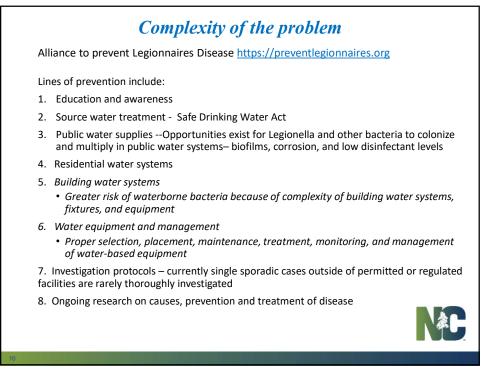
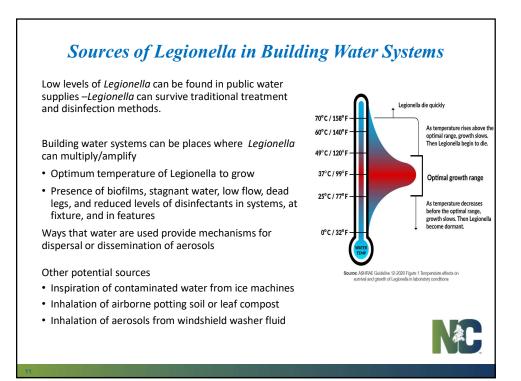
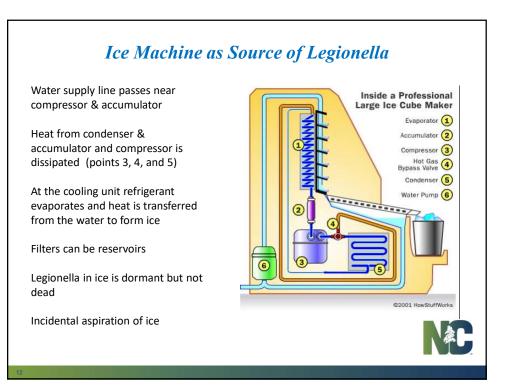


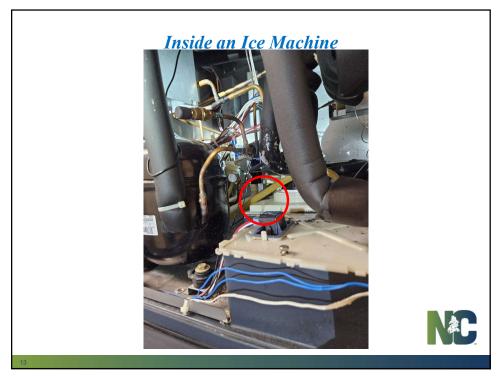
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Highly probab over multiple		ally find a few colony	forming units at po	oint of entry
Sample result	s need to be i	nterpreted in the cont	ext of the WMP go	als
Some Benchn	narks to interp	ret sampling results		
Source	Acceptable	Requires additional investigation and actions	Requires immediate action	reference
Cooling tower	<10CFU/ml	10-1000 CFU/ml	>1000 CFU/ml	New York City
Potable water	<1 CFU/ml	10-100 CFU/ml	>100CFU/ml	AHIA 2015
Decorative fountains	<1CFU/ml	1-10CFU/ml	>10CFU/ML	AIHA 2015
Hot tubs/spas	<1 CFU/ml	1-10 CFU/mI	>100CFU/ml	AIHA 2105

