12VAC5-590-10. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have meanings respectively set forth unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

"Action level" means the concentration of lead or copper in water specified in 12VAC5-590-385, which determines, in some cases, the treatment requirements contained in 12VAC5-590-405 that an owner is required to complete.

"Air gap separation" means the unobstructed vertical distance through the free atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe or faucet supplying pure water to a tank, plumbing fixture, or other device and the rim of the receptacle.

"Annual daily water demand" means the average rate of daily water usage over at least the most recent three-year period.

"Approved water" means water that is ready for filtration.

"Approved" means material, equipment, workmanship, process or method that has been accepted by the commissioner as suitable for the proposed use.

"Auxiliary water system" means any water system on or available to the premises other than the waterworks. These auxiliary waters may include water from a source such as wells, lakes, or streams; process fluids; or used water. They may be polluted or contaminated or objectionable, or constitute an unapproved water source or system over which the water purveyor does not have control.

"Backflow" means the flow of water or other liquids, mixtures, or substances into the distribution piping of a waterworks from any source or sources other than its intended source.

"Backflow prevention device" means any approved device, method, or type of construction intended to prevent backflow into a waterworks.

"Bag filters" means pressure-driven separation devices that remove particulate matter larger than one micrometer using an engineered porous filtration media. They are typically constructed of a nonrigid, fabric filtration media housed in a pressure vessel in which the direction of flow is from the inside of the bag to outside.

"Bank filtration" means a water treatment process that uses a well to recover surface water that has naturally infiltrated into groundwater through a river bed or bank(s). Infiltration is typically enhanced by the hydraulic gradient imposed by a nearby pumping water supply or other well(s).

"Best available technology" or "BAT" means the best technology, treatment techniques, or other means that the commissioner finds, after examination for efficacy under field conditions and not solely under laboratory conditions and in conformance with applicable EPA regulations, are available (taking cost into consideration).

"Board" means the State Board of Health.
"Breakpoint chlorination" means the addition of chlorine to water until the chlorine demand has been satisfied and further additions result in a residual that is directly proportional to the amount added.

"Cartridge filters" means pressure-driven separation devices that remove particulate matter larger than one micrometer using an engineered porous filtration media. They are typically constructed as rigid or semi-rigid, self-supporting filter elements housed in pressure vessels in which flow is from the outside of the cartridge to the inside.

"Chlorine" means dry chlorine.

"Chlorine gas" means dry chlorine in the gaseous state.

"Chlorine solution (chlorine water)" means a solution of chlorine in water.

"Chronically noncompliant waterworks" or "CNC" means a waterworks that is unable to provide pure water for any of the following reasons: (i) the waterworks' record of performance demonstrates that it can no longer be depended upon to furnish pure water to the persons served; (ii) the owner has inadequate technical, financial, or managerial capacity to furnish pure water to the people served; (iii) the owner has failed to comply with an order issued by the board or the commissioner; (iv) the owner has abandoned the waterworks and has discontinued supplying pure water to the persons served; or (v) the owner is subject to a forfeiture order pursuant to § 32.1-174.1 of the Code of Virginia.

"Coagulation" means a process using coagulant chemicals and mixing by which colloidal and suspended materials are destabilized and agglomerated into floc.

"Coliform bacteria group" means a group of bacteria predominantly inhabiting the intestines of man or animal but also occasionally found elsewhere. It includes all aerobic and facultative anaerobic, gram-negative, non-sporeforming bacilli that ferment lactose with production of gas. Also included are all bacteria that produce a dark, purplish-green colony with metallic sheen by the membrane filter technique used for coliform identification.

"Combined distribution system" means the interconnected distribution system consisting of the distribution systems of wholesale waterworks and of the consecutive waterworks that receive finished water.

"Commissioner" means the State Health Commissioner.

"Community waterworks" means a waterworks that serves at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least 25 year-round residents.

"Compliance cycle" means the nine-year calendar year cycle during which a waterworks shall monitor. Each compliance cycle consists of three three-year compliance periods. The first calendar year cycle begins January 1, 1993, and ends December 31, 2001; the second begins January 1, 2002, and ends December 31, 2010; the third begins January 1, 2011, and ends December 31, 2019.

"Compliance period" means a three-year calendar year period within a compliance cycle. Each compliance cycle has three three-year compliance periods. Within the first compliance cycle, the first compliance period runs from January 1, 1993, to December 31, 1995; the second from January 1, 1996, to December 31, 1998; the third from January 1, 1999, to December 31, 2001.

"Comprehensive performance evaluation" or "CPE" means a thorough review and analysis of a treatment plant's performance-based capabilities and associated administrative, operational and maintenance practices. It is conducted to identify factors that may be adversely impacting a plant's capability to achieve compliance and emphasizes approaches that can be implemented without significant capital improvements. For purposes of compliance with 12VAC5-590-530 C 1 b (2), the comprehensive performance evaluation shall consist of at least the following components: assessment of plant performance, evaluation of major unit processes, identification and
prioritization of performance limiting factors, assessment of the applicability of comprehensive technical assistance, and preparation of a CPE report.

"Confluent growth" means a continuous bacterial growth covering the entire filtration area of a membrane filter, or a portion thereof, in which bacterial colonies are not discrete.

"Consecutive waterworks" means a waterworks that has no water production or source facility of its own and that obtains all of its water from another permitted waterworks or receives some or all of its finished water from one or more wholesale waterworks. Delivery may be through a direct connection or through the distribution system of one or more consecutive waterworks.

"Consumer" means any person who drinks water from a waterworks.

"Consumer's water system" means any water system located on the consumer's premises, supplied by or in any manner connected to a waterworks.

"Contaminant" means any objectionable or hazardous physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance or matter in water.

"Conventional filtration treatment" means a series of processes including coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, and filtration resulting in substantial particulate removal.

"Corrosion inhibitor" means a substance capable of reducing the corrosivity of water toward metal plumbing materials, especially lead and copper, by forming a protective film on the interior surface of those materials.

"Cross connection" means any connection or structural arrangement, direct or indirect, to the waterworks whereby backflow can occur.

"CT" or "CT calc." means the product of "residual disinfectant concentration" (C) in mg/L determined before or at the first customer, and the corresponding "disinfectant contact time" (T) in minutes (i.e., "C" x "T").

"Daily fluid intake" means the daily intake of water for drinking and culinary use and is defined as two liters.

"Dechlorination" means the partial or complete reduction of residual chlorine in water by any chemical or physical process at a waterworks with a treatment facility.

"Degree of hazard" means the level of health hazard, as derived from an evaluation of the potential risk to health and the adverse effect upon the waterworks.

"Diatomaceous earth filtration" means a process resulting in substantial particulate removal in which (i) a precoat cake of diatomaceous earth filter media is deposited on a support membrane (septum), and (ii) while the water is filtered by passing through the cake on the septum, additional filter media known as body feed is continuously added to the feed water to maintain the permeability of the filter cake.

"Direct filtration" means a series of processes including coagulation and filtration but excluding sedimentation resulting in substantial particulate removal.

"Disinfectant" means any oxidant (including chlorine) that is added to water in any part of the treatment or distribution process for the purpose of killing or deactivating pathogenic organisms.

"Disinfectant contact time" ("T" in CT calculations) means the time in minutes that it takes for water to move from the point of disinfectant application to the point where residual disinfectant concentration ("C") is measured.

"Disinfection" means a process that inactivates pathogenic organisms in water by chemical oxidants or equivalent agents.
"Disinfection profile" means a summary of Giardia lamblia or virus inactivation through the treatment plant.

"Distribution main" means a water main whose primary purpose is to provide treated water to service connections.

"District engineer" means the employee assigned by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water to manage its regulatory activities in a geographical area of the state consisting of a state planning district or subunit of a state planning district.

"Domestic or other nondistribution system plumbing problem" means a coliform contamination problem in a waterworks with more than one service connection that is limited to the specific service connection from which the coliform positive sample was taken.

"Double gate-double check valve assembly" means an approved assembly composed of two single independently acting check valves including tightly closing shutoff valves located at each end of the assembly and petcocks and test gauges for testing the watertightness of each check valve.

"Dual sample set" means a set of two samples collected at the same time and same location, with one sample analyzed for TTHM and the other sample analyzed for HAA5. Dual sample sets are collected for the purposes of conducting an initial distribution system evaluation (IDSE) under 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 e (2) and determining compliance with the TTHM and HAA5 MCLs under 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 e (3).

"Effective corrosion inhibitor residual" means, for the purpose of 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 only, a concentration sufficient to form a passivating film on the interior walls of a pipe.

"Enhanced coagulation" means the addition of sufficient coagulant for improved removal of disinfection byproduct precursors by conventional filtration treatment.

"Enhanced softening" means the improved removal of disinfection byproduct precursors by precipitative softening.

"Entry point" means the place where water from the source after application of any treatment is delivered to the distribution system.

"Equivalent residential connection" means a volume of water used equal to a residential connection that is 400 gallons per day unless supportive data indicates otherwise.

