outlook & Status](#) is a monthly update, from April through October, that provides valuable information about the water supply situation in the watershed. Based on long-term precipitation data, flows, and other information, ICPRB's Cooperative Operations for Water Supply on the Potomac (CO-OP) staff report on the likelihood of water supply releases from the area reservoirs for the coming days.

The Cooperative Operations for Waters Supply on the Potomac began in the early 1960s and has helped maintain adequate water supply for region's growing population. Read more about [CO-OP History](#)

The Section for Cooperative Water Supply Operations of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (CO-OP) was created to coordinate water supply operation of the three independent water suppliers in the Washington D.C. area during times of drought. CO-OP makes releases from regional reservoirs to ensure that minimum environmental flow requirements and water supply withdrawals can be met. In non drought years, CO-OP works closely with member utilities to conduct annual [Drought Exercise](#) to keep operations crisp.

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