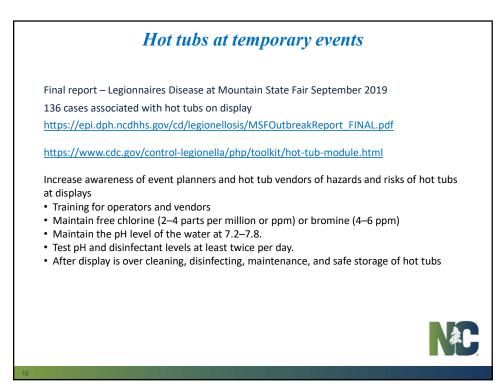


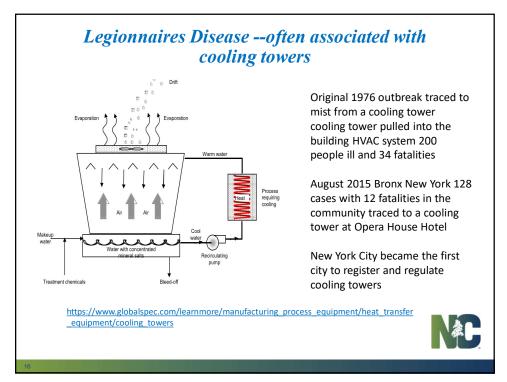


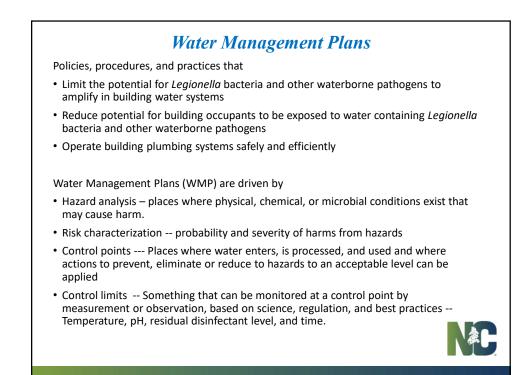


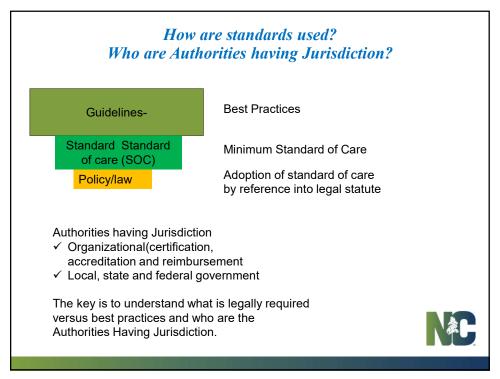




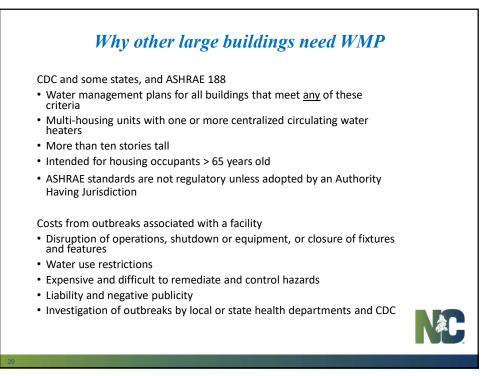


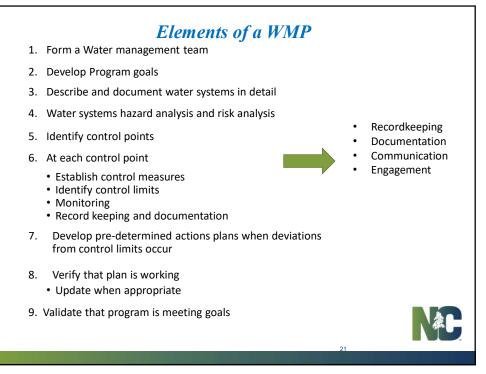


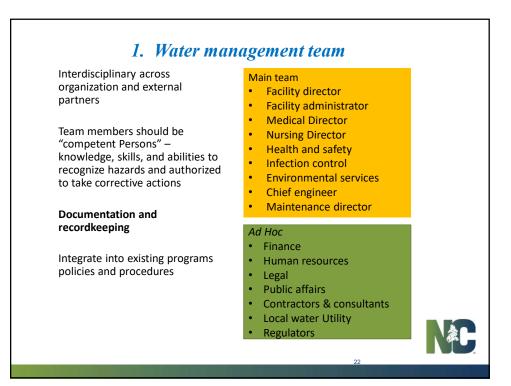




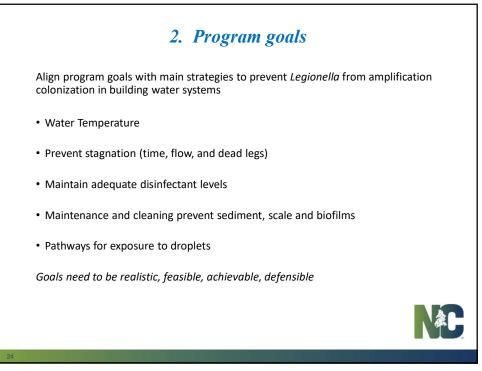


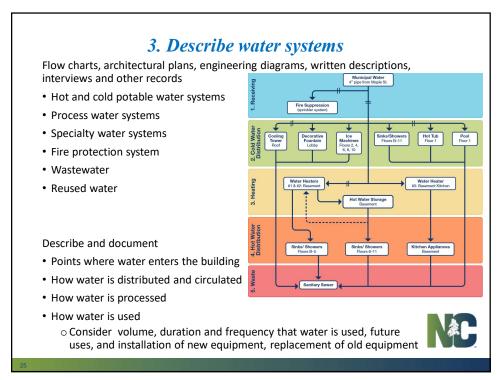




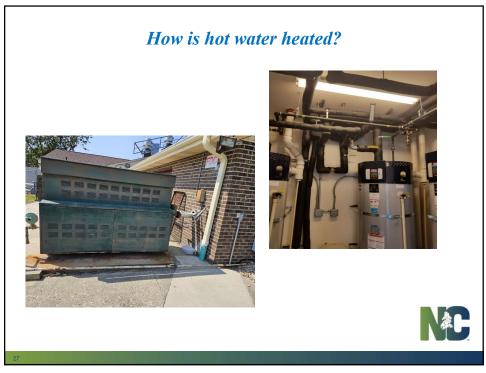




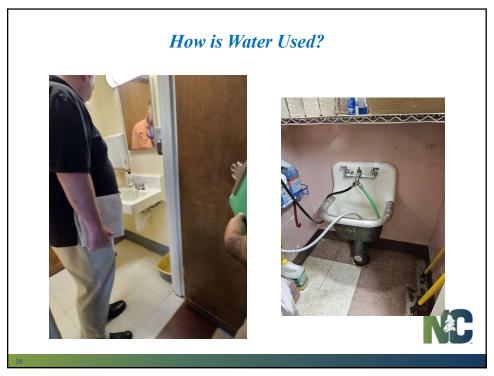


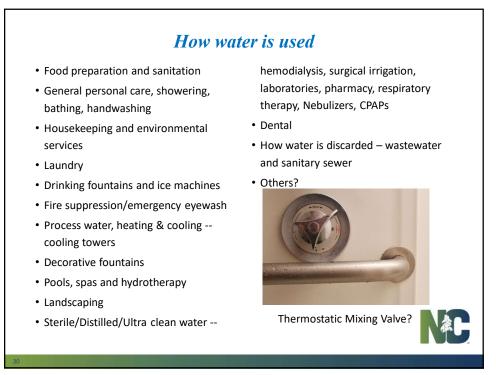


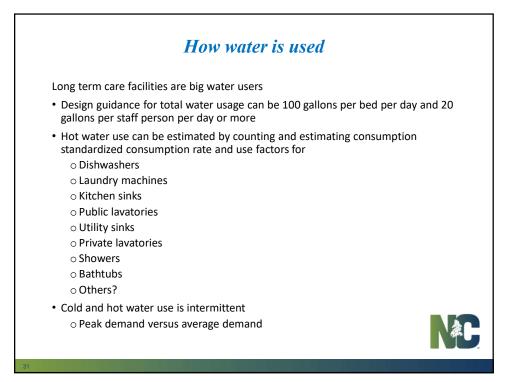