"Exception" means an approved deviation from a "shall" criteria contained in Part III (12VAC5-590-640 et seq.) of this chapter.

"Exemption" means a conditional waiver of a specific PMCL or treatment technique requirement that is granted to a specific waterworks for a limited period of time.

"Filter profile" means a graphical representation of individual filter performance, based on continuous turbidity measurements or total particle counts versus time for an entire filter run, from startup to backwash inclusively, that includes an assessment of filter performance while another filter is being backwashed.

"Filtration" means a process for removing particulate matter from water by passage through porous media.

"Finished water" means water that is introduced into the distribution system of a waterworks and is intended for distribution and consumption without further treatment, except as treatment necessary to maintain water quality in the distribution system (e.g., booster disinfection, addition of corrosion control chemicals).

"First draw sample" means a one-liter sample of tap water, collected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B 2, that has been standing in plumbing pipes at least six hours and is collected without flushing the tap.

"Flocculation" means a process to enhance agglomeration or collection of smaller floc particles into larger, more easily settleable
particles through gentle stirring by hydraulic or mechanical means.

"Flowing stream" means a course of running water flowing in a definite channel.

"Free available chlorine" means that portion of the total residual chlorine remaining in water at the end of a specified contact period that will react chemically and biologically as hypochlorous acid or hypochlorite ion.

"GAC10" means granular activated carbon filter beds with an empty-bed contact time of 10 minutes based on average daily flow and a carbon reactivation frequency of every 180 days, except that the reactivation frequency for GAC10 used as a best available technology for compliance with 12VAC5-590-410 C 2 b (1) (b) shall be 120 days.

"GAC20" means granular activated carbon filter beds with an empty-bed contact time of 20 minutes based on average daily flow and a carbon reactivation frequency of every 240 days.

"Governmental entity" means the Commonwealth, a town, city, county, service authority, sanitary district, or any other governmental body established under the Code of Virginia, including departments, divisions, boards, or commissions.

"Gross alpha particle activity" means the total radioactivity due to alpha particle emission as inferred from measurements on a dry sample.

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"Groundwater" means all water obtained from sources not classified as surface water (or surface water sources).

"Groundwater system" means any waterworks that uses groundwater as its source of supply; however, a waterworks that combines all its groundwater with surface water or with groundwater under the direct influence of surface water prior to treatment is not a groundwater system. Groundwater systems include consecutive waterworks that receive finished groundwater from a wholesale waterworks.

"Groundwater under the direct influence of surface water" or "GUDI" means any water beneath the surface of the ground with significant occurrence of insects or other macroorganisms, algae, or large-diameter pathogens such as Giardia lamblia, or Cryptosporidium. It also means significant and relatively rapid shifts in water characteristics such as turbidity, temperature, conductivity, or pH that closely correlate to climatological or surface water conditions. The commissioner in accordance with 12VAC5-590-430 will determine direct influence of surface water.

"Haloacetic acids (five)" or "HAA5" means the sum of the concentrations in milligrams per liter of the haloacetic acid compounds (monochloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, monobromoacetic acid, and dibromoacetic acid), rounded to two significant figures after addition.

"Halogen" means one of the chemical elements chlorine, bromine, fluorine, astatine or iodine.

"Health hazard" means any condition, device, or practice in a waterworks or its operation that creates, or may create, a danger to the health and well-being of the water consumer.

"Health regulations" means regulations that include all primary maximum contaminant levels, treatment technique requirements, and all operational regulations, the violation of which would jeopardize the public health.

"Human consumption" means drinking, food preparation, dishwashing, bathing, showering, hand washing, teeth brushing, and maintaining oral hygiene.

"Hypochlorite" means a solution of water and some form of chlorine, usually sodium hypochlorite.
"Initial compliance period" means for all regulated contaminants, the initial compliance period is the first full three-year compliance period beginning at least 18 months after promulgation with the exception of waterworks with 150 or more service connections for contaminants listed at Table 2.3, VOC 19-21; Table 2.3, SOC 19-33; and antimony, beryllium, cyanide (as free cyanide), nickel, and thallium that shall begin January 1993.

"Interchangeable connection" means an arrangement or device that will allow alternate but not simultaneous use of two sources of water.

"Karst geology" means an area predominantly underlain by limestone, dolomite, or gypsum and characterized by rapid underground drainage. Such areas often feature sinkholes, caverns, and sinking or disappearing creeks. In Virginia, this generally includes all that area west of the Blue Ridge and, in Southwest Virginia, east of the Cumberland Plateau.

"Lake/reservoir" means a natural or manmade basin or hollow on the Earth's surface in which water collects or is stored that may or may not have a current or single direction of flow.

"Large waterworks" means, for the purposes of 12VAC5-590-375, 12VAC5-590-405, 12VAC5-590-530 D, and 12VAC5-590-550 D only, a waterworks that serves more than 50,000 persons.

"Lead free" means the following:

1. When used with respect to solders and flux, refers to solders and flux containing not more than 0.2% lead;
2. When used with respect to pipes and pipe fittings, refers to pipes and pipe fittings containing not more than 8.0% lead;
3. When used with respect to plumbing fittings and fixtures intended by the plumbing manufacturer to dispense water for human ingestion, refers to fittings and fixtures that are in compliance with standards established in accordance with 42 USC § 300g-6(e).

"Lead service line" means a service line made of lead that connects the water main to the building inlet and any lead pigtail, gooseneck or other fitting that is connected to such lead line.

"Legionella" means a genus of bacteria, some species of which have caused a type of pneumonia called Legionnaires disease.

"Liquid chlorine" means a liquefied, compressed chlorine gas as shipped in commerce.

"Locational running annual average" or "LRAA" means the average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

"Log inactivation (log removal)" means that a 99% reduction is a 2-log inactivation; a 99.9% reduction is a 3-log inactivation; a 99.99% reduction is a 4-log inactivation.

"Manmade beta particle and photon emitters" means all radionuclides emitting beta particles and/or photons listed in the most current edition of "Maximum Permissible Body Burdens and Maximum Permissible Concentration of Radionuclides in Air or Water for Occupational Exposure," National Bureau of Standards Handbook 69, except the daughter products of thorium-232, uranium-235 and uranium-238.

"Maximum daily water demand" means the rate of water usage during the day of maximum water use.

"Maximum contaminant level" or "MCL" means the maximum permissible level of a contaminant in pure water that is delivered to any user of a waterworks. MCLs are set as close as feasible using the best available treatment technology. MCLs may be either "primary" (PMCL), meaning based on health considerations or "secondary" (SMCL) meaning based on aesthetic considerations.
"Maximum residual disinfectant level" or "MRDL" means a level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap without an unacceptable possibility of adverse health effects. For chlorine and chloramines, a waterworks is in compliance with the MRDL when the running annual average of monthly averages of samples taken in the distribution system, computed quarterly, is less than or equal to the MRDL. For chlorine dioxide, a waterworks is in compliance with the MRDL when daily samples are taken at the entrance to the distribution system and no two consecutive daily samples exceed the MRDL. MRDLs are enforceable in the same manner as maximum contaminant levels. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of waterborne microbial contaminants. Notwithstanding the MRDLs listed in Table 2.12, operators may increase residual disinfectant levels of chlorine or chloramines (but not chlorine dioxide) in the distribution system to a level and for a time necessary to protect public health to address specific microbiological contamination problems caused by circumstances such as distribution line breaks, storm runoff events, source water contamination, or cross-connections.

"Maximum residual disinfectant level goal" or "MRDLG" means the maximum level of a disinfectant added for water treatment at which no known or anticipated adverse effect on the health of persons would occur, and that allows an adequate margin of safety. MRDLGs are nonenforceable health goals and do not reflect the benefit of the addition of the chemical for control of waterborne microbial contaminants.

"Maximum total trihalomethane potential" or "MTP" means the maximum concentration of total trihalomethanes produced in a given water containing a disinfectant residual after seven days at a temperature of 25°C or above.

"Medium waterworks" means, for the purpose of 12VAC5-590-375 and 12VAC5-590-405 only, a waterworks that serves greater than 3,300 and less than or equal to 50,000 persons.

"Membrane filtration" means a pressure or vacuum-driven separation process in which particulate matter larger than one micrometer is rejected by an engineered barrier, primarily through a size exclusion mechanism, and that has a measurable removal efficiency of a target organism that can be verified through the application of a direct integrity test. This definition includes the common membrane technologies of microfiltration, ultrafiltration, nanofiltration, and reverse osmosis.

"Method detection limit" means the minimum concentration of a substance that can be measured and reported with 99% confidence that the analyte concentration is greater than zero and is determined from analysis of a sample in a given matrix containing the analyte.

"Most probable number" or "MPN" means that number of organisms per unit volume that, in accordance with statistical theory, would be more likely than any other number to yield the observed test result or that would yield the observed test result with the greatest frequency, expressed as density of organisms per 100 milliliters. Results are computed from the number of positive findings of coliform-group organisms resulting from multiple-portion decimal-dilution plantings.

"Noncommunity waterworks" means a waterworks that is not a community waterworks, but operates at least 60 days out of the year.

"Nonpotable water" means water not classified as pure water.

"Nontransient noncommunity waterworks" or "NTNC" means a waterworks that is not a community waterworks and that regularly serves at least 25 of the same persons over six months out of the year.

"Office" or "ODW" means the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water.

"One hundred year flood level" means the flood elevation that will, over a long period of time, be equaled or exceeded on the average once every 100 years.

"Operator" means any individual employed or appointed by any owner, and who is designated by such owner to be the person in
responsible charge, such as a supervisor, a shift operator, or a substitute in charge, and whose duties include testing or evaluation to control waterworks operations. Not included in this definition are superintendents or directors of public works, city engineers, or other municipal or industrial officials whose duties do not include the actual operation or direct supervision of waterworks.

"Optimal corrosion control treatment" means the corrosion control treatment that minimizes the lead and copper concentrations at users' taps while ensuring that the treatment does not cause the waterworks to violate any other section of this chapter.

"Owner" or "water purveyor" means an individual, group of individuals, partnership, firm, association, institution, corporation, governmental entity, or the federal government that supplies or proposes to supply water to any person within this state from or by means of any waterworks (see Article 2 (§ 32.1-167 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia).

"Picocurie" or "pCi" means that quantity of radioactive material producing 2.22 nuclear transformations per minute.

"Plant intake" means the works or structures at the head of a conduit through which water is diverted from a source (e.g., river or lake) into the treatment plant.

"Point of disinfectant application" means the point where the disinfectant is applied and water downstream of that point is not subject to recontamination by surface water runoff.

"Point-of-entry treatment device" or "POE device" means a treatment device applied to the water entering a house or building for the purpose of reducing contaminants in the water distributed throughout the house or building.

"Point-of-use treatment device" or "POU device" means a treatment device applied to a single tap for the purpose of reducing contaminants in the water at that one tap.

"Pollution" means the presence of any foreign substance (chemical, physical, radiological, or biological) in water that tends to degrade its quality so as to constitute an unnecessary risk or impair the usefulness of the water.

"Pollution hazard" means a condition through which an aesthetically objectionable or degrading material may enter the waterworks or a consumer's water system.

"Postchlorination" means the application of chlorine to water subsequent to treatment.

"Potable water" – see "Pure water."

"Practical quantitation level" or "PQL" means the lowest level achievable by good laboratories within specified limits during routine laboratory operating conditions.

"Prechlorination" means the application of chlorine to water prior to filtration.

"Presedimentation" means a preliminary treatment process used to remove gravel, sand and other particulate material from the source water through settling before the water enters the primary clarification and filtration processes in a treatment plant.

"Process fluids" means any fluid or solution that may be chemically, biologically, or otherwise contaminated or polluted that would constitute a health, pollutional, or system hazard if introduced into the waterworks. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Polluted or contaminated water;
2. Process waters;
3. Used waters, originating from the waterworks that may have deteriorated in sanitary quality;
4. Cooling waters;
5. Contaminated natural waters taken from wells, lakes, streams, or irrigation systems;
6. Chemicals in solution or suspension; and

7. Oils, gases, acids, alkalis, and other liquid and gaseous fluid used in industrial or other processes, or for firefighting purposes.

"Pure water" means water fit for human consumption that is (i) sanitary and normally free of minerals, organic substances, and toxic agents in excess of reasonable amounts and (ii) adequate in quantity and quality for the minimum health requirements of the persons served (see Article 2 (§ 32.1-167 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia).

"Raw water main" means a water main that conveys untreated water from a source to a treatment facility.

"Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device" or "RPZ device" means a device containing a minimum of two independently acting check valves together with an automatically operated pressure differential relief valve located between the two check valves. During normal flow and at the cessation of normal flow, the pressure between these two checks shall be less than the supply pressure. In case of leakage of either check valve, the differential relief valve, by discharging to the atmosphere, shall operate to maintain the pressure between the check valves at less than the supply pressure. The unit shall include tightly closing shutoff valves located at each end of the device, and each device shall be fitted with properly located test cocks. These devices shall be of the approved type.

"REM" means the unit of dose equivalent from ionizing radiation to the total body or any internal organ or organ system. A millirem (MREM) is 1/1000 of a REM.

"Repeat compliance period" means any subsequent compliance period after the initial compliance period.

"Residual disinfectant concentration" ("C" in CT Calculations) means the concentration of disinfectant measured in mg/L in a representative sample of water.

"Responsible charge" means designation by the owner of any individual to have duty and authority to operate or modify the operation of waterworks processes.

"Sanitary facilities" means piping and fixtures, such as sinks, lavatories, showers, and toilets, supplied with potable water and drained by wastewater piping.

"Sanitary survey" means an evaluation conducted by ODW of a waterworks' water supply, facilities, equipment, operation, maintenance, monitoring records, and overall management of a waterworks to ensure the provision of pure water.

"Secondary water source" means any approved water source, other than a waterworks' primary source, connected to or available to that waterworks for emergency or other nonregular use.

"Sedimentation" means a process for removal of solids before filtration by gravity or separation.

"Service connection" means the point of delivery of water to a customer's building service line as follows:

1. If a meter is installed, the service connection is the downstream side of the meter;
2. If a meter is not installed, the service connection is the point of connection to the waterworks;
3. When the water purveyor is also the building owner, the service connection is the entry point to the building.

"Service line sample" means a one-liter sample of water, collected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B 2 c, that has been standing for at least six hours in a service line.

"Sewer" means any pipe or conduit used to convey sewage or industrial waste streams.

"Significant deficiency" means any defect in a waterworks' design, operation, maintenance, or administration, as well as the failure

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or malfunction of any waterworks component, that may cause, or has the potential to cause, an unacceptable risk to health or could affect the reliable delivery of pure water to consumers.

"Single-family structure" means, for the purpose of 12VAC5-590-375 B only, a building constructed as a single-family residence that is currently used as either a residence or a place of business.

"Slow sand filtration" means a process involving passage of raw water through a bed of sand at low velocity (generally less than 0.4 m/h) resulting in substantial particulate removal by physical and biological mechanisms.

"Small waterworks" means, for the purpose of 12VAC5-590-375, 12VAC5-590-405, 12VAC5-590-530 D and 12VAC5-590-550 D only, a waterworks that serves 3,300 persons or fewer.

"Standard sample" means that portion of finished drinking water that is examined for the presence of coliform bacteria.

"Surface water" means all water open to the atmosphere and subject to surface runoff.

"SUVA" means specific ultraviolet absorption at 254 nanometers (nm), an indicator of the humic content of water. It is a calculated parameter obtained by dividing a sample's ultraviolet absorption at a wavelength of 254 nm (UV254) (in m-1) by its concentration of dissolved organic carbon (DOC) (in mg/L).

"Synthetic organic chemicals" or "SOC" means one of the family of organic manmade compounds generally utilized for agriculture or industrial purposes.

"System hazard" means a condition posing an actual, or threat of, damage to the physical properties of the waterworks or a consumer's water system.

"Terminal reservoir" means an impoundment providing end storage of water prior to treatment.

"Too numerous to count" means that the total number of bacterial colonies exceeds 200 on a 47-mm diameter membrane filter used for coliform detection.

"Total effective storage volume" means the volume available to store water in distribution reservoirs measured as the difference between the reservoir's overflow elevation and the minimum storage elevation. The minimum storage elevation is that elevation of water in the reservoir that can provide a minimum pressure of 20 psi at a flow as determined in 12VAC5-590-690 C to the highest elevation served within that reservoir's service area under systemwide maximum daily water demand.

"Total organic carbon" or "TOC" means total organic carbon in mg/L measured using heat, oxygen, ultraviolet irradiation, chemical oxidants, or combinations of these oxidants that convert organic carbon to carbon dioxide, rounded to two significant figures.

"Total trihalomethanes" or "TTHM" means the sum of the concentrations of the trihalomethanes expressed in milligrams per liter (mg/L) and rounded to two significant figures. For the purpose of these regulations, the TTHMs shall mean trichloromethane (chloroform), dibromochloromethane, bromodichloromethane, and tribromomethane (bromoform).

"Transmission main" means a water main whose primary purpose is to move significant quantities of treated water among service areas.

"Treatment technique requirement" means a requirement that specifies for a contaminant a specific treatment technique(s) demonstrated to the satisfaction of the division to lead to a reduction in the level of such contaminant sufficient to comply with these regulations.

"Triggered source water monitoring" means monitoring required of any groundwater system as a result of a total coliform-positive
"Sample" in the distribution system.

"Trihalomethane" or "THM" means one of the family of organic compounds, named as derivatives of methane, wherein three of the four hydrogen atoms in methane are each substituted by a halogen atom in the molecular structure.

"Two-stage lime softening" means a process in which chemical addition and hardness precipitation occur in each of two distinct unit clarification processes in series prior to filtration.

"Uncovered finished water storage facility" means a tank, reservoir, or other facility used to store water that will undergo no further treatment to reduce microbial pathogens (except residual disinfection) and is directly open to the atmosphere.