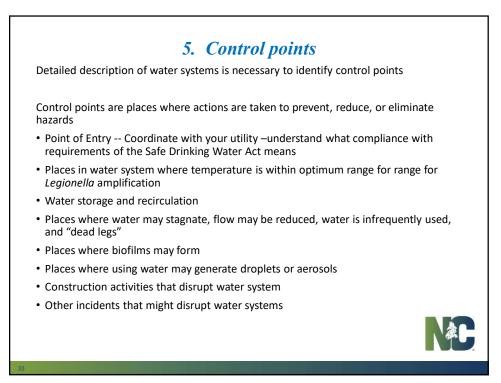


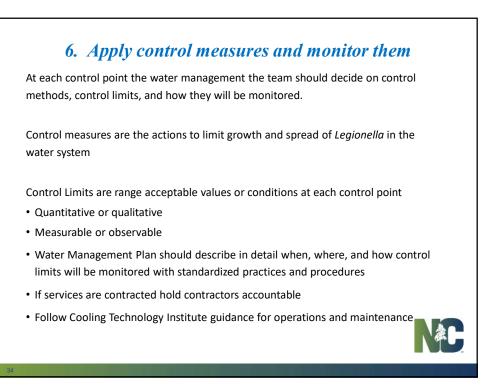


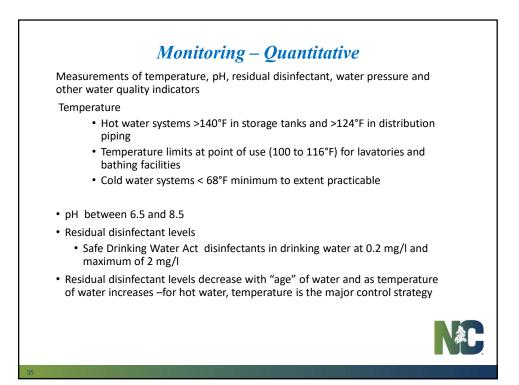


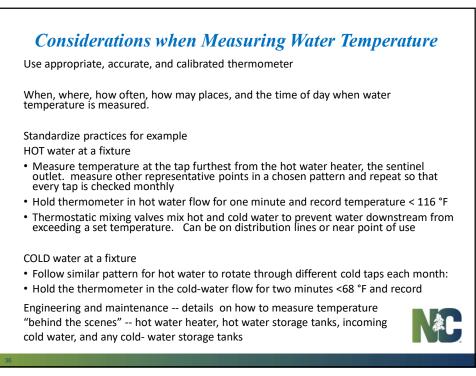


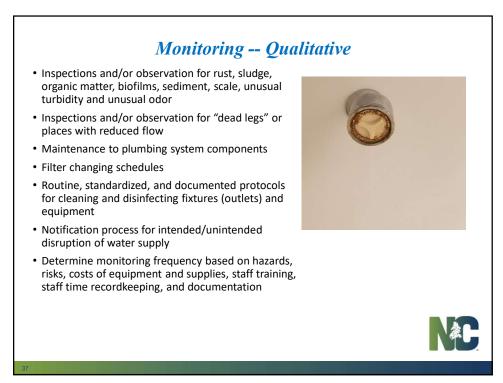
Occupant characteristics	Building Characteristics
• Age	Age/condition of building
Pre-existing disease	Age/condition of water systems
Immune status	Places in water systems where Legionella could amplify, or biofilms could form
<ul><li>Interactions with</li><li>Accreditation requirements</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Places in water systems that create aerosols</li> <li>Existing maintenance plans and</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Licensing requirements</li><li>Building codes</li></ul>	activities
Infection Control and Clinical	Staff knowledge & expertise
services	Variability of occupancy rates
<ul> <li>Construction, Operations, and maintenance</li> <li>Environmental services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Future changes in use, additions, renovations</li> </ul>
• Environment Safety & Health (EHS)	
Public relations	
Accounting	