"Unregulated contaminant" or "UC" means a contaminant for which a monitoring requirement has been established, but for which no MCL or treatment technique requirement has been established.

"Used water" means any water supplied by a water purveyor from the waterworks to a consumer's water system after it has passed through the service connection.

"Variance" means a conditional waiver of a specific regulation that is granted to a specific waterworks. A PMCL Variance is a variance to a Primary Maximum Contaminant Level, or a treatment technique requirement. An Operational Variance is a variance to an operational regulation or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level. Variances for monitoring, reporting and public notification requirements will not be granted.

"Waterborne disease outbreak" means the significant occurrence of acute infectious illness, epidemiologically associated with the ingestion of water from a waterworks that is deficient in treatment, as determined by the commissioner or the State Epidemiologist.

"Water supply" means water that shall have been taken into a waterworks from all wells, streams, springs, lakes, and other bodies of surface waters (natural or impounded), and the tributaries thereto, and all impounded groundwater, but the term "water supply" shall not include any waters above the point of intake of such waterworks (see Article 2 (§ 32.1-167 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia).

"Water supply main" or "main" means any water supply pipeline that is part of a waterworks distribution system.

"Water Well Completion Report" means a report form published by the State Water Control Board entitled "Water Well Completion Report," which requests specific information pertaining to the ownership, driller, location, geological formations penetrated, water quantity and quality encountered as well as construction of water wells. The form is to be completed by the well driller.

"Waterworks" means a system that serves piped water for human consumption to at least 15 service connections or 25 or more individuals for at least 60 days out of the year. "Waterworks" includes all structures, equipment, and appurtenances used in the storage, collection, purification, treatment, and distribution of pure water except the piping and fixtures inside the building where such water is delivered (see Article 2 (§ 32.1-167 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia).

"Waterworks with a single service connection" means a waterworks that supplies drinking water to consumers via a single service line.

"Wholesale waterworks" means a waterworks that treats source water as necessary to produce finished water and then delivers...
some or all of that finished water to another waterworks. Delivery may be through a direct connection or through the distribution system of one or more consecutive waterworks.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-20. Authority for regulations.

Article 2

General Information

12VAC5-590-20. Authority for regulations.

Article 2 (§ 32.1-5 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia provides that the State Board of Health has the duty to protect the public health and to ensure that all water supplies destined for public consumption be pure water. In order to discharge that duty, the board is empowered to supervise and regulate all waterworks and water supplies within the state (see Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia).

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-002.01 § 1.3, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-30. Purpose of regulations.

These regulations have been promulgated by the board to:

1. Ensure that all water supplies destined for public consumption be pure water;
2. Guide the commissioner in his determination of whether a permit for a public water supply or waterworks should be issued; and
3. Assist the owner or his authorized engineer in the preparation of an application, plans, specifications, reports and other data.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-002.02 § 1.4, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-40. Administration of regulations.

These regulations are administered by the following parties:

1. State Board of Health, which has responsibility for promulgating, amending, and repealing regulations which ensure a supply
of pure water.

2. State Health Commissioner, who is the executive officer of the State Board of Health with the authority of the board when it is not in session and subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the board.

3. Division of Water Supply Engineering, which is designated as the primary reviewing agent of the board for the purpose of administering this chapter. It examines and passes upon the technical aspects of all applications and plans for waterworks projects prior to the drafting of a permit for final approval by the State Health Commissioner. It also has primary responsibility for monitoring waterworks operations to ensure that water supplied to the public is pure water.

4. Central and field offices, which are maintained by the division, the central office is located in Richmond, Virginia. The Office of Water Programs maintains six field offices which are responsible for activities of the division within their service areas. Applications for waterworks permits should be submitted to the appropriate field office. The addresses of the field offices and a description of the areas that they serve are listed in Appendix C.

5. Waterworks Advisory Committee, which shall be appointed by the commissioner, shall consist of thirteen appointed members and three ex officio members specified below. The commissioner shall appoint to the Waterworks Advisory Committee one individual each from the following: a member of the Virginia Section American Water Works Association; a member of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers; a member of the Virginia Water Well Association, Inc.; a member of the Consulting Engineers Council; a water treatment plant operator having a valid license of the highest classification in waterworks issued by the State Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators; a faculty member of a state university or college whose principal field of teaching is Environmental Engineering; a community waterworks owner; a nontransient noncommunity (NTNC) representative; a representative from Virginia Rural Water Association; a representative from Virginia Water Projects, Inc.; a representative from the Virginia Municipal League; a representative from the Virginia Association of Counties; and a citizen representative. Ex officio members shall consist of the Director, Office of Water Programs, who shall act as chairman; Director, Division of Water Supply Engineering; and Director, Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services or their designees.

Appointed members shall serve at the discretion of the commissioner with staggered terms being of three years in duration. The Waterworks Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the commissioner regarding waterworks and water supply policies, procedures and programs of the division.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-50. Application of regulations to waterworks and water supplies in operation or planned prior to the effective date of the regulations.

Waterworks and water supplies which were in operation prior to the effective date of the regulations may continue operation if they comply with the operational regulations set forth in Part II. Operation permits, which will be in addition to all permits previously received, will be issued to such waterworks as soon as practicable after the effective date of these regulations.

A. Waterworks and water supplies unable to comply with Part II of this chapter may be issued the appropriate variances and/or exemptions in conjunction with the operation permit to allow continued operation during the period of adjustment. Any variances and/or
exemptions will be issued in accordance with the procedures contained in Article 3 of Part I of this chapter.

B. Compliance with design criteria set forth in Parts III and IV is necessary for waterworks modification and construction commenced after the effective date of these revised regulations. Waterworks construction or modification is deemed to be commenced for purposes of this section upon receipt of final plans and specifications by the field office.

C. Compliance with the requirements set forth in Parts III and IV for materials, construction methods, disinfection, etc., is necessary for all repairs to pipes, tanks, pumps, and appurtenances which are part of a waterworks.

D. Volatile Synthetic Organic Chemicals (VOCs) and Unregulated Contaminants (UCs) Regulations are effective immediately for those community and NTNC waterworks which serve more than 10,000 persons. The VOC and UC regulations are effective immediately for community and NTNC waterworks serving 3,300 to 10,000 persons. The VOC and UC regulations become effective on January 1, 1991, for community and NTNC waterworks serving less than 3,300 persons. (See Table 2.7.)

E. The Lead and Copper Regulations establish a treatment technique that includes requirements for corrosion control treatment, water supply (source water) treatment, lead service line replacement, and public education. These requirements are triggered, in some cases, by lead and copper action levels measured in samples collected at consumers’ taps. Unless otherwise indicated, each of the provisions of 12VAC5-590-375, 12VAC5-590-405, 12VAC5-590-530 D and 12VAC5-590-550 D applies to community waterworks and nontransient noncommunity waterworks. The requirements set forth in 12VAC5-590-375, 12VAC5-590-530 D and 12VAC5-590-550 D shall take effect on July 7, 1991.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Article 3
Procedures

12VAC5-590-60. Compliance with the Administrative Process Act.

The provisions of the Administrative Process Act (Chapter 1.1:1 of Title 9) and Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia govern this chapter. All procedures outlined below are in addition to, or in compliance with, the requirements of that Act.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-70. Powers and procedures.

The board reserves the right to authorize any procedure for the enforcement of this chapter that is consistent with the provisions set forth herein and the provisions of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.
12VAC5-590-80. Procedure.

Regulations for the operations, construction, or modification of a waterworks or water supply are established, amended, or repealed only in accordance with the Administrative Process Act.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

12VAC5-590-90. [Reserved]

12VAC5-590-100. Exception; emergency regulations.

If the establishment of a regulation is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare, the board or commissioner may immediately promulgate and adopt the necessary regulation by complying with the procedures set forth in § 32.1-13 of the Code of Virginia.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

12VAC5-590-110. Enforcement.

All waterworks must be operated in compliance with the requirements as set forth in this chapter as follows:

1. Whenever the commissioner, his appointed representative, or the division has reason to believe that a violation of Title 32.1 or of any of this chapter has or is occurring, the division shall so notify the alleged violator. Such notice shall be in writing, shall cite the statute, regulation or regulations that are allegedly being violated, and shall state the facts which form the basis for believing that the violation has occurred or is occurring. A notice of violation may be accompanied by a request that certain corrective action be taken.

2. Pursuant to § 32.1-26 of the Code of Virginia, the commissioner may issue orders to require any owner to comply with the provisions of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia or this chapter. The order shall be signed by the commissioner and may require:
   a. The immediate cessation or correction of the violation;
   b. The acquisition or use of additional equipment, supplies or personnel to ensure that the violation does not recur;
   c. The submission of a plan to prevent future violations;
   d. The submission of an application for a variance or exemption;
   e. Any other corrective action deemed necessary for proper compliance with the chapter; or
   f. Division review and approval, if appropriate, of the required submissions.

3. The commissioner may act as the agent of the board to enforce all effective orders and this chapter. Should any owner fail to
comply with any effective order or this chapter, the commissioner may:

a. Institute a proceeding to revoke the owner’s permit in accordance with 12VAC5-590-320;

b. Apply to an appropriate court for an injunction or other legal process to prevent or stop any practice in violation of the order;

c. Request attorney for the Commonwealth to bring a criminal action;

d. Request the Attorney General to bring an action for civil penalty, injunction, or other appropriate remedy; or

e. Do any combination of the above.

4. Nothing in this section shall prevent the commissioner or the division from taking action prior to issuing an order from making efforts to obtain voluntary compliance through conference, warning, or other appropriate means.

5. Hearing as a matter of right (see 12VAC5-590-180).

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-003.06 § 1.12, eff. August 1, 1991; amended, Virginia Register Volume 9, Issue 17, eff. June 23, 1993.

12VAC5-590-120. Emergency Orders

The commissioner may, pursuant to § 32.1-175 of the Code of Virginia, issue emergency orders in any case where there is an imminent danger to the public health resulting from the operation of any waterworks or the source of a water supply. An emergency order may be communicated by the best practical notice under all the circumstances and is effective immediately upon receipt. The order may state any requirements necessary to remove the danger to the public health, including the immediate cessation of the operation of the waterworks or the use of any water supply. Violation of an emergency order is punishable as a criminal misdemeanor. Emergency orders shall be effective for a period determined by the commissioner. Emergency orders may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Process Act.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-125. Chronically noncompliant waterworks.

A. The commissioner may identify a waterworks as chronically noncompliant (CNC) whenever he determines that:

1. The waterworks has a documented performance record that demonstrates the waterworks is not a dependable supplier of potable water;

2. The owner has shown inadequate technical, financial, or managerial capabilities to provide potable water;

3. The owner has failed to comply with an order issued by the commissioner;

4. The owner has abandoned the waterworks and has discontinued providing potable water to the consumers; or

5. The owner is subject to a forfeiture order pursuant to § 32.1-174.1 of the Code of Virginia.
B. Once the commissioner determines that a waterworks is CNC, he shall issue an order to the owner containing a schedule to bring
the waterworks into compliance with this chapter and require the submission of a comprehensive business plan pursuant to § 32.1-172
B of the Code of Virginia. If capital improvements are necessary to bring the waterworks into compliance, and the owner does not
possess sufficient assets to make the necessary improvements, the order shall require the owner to make annual, good faith
applications for loans, grants, or both, to appropriate financial institutions to secure funding for such improvements, until such
improvements are complete and operational. The owner shall provide a copy of the order to each consumer with a copy of the
compliance schedule within 10 calendar days of issuance of the order.

C. The owner shall provide the commissioner a copy of the notice distributed and a signed certification of the distribution completion
date within five calendar days of completing the notification required in subsection B of this section.

D. The commissioner shall send a copy of the order to the chief administrative officer of the locality in which the waterworks is
located for appropriate action under § 15.2-2146 of the Code of Virginia.

E. In addition to the provisions of § 32.1-27 of the Code of Virginia, any owner who violates this chapter, an order of the board, or a
statute governing public water supplies shall be subject to those civil penalties provided in §§ 32.1-167 through 32.1-176 of the Code of
Virginia.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12, 32.1-170, and 32.1-174.4 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-130. Suspension.

If, in the case of a manmade or natural disaster, the commissioner finds that certain regulations cannot be complied with and that
the public health is better served by access to semiregulated or nonregulated water supplies than by the closing of those affected
supplies, he may suspend the application of the chapter for specific affected localities and institute a provisional regulatory scheme until
the disaster is abated.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-140. Variances.

A. The commissioner may grant a variance to a primary maximum contaminant level (PMCL), a treatment technique requirement, an
operational regulation, or a secondary maximum contaminant level (SMCL) by following the appropriate procedures set forth in this
section.

1. Requirements for a variance. A PMCL variance may be granted to a waterworks from any requirement respecting a PMCL
upon a finding that:

   a. Alternative sources of water are not reasonably available to the waterworks;

   b. The characteristics of the raw water sources which are reasonably available to the waterworks prevent the waterworks
from meeting the PMCL requirements and on condition that the waterworks installs the best available technology, treatment techniques, or other means, which the commissioner finds are generally available (taking costs into consideration); and

c. The granting of a variance will not result in an unreasonable risk to the health of persons served by the waterworks.

2. The commissioner may grant a treatment technique variance from any requirement of a specified treatment technique upon a finding that the waterworks applying for the variance has demonstrated that such treatment technique is not necessary to protect the health of persons because of the nature of the raw water source of such waterworks.

3. The commissioner may grant a variance from an operational regulation or a SMCL if a thorough investigation reveals that the hardship imposed outweighs the benefits that may be received by the public and that the granting of such variance does not subject the public to unreasonable health risks. An operational variance may not be issued from monitoring, reporting, or public notification requirements.

B. Application for a variance. Any owner may apply in writing for a variance. The application should be sent to the appropriate field office for evaluation. All applications for a variance shall include the following:

1. A citation of the regulation from which a variance is requested;

2. The nature and duration of the variance requested;

3. Relevant analytical results of water quality sampling of the waterworks, including results of relevant tests conducted pursuant to the requirements of this chapter;

4. A statement of the hardship to the owner and the anticipated impacts to the public health and welfare if a variance were granted;

5. Suggested conditions that might be imposed on the granting of a variance that would limit its detrimental impact on public health and welfare;

6. Other information, if any, believed by the applicant to be pertinent to the application; and

7. Such other information as may be required by the commissioner to make the determination.

8. For any application made for a PMCL variance, the applicant shall also include;

   a. Explanation in full and evidence of the best available treatment technology and techniques;

   b. Economic and legal factors relevant to ability to comply;

   c. Analytical results of raw water quality relevant to the variance request;

   d. A proposed compliance schedule including the date each step toward compliance will be achieved. Such schedule shall include as a minimum the following dates:

      (1) Date by which arrangement for alternative raw water source or improvement of existing raw water source will be completed;

      (2) Date of initiation of the connection of the alternative raw water source or improvement of existing raw water source; and

      (3) Date by which final compliance is to be achieved.

   e. A plan for the provision of safe drinking water in the case of an excessive rise in the contaminant level for which the variance is requested; and

   f. A plan for interim control measures during the effective period of the variance.
9. For any application made for a treatment technique variance, the applicant must also include a statement that monitoring and other reasonable requirements prescribed by the commissioner as a condition to the variance will be performed.

C. Consideration of a variance application.

1. The commissioner shall act on any variance application submitted pursuant to subsection B of this section within 90 days of receipt of the application.

2. In the commissioner's consideration of whether the waterworks is unable to comply with a contaminant level required by this chapter (PMCL variance) because of the nature of the raw water source, the commissioner shall consider such factors as the following:
   a. The availability and effectiveness of treatment methods for which the variance is requested.
   b. Cost and other economic considerations such as implementing treatment, improving the quality of the source water, or using an alternate source.

3. In the commissioner's consideration of whether a waterworks should be granted a variance to a required treatment technique because such treatment is unnecessary to protect the public health (treatment technique variance), the commissioner shall consider such factors as the following:
   a. Quality of the water source including water quality data and pertinent sources of pollution.
   b. Source protection measures employed by the waterworks.

4. In the commissioner's consideration of whether waterworks should be granted a variance to a required operational procedure or SMCL (operational variance), the commissioner shall consider such factors as the following:
   a. The effect that such a variance would have on the adequate operation of the waterworks, including operator safety (in accordance with Virginia Occupational Safety and Health laws).
   b. The cost and other economic considerations imposed by this requirement.
   c. The effect that such a variance would have on the protection of the public health.

D. Disposition of a variance application.

1. The commissioner may reject any application for a variance by sending a rejection notice to the applicant. The rejection notice shall be in writing and shall state the reasons for the rejection. A rejection notice constitutes a case decision. The applicant has the right to petition for a hearing within 60 days of the date of the rejection to challenge the rejection pursuant to 12VAC5-590-160 and 12VAC5-590-180.

2. If the commissioner grants the variance, the applicant shall be notified in writing of this decision. Such notice shall identify the variance, the waterworks covered, and shall specify the period of time for which the variance will be effective.
   a. For a PMCL variance as specified in subdivision A 1 of this section, such notice shall provide that the variance will be terminated when the waterworks comes into compliance with the applicable regulation and may be terminated upon a finding by the commissioner that the waterworks has failed to comply with any requirements of a final schedule issued pursuant to subdivision D 3 of this section.
   b. For a treatment technique variance as specified in subdivision A 2 of this section, such notice shall provide that the variance may be terminated at any time upon a finding by the commissioner that the nature of the raw water source is such
that the specified treatment technique for which the variance was granted is necessary to protect the public health or upon a finding that the waterworks has failed to comply with monitoring and other requirements prescribed by the commissioner as a condition to the granting of the variance.

c. For an operational variance as specified in subdivision A 3 of this section, such notice shall provide that the variance will be terminated when the waterworks comes into compliance with the applicable regulation and may be terminated upon a finding by the commissioner that the waterworks has failed to comply with any requirements or schedules issued in conjunction with the variance. The effective date of the operational variance shall be the date of its issuance. A public hearing is not required before the issuance of an operational variance.