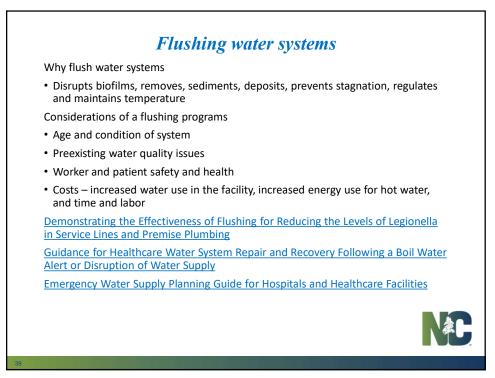


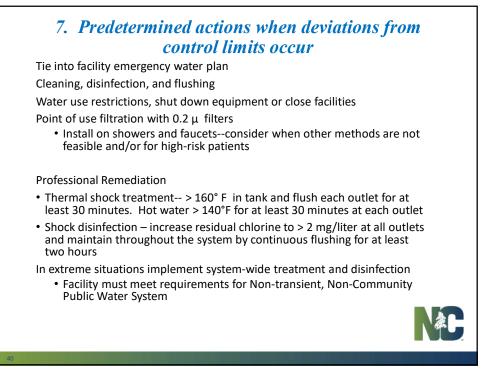


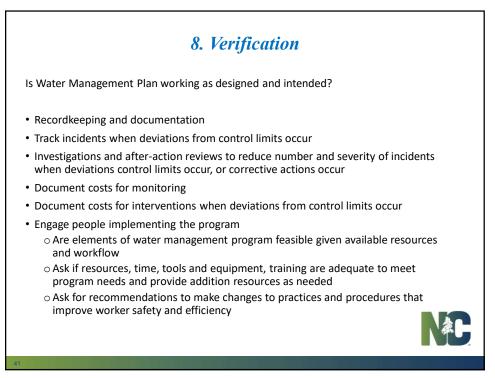




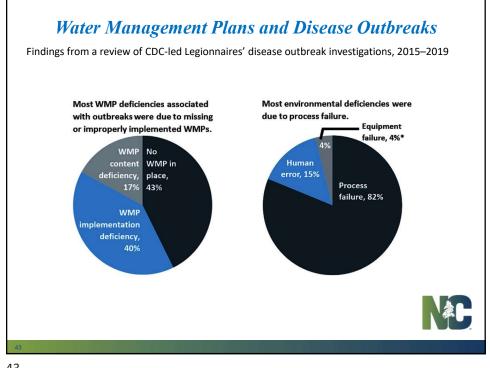






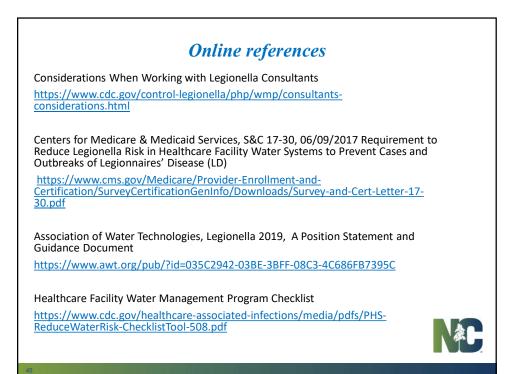


9. Validation				
•	alidation? mpling for Legionella or other waterborne ed as part of the water management			
Sampling for Legionella	If routine sampling is part of the plan:			
<ul> <li>Sampling and testing is one way to validate effective water management plans</li> <li>A decision by the water management team to routinely sample for <i>Legionella</i> for validation should be careful and deliberate</li> <li>Keep records and documentation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Go All out !!!</li> <li>Nonrandom, part of a carefully designed sampling plan</li> <li>Set pre-determined thresholds to interpret results</li> <li>Set pre-determined threshold limits to implement corrective actions</li> <li>Devote enough resources</li> </ul>			
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## Questions?

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