3. Schedules pursuant to PMCL and treatment technique variances:
   a. The proposed schedule for compliance shall specify dates by which steps towards compliance are to be taken, including where applicable:
      (1) Date by which arrangement for an alternative water source or improvement of existing raw water source will be completed.
      (2) Date of connection to the alternative raw water source or improvement of the existing raw water source.
      (3) Date by which final compliance is to be achieved.
   b. If the waterworks has no access to an alternative raw water source and can effect or anticipate no adequate improvement of the existing raw water source, the proposed schedule may specify an indefinite time period for compliance until a new and effective treatment technology is developed, at which time a new compliance schedule shall be prescribed by the commissioner.
   c. The schedule for implementation of interim control measures during the period of variance shall specify interim treatment techniques, methods, and equipment and dates by which steps toward meeting the interim control measures are to be met.
   d. The schedule shall be prescribed by the commissioner at the time the variance is granted.
   e. For a PMCL variance specified in subdivision A 1 of this section the commissioner shall propose a schedule for:
      (1) Compliance (including increments of progress) by the waterworks with each contaminant level requirement covered by the variance; and
      (2) Implementation by the waterworks of such control measures as the commissioner may require for each contaminant level covered by the variance.

E. Public hearings on PMCL and treatment technique variances and their schedules.
   1. Notice of a public hearing shall be provided before a variance and schedule proposed by the commissioner pursuant to subsection D of this section may take effect. A notice given pursuant to the preceding sentence may cover the granting of more than one variance and a public hearing held pursuant to such notice shall include each of the variances covered by the notice.
   2. Notice of a public hearing on an application for a variance and its schedule shall be advertised in at least one major newspaper of general circulation in the region in which the waterworks is located. The notice shall include a summary of the proposed variance and its schedule and shall contain the time, date, and place of the public hearing. If the schedule exceeds five years from the date of the variance, the rationale for the extended compliance schedule shall be discussed in the notice.

F. Issuance of variance.
   Last Amended: Oct. 10, 2014
1. Within 30 days after the public hearing, the commissioner shall, taking into consideration information obtained during such hearing, revise the proposed variance as necessary and prescribe the final schedule for compliance and interim measures for the waterworks granted a variance. If the schedule for compliance exceeds five years from the date of issuance of the variance, the commissioner shall document the rationale for the extended compliance schedule.

2. Such schedule shall establish the timetable by which the waterworks shall comply with each contaminant level and treatment technique requirement prescribed by this chapter. Such schedule shall also consider if the waterworks is to become part of a regional waterworks. Such schedule shall provide the shortest practicable time schedule under the circumstances.

G. Posting of variances. All variances granted to any waterworks are nontransferable. Each variance must be attached to the permit of the waterworks to which it is granted. Each variance is a condition to that permit and is revoked when the permit is revoked.

H. No variances shall be granted to the following sections of this chapter.
   1. 12VAC5-590-380 -- bacteriological quality; provided, however, that the commissioner may grant a variance to a waterworks owner that demonstrates that the violation of the total coliform PMCL is due solely to either a persistent growth of total coliforms in the distribution system rather than fecal or pathogenic contamination, a treatment lapse or deficiency, or a problem in the operation or maintenance of the distribution system.
   2. 12VAC5-590-400 -- Radiological quality.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-150. Exemptions.

A. The commissioner may grant an exemption to any primary maximum contaminant level (PMCL) or treatment technique requirement by following the procedures set forth in this subsection. An exemption may be granted to a waterworks from any requirement with respect to a PMCL or treatment technique requirement upon a finding that:
   1. The waterworks must be unable to implement measures to develop an alternative source of water supply;
   2. The waterworks cannot reasonably make management or restructuring changes that will result in compliance or improve the quality of the drinking water;
   3. Due to compelling factors (which may include economic factors), the waterworks is unable to comply with such contaminant level or treatment technique requirement;
   4. The granting of the exemption will not result in an unreasonable risk to the health of persons served by the waterworks;
   5. The waterworks was in operation on the effective date of such contaminant level or treatment technique requirement; and
   6. The waterworks has not been granted a variance.

B. Application for exemption. A waterworks owner may request an exemption for a waterworks by submitting a written application to the appropriate field office for evaluation. All applications for an exemption shall include the following information:
   1. A citation to the regulation from which the exemption is requested;
2. Nature and duration of the exemption requested;
3. Relevant analytical results of water quality sampling of the waterworks, including results of relevant tests conducted pursuant to the requirements of this chapter;
4. Explanation of the compelling factors such as time or economic factors which prevent such waterworks from achieving compliance;
5. Other information believed by the applicant to be pertinent to the application;
6. A proposed compliance schedule, including the date when each step toward compliance will be achieved; and
7. Such other information as may be required by the commissioner to make the determination.

C. Consideration of an exemption application.
1. The commissioner shall act on any exemption application submitted pursuant to subsection B of this section within 90 days of receipt of the application.
2. In the commissioner’s consideration of whether the waterworks is unable to comply due to compelling factors, the commissioner shall consider such factors as the following:
   a. Construction, installation, or modification of treatment equipment or systems;
   b. The time needed to put into operation a new treatment facility to replace an existing waterworks which is not in compliance;
   c. The economic feasibility of compliance;
   d. The availability of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund assistance or any other federal or state program that is reasonably likely to be available within the period of the exemption;
   e. The consideration of rate increases, accounting changes, the appointment of a licensed operator under the state operator’s licensure program, or contractual agreements for joint operation with one or more waterworks;
   f. The activities consistent with Virginia’s capacity development strategy to help the waterworks acquire and maintain technical, financial, and managerial capacity to come into compliance;
   g. The ownership changes, physical consolidation with another waterworks, or other feasible and appropriate means of consolidation that would result in compliance; and
   h. The availability of an alternative source of drinking water, including the feasibility of partnerships with neighboring waterworks, as identified by the waterworks or by the commissioner consistent with the capacity development strategy.

D. Disposition of an exemption application.
1. The commissioner may reject any application for an exemption by sending a rejection notice to the applicant. The rejection notice shall be in writing and shall state the reasons for the rejection. A rejection notice constitutes a case decision. The applicant has the right to petition for a hearing within 60 days of the date of the rejection to challenge the rejection pursuant to 12VAC5-590-160 and 12VAC5-590-180.
2. If the commissioner grants the exemption the applicant shall be notified in writing of this decision. Such notice shall identify the exemption, the waterworks covered, and shall specify the termination date of the exemption. Such notice shall provide that the exemption shall be terminated when the waterworks comes into compliance with the applicable regulation, and may be terminated upon a finding by the commissioner that the waterworks has failed to comply with any requirements of a final
3. The commissioner shall propose a schedule for:
   a. Compliance (including increments of progress) by the waterworks with each contaminant level and treatment technique requirement covered by the exemption; and
   b. Implementation by the waterworks of such control measures as the commissioner may require for each contaminant level and treatment technique requirement covered by the exemption.

4. The schedule shall be prescribed by the commissioner at the time the exemption is granted.

5. For waterworks that serve a population of not more than 3,300 persons and that needs financial assistance for the necessary improvements under the initial compliance schedule, an exemption granted by the commissioner may be for one or more additional two-year periods, but not to exceed a total of six additional years, only if the commissioner establishes that the waterworks is taking all practicable steps to meet the requirements of the exemption and the established compliance period. The commissioner will document the findings in granting an extension under this subdivision.

E. Public hearings on exemptions and their schedules.

1. Notice of a public hearing shall be provided before an exemption and schedule proposed by the commissioner pursuant to subsection D of this section may take effect. A notice given pursuant to the preceding sentence may cover the granting of more than one exemption and a public hearing held pursuant to such notice shall include each of the exemptions covered by the notice.

2. Notice of a public hearing on an application for an exemption and its schedule shall be advertised in at least one major newspaper of general circulation in the region in which the waterworks is located.

The notice shall include a summary of the proposed exemption and its schedule and shall contain the time, date, and place of the public hearing.

F. Issuance of exemption.

1. Within 30 days after the public hearing, the commissioner shall, taking into consideration information obtained during such hearing, revise the proposed exemption as necessary and prescribe the final schedule for compliance and interim measures for the waterworks granted an exemption.

2. Such schedule shall establish the timetable by which the waterworks shall comply with each contaminant level and treatment technique requirement prescribed by this chapter. If the schedule for compliance exceeds five years from the date of issuance of the exemption, the commissioner shall document the rationale for the extended compliance period. Such schedule shall also consider if the waterworks is to become part of a regional waterworks.

G. Posting of exemptions. All exemptions granted to any waterworks are nontransferable. Each exemption must be attached to the permit of the waterworks to which it is granted. Each exemption is a condition to that permit and is revoked when the permit is revoked.

H. No exemption shall be granted to the following sections of this chapter:

1. 12VAC5-590-380 -- Bacteriological quality; provided, however, that the commissioner may grant an exemption to a waterworks owner that demonstrates to the commissioner that the violation of the total coliform PMCL is due solely to either a persistent growth of total coliforms in the distribution system rather than fecal or pathogenic contamination, a treatment lapse or
deficiency, or a problem in the operation or maintenance of the distribution system.

2. 12VAC5-590-400 -- Radiological quality.

3. 12VAC5-590-420 B 1 b -- Residual disinfectant concentration.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-160. Types of hearings.

Hearings before the board, the commissioner, or their designees shall include any of the following forms depending upon the nature of the controversy and the interests of the parties involved.

1. An informal hearing is a meeting with the district engineer and field director and held in accordance with § 9-6.14:11 of the Code of Virginia. The field director may consider all evidence presented at the meeting which is relevant to the issue in controversy. Presentation of evidence, however, is entirely voluntary. The field office has no subpoena power. No verbatim record will be taken at the informal hearing, but the field director may make preliminary findings of fact, and may submit a copy of those preliminary findings, with recommendations, to the commissioner and or division director for review. A copy of the findings shall be mailed to the appellant.

2. The adjudicatory hearing is a formal, public, adjudicatory proceeding before the commissioner or a designated hearing officer held in conformance with § 9-6.14:12. Pursuant to the hearings process:

   a. A Notice which states the time, place, and issues involved in the prospective hearing shall be sent to parties requesting the hearing by certified mail at least 15 calendar days before the hearing is to take place;

   b. A record of the hearing will be made by a court reporter or other approved means. A copy of the transcript of the hearing, if transcribed, will be provided within a reasonable time to any person upon written request and payment of the cost. If the record is not transcribed, then the cost of preparation of the transcript will be borne by the party requesting the transcript;

   c. All interested parties may attend the hearing and present evidence, expert or otherwise, that is material and relevant to the issues in controversy. The admissibility of evidence shall be in accordance with the Administrative Process Act. All parties may be represented by counsel;

   d. The commissioner or hearing officer, pursuant to § 9-9.14:13 of the Code of Virginia, may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, maps, and records. The failure of a witness without legal excuse to appear or to testify or to produce documents may be reported by the commissioner to the appropriate circuit court; and

   e. The commissioner may designate a hearing officer or subordinate to conduct the hearing, as provided in § 9-6.14:12 of the Code of Virginia, and to make written recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law to be submitted for review and final decision by the commissioner. The final decision of the commissioner shall be reduced to writing and will contain the explicit findings of fact upon which his decision is based. Copies of the decision shall be delivered to the owner affected by it.

Notice of a decision will be served upon the parties and become a part of the record. Service may be by personal service or
certified mail, return receipt requested.

3. A regulatory hearing is a public meeting of the board which is held for the purpose of adopting, amending, or repealing rules and regulations. A regulatory hearing requires that:

a. A notice shall be published, in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the commonwealth, not less than 60 days prior to the day on which the regulatory hearing is to be held. Such notice shall state the time, place, and nature of the hearing and the express terms or an informative survey of the rules that are to be adopted, amended, or repealed;

b. All interested persons may be present at the hearing and may present comments, arguments, objections, and evidence which concern the proposed rules; and

c. The board may adopt, repeal, or amend any rule or regulation which was included in the general notice published prior to the meeting. Rules and regulations may be adopted in the form in which they were described in the notice, or as amended at the hearing, provided the amendments do not alter the main purpose of the rule or regulation.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-170. Request for hearing.

Any person may request a hearing by sending a request, in writing, to the appropriate field office or the central office.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-180. Hearing as a matter of right.

Any person whose rights, duties or privileges have been or may be affected by any action or inaction of the board, its agents, or deputies in the administration of this chapter, shall have a right to both an informal and an adjudicatory hearing; however, the commissioner reserves the right to require participation in an informal hearing before granting the request for a full adjudicatory hearing.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-190. Permits.

No owner or other person shall cause or allow the construction or change in the manner of transmission, storage, purification, treatment, or distribution of water (including the extension of water pipes for the distribution of water) at any waterworks or water supply without a written construction permit from the commissioner. Furthermore, no owner or other person shall cause or permit any waterworks or water supply to be operated without a written operation permit issued by the commissioner which authorizes the
operation of the waterworks or water supply. Conditions may be imposed on the issuance of any permit, and no waterworks or water supply may be constructed, modified, or operated in violation of these conditions.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-200. Procedure for obtaining a construction permit.

Construction permits are issued by the Commissioner, but all requests for a construction permit are directed initially to the Field Office. The procedure for obtaining the permit includes the following steps: (i) the submission of an application, (ii) a preliminary engineering conference, (iii) the submission of an engineer's report (optional at the discretion of the Field Director), and (iv) the submission of plans, specifications, design criteria and other data in the number requested by the Division.

A. An application for a permit shall be submitted by the owner or authorized agent requesting permission to establish, construct, expand, modify, and/or operate a waterworks or water supply. The application shall clearly indicate whether the affected water supply is a community, nontransient noncommunity, or noncommunity waterworks.

B. A preliminary conference with the Division's appropriate District Engineer will be held. The applicant's engineer shall be prepared to set forth the water supply problems and the proposed solution in such a manner as to support his conclusions and recommendations.

C. The engineer's report and preliminary plans for waterworks shall present the following information where applicable:

1. General information - The report shall include:
   a. A description of any existing waterworks and sewerage facilities.
   b. Identification of the municipality or area served.
   c. The name and mailing address of the owner.

2. Extent of waterworks system - The report shall include:
   a. A description of the nature and extent of the area to be served.
   b. Provisions for extending the waterworks system to include additional areas.
   c. An appraisal of the future requirements for service, including existing and potential industrial, commercial, institutional and other water supply needs.

3. Alternate plans - Where two or more solutions exist for providing public water supply facilities, each of which is feasible and practicable, the report shall discuss the alternate plans and give reasons for selecting the one recommended, including financial considerations.

4. Soil, groundwater conditions, and foundation problems - The report shall include:
   a. A description of the character of the soil through which water mains are to be laid.
   b. A description of foundation conditions prevailing at sites of proposed structures.
   c. A description of the approximate elevation of ground water in relation to subsurface structures.

5. Water consumption - The report shall include:
a. A description of the population trends as indicated by available records, and the estimated population which will be served by the proposed water supply system or expanded system.

b. Present and estimated future water consumption values used as the basis of design.

c. Present and estimated future yield of the sources of supply.

6. Fire flow requirements - if fire flows are to be provided, the quantity of fire flow which will be made available by the proposed or enlarged system shall be given.

7. Sewerage system available - Describe the existing system and sewage treatment works, with special reference to its relationship to the existing or proposed waterworks which may affect the operation of the water supply system, or which may affect the quality of the water supply.

8. Source of water supply - Describe the proposed source or sources of water supply to be developed and the reasons for their selection by supplying the following data:

   a. Surface water sources
      (1) Hydrological data, stream flow, and weather records;
      (2) Safe yield, including all factors that may affect it;
      (3) Maximum flood flow, together with approval for safety features of spillway and dam from appropriate reviewing authority;
      (4) Summarized quality of raw water with special references to fluctuation in quality, changing meteorological conditions, sources of contamination, measures to protect the watershed, etc.

   b. Groundwater sources
      (1) Sites considered,
      (2) Advantages of site selected,
      (3) Elevation with respect to surroundings and 100-year flood,
      (4) Probable character of geological formations through which source is to be developed,
      (5) Unusual geological conditions affecting site,
      (6) Summary of source exploration, test well depth and method of construction, placement of liners or screens; pumping test, hours, capacity; water level and specified yield, water quality,
      (7) Possible sources of contamination.

9. Proposed treatment processes - Summarize and establish the adequacy of proposed processes for the treatment of the specified water under consideration (pilot studies may be required).

10. Waste disposal - Discuss the various wastes from the water treatment plant, their volume, proposed treatment and points for discharge.

11. Automatic equipment - Provide supporting data justifying automatic equipment, including servicing.

12. Project sites - The report shall include:

   a. A discussion on various sites considered and advantages of the recommended one,

   b. A description of the proximity of residences, industries, and other establishments,
c. The location of potential sources of pollution that may influence the quality of the supply or interfere with the effective operation of the waterworks system, such as sewage absorption systems, septic tanks, privies, cesspools, sink holes, sanitary landfills, petroleum storage tanks, etc.

13. Financing - The report shall state:
   a. The estimated cost of integral parts of the system,
   b. The detailed estimated annual cost of operation,
   c. The proposed method of financing, both capital charges and operating expenses.

14. Future extensions - Summarize planning for future needs and service.

D. Plans for waterworks improvements shall provide the following:

1. A general layout which includes:
   a. Suitable title, to include name of waterworks,
   b. Name of owner of waterworks,
   c. Area or institution to be served,
   d. Scale, in feet,
   e. North Point,
   f. Datum used,
   g. Boundaries of the municipality or area to be served,
   h. Date, address, and name of designing engineer,
   i. Imprint of professional engineer's seal (see 12VAC5-590-220),
   j. Legible prints suitable for microfilming, with size not to exceed 30 inches by 42 inches,
   k. Location and size of existing water mains,
   l. Location and nature of existing waterworks structures and appurtenances affecting the proposed improvements noted on one sheet.

2. Detailed plans which include where applicable:
   a. Stream crossings, providing profiles with elevations of the stream bed and the normal and extreme high and low water levels,
   b. Profiles having a horizontal scale of not more than 100 feet to the inch and a vertical scale of not more than 10 feet to the inch, with both scales clearly indicated,
   c. Location and size of the property to be used for the groundwater development with respect to known references such as street intersections or section lines,
   d. Topography and arrangement of present or planned wells or structures, with contour intervals not greater than two feet,
   e. Elevation of highest known flood level, floor of structure, upper terminal of protective casing, and outside surrounding grade, using United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, United States Geological Survey, or equivalent elevations where applicable as reference.
f. Schematic drawing of well construction, showing diameter and depth of drillholes, casing and liner diameters and depths, grouting depths, elevations and designation of geological formation, water levels, and other details to describe the proposed well completely,
g. Location of all sources of pollution within 250 feet (or further, depending upon aquifer type and recharge area) of drilled wells, 100 feet of treated water storage facilities, five miles upstream from surface water intakes, and the entire drainage area of springs;
h. Size, length, identity and location or sewers, drains, water mains, and plant structures,
i. Schematic flow diagrams and hydraulic profiles showing the flow through various plant units,
j. Piping in sufficient detail to show flow through plant, including waste lines,
k. Location of all chemical feeding equipment and points of chemical application,
l. All appurtenances, specific structures, equipment, water treatment plant waste disposal units and point of discharge having any relationship to the plans for water mains and/or waterworks structures,
m. Location of sanitary or other facilities such as lavatories, showers, toilets, and lockers,
n. Location, dimensions and elevations of all proposed plant facilities,
o. Adequate description of all features not otherwise covered by the specifications.

E. Complete, detailed, technical specifications shall be supplied for the proposed project which include where applicable:
   1. A program for keeping existing waterworks facilities in operation during construction of additional facilities so as to minimize interruption of service,
   2. Laboratory facilities and equipment, as well as sampling taps and their locations,
   3. Number and design of treatment process components,
   4. Materials or proprietary equipment for sanitary or other facilities including any necessary backflow or backsiphonage protection,
   5. Workmanship,
   6. Other equipment.

F. A summary of complete design criteria shall be submitted for the proposed project, containing but not limited to the following where applicable:
   1. Yield of source of supply,
   2. Reservoir surface area,
   3. Area of watershed,
   4. Estimated water consumption,
   5. Number of proposed services,
   6. Fire-fighting requirements,
   7. Basin capacities,
   8. Retention times,
9. Unit loadings,
10. Filter area and proposed filtration rate,
11. Backwash rate,
12. Feeder capacities and ranges.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-210. Formal requirements for the submission of engineering data.

In accordance with Article 1 (§ 54.1-400 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia, all drawings, specifications, and engineer's reports submitted for approval shall be prepared by or under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer legally qualified to practice in Virginia. The front cover of each set of drawings, of each copy of the engineer's report, and of each copy of the specifications submitted for review shall bear the signed imprint of the seal of the licensed professional engineer who prepared or supervised the preparation and be signed with an original signature. In addition, each drawing submitted shall bear an imprint or a legible facsimile of such seal. All reports, plans, and specifications shall be submitted to the field office at least 60 days prior to the date upon which action by the division is desired. If the plans and specifications are found to be incomplete or inadequate for detailed review, the plans and specifications will be returned to the submitting party. If revisions to the plans or specifications are necessitated, a letter will be sent to the engineer who prepared them outlining the necessary revisions. Revised plans or specifications constitute a resubmittal; however, the division will make every effort to complete the review of such revisions promptly. Preliminary plans and the engineer's report should be submitted for review prior to preparation of final plans.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-220. Compliance with Manual of Practice.

A. The design guidelines set forth in the Manual of Practice (Part III) specify general criteria for the design and construction of waterworks. The division may impose standards or requirements which are more stringent than those contained in the Manual of Practice when required for critical areas or special conditions. Any such special standards or requirements with a federal mandate shall take precedence over the criteria in the manual and will be items which warrant careful consideration at the preliminary engineering conference, referenced in 12VAC5-590-200 B.

B. Designs submitted for waterworks must demonstrate that the system will adequately safeguard public health. Submissions which are in substantial compliance with the Manual of Practice or additional requirements of the department, as noted above, will be approved. Justification for a design may be required for those portions of the submitted design which differ from the criteria of the division, the Manual of Practice, or accepted engineering practices. Deviations from "shall" criteria which the design engineer, in his judgment, believes to be substantial in nature shall be identified and justified. The division may require changes in designs which are not in substantial compliance with the manual and which are not adequately justified by the engineer owner.
C. Final, complete, and detailed plans and specifications submitted in accordance with the provisions of 12VAC5-590-200 and 12VAC5-590-210 will be reviewed by the division as soon as practicable upon receipt. Such plans and specifications will be approved if they demonstrate substantial compliance with the design criteria set forth in the Manual of Practice and if the waterworks as constructed or modified, will be able to function in compliance with the operating regulations set forth in Part II. One set of the approved plans and specifications will be stamped by the division and returned to the owner.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-230. Issuance of the construction permit.

Upon approval of the plans and specifications, the commissioner will issue a permit to the owner to construct or modify his waterworks or water supply in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-240. Revisions of approved plans.

Any deviations from approved plans and specifications affecting capacity, hydraulic conditions, operating units, the functioning of water treatment processes, or the quality of water to be delivered must be approved by the division before any such changes are made. Revised plans and specifications shall be submitted in time to permit the review and approval of such plans or specifications before any construction work which will be affected by such changes is begun.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-250. Statement required upon completion of construction.

Upon completion of the construction or modification of the waterworks the owner shall submit to the field office a statement signed by a licensed professional engineer stating that the construction work was completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, revised only in accordance with the provisions of 12VAC5-590-240. This statement shall be based upon inspections of the waterworks during and after construction or modifications, that are adequate to insure the truth of the statement.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
12VAC5-590-260. Issuance of the operation permit.

Upon receipt of the 12VAC5-590-250 statement, the commissioner will issue an operating permit. However, the commissioner may delay the granting of the permit pending inspection by the field office to insure that the work has been satisfactorily completed.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-270. Inspection and correction.

A. Within 30 days after placing a new or modified waterworks or water supply into operation, the owner shall test the water produced in a manner acceptable to the division. The field office will be notified of the time and place of the tests. Results of the tests will be sent to the field office.

B. The commissioner, a member of the board, or a member of the division has a right to inspect any waterworks or water supply and to be present for any testing in accordance with Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-280. Procedure for obtaining a construction permit for well sources.

Since the quantity and quality of water from proposed wells cannot be anticipated, the following procedure shall be used:

1. Submittal of application--see 12VAC5-590-200 A.

2. Preliminary engineering conference--see 12VAC5-590-200 B.

3. When, upon inspection by the division's engineer, one or more well lots are found suitable for well sites, then tentative approval in writing will be furnished to the owner authorizing him to proceed with the drilling of the well or wells and this letter will specify the exact location on the lot where each well is to be drilled. Also, the letter will specify that the well shall be Class I or Class II, meeting the specifications set forth in Part III Article 2, Source Development. This tentative approval will become void after a 12-month period and the site must be reinspected before construction when so voided.

4. Submittal of engineer's report and preliminary plans--see 12VAC5-590-200 C.

5. Submittal of plans, specifications, and other data--see subsections D, E, and F of 12VAC5-590-200; 12VAC5-590-210 and 12VAC5-590-840. One of the following must also be submitted:

   a. A copy of the plat plan showing that it has been duly recorded and signed by the clerk of the court, giving the deed book and page number and date of recording, will be required before a construction permit can be issued, or
   
   b. If the well lot is identified on a recorded plan of the subdivision as a well lot, then this is acceptable, if recorded as required by this subsection.

In addition, a dedication document duly recorded with the clerk of the circuit court must be furnished stating that the well lot shall be used only for waterworks appurtenances as long as this lot is utilized as part of a waterworks.
6. Compliance with 12VAC5-590-220 through 12VAC5-590-270 is required.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-290. Procedure for issuance of special permits for new or nonconventional methods, processes, and equipment.

A. Water treatment methods, processes, and equipment which are not covered by the design criteria of Part III or Part IV, and which in principle or application are new or nonconventional, are subject to a special permit application procedure in lieu of that set forth in 12VAC5-590-200. A special permit may be issued only after detailed review of all engineering data and after a period of extensive monitoring of plant performance.

B. The policy of the board is to encourage the development of any new or nonconventional methods, processes and equipment which, by virtue of treatability studies, appear to have application for the purification of raw water. However, these new or nonconventional developments shall have been thoroughly tested in a full scale or representative pilot plant installation before approval of a plant utilizing this process and equipment can be employed. The result of this testing must be submitted to the field office. The testing required on new or nonconventional developments will generally follow these guidelines:

1. All procedures used in validating the process shall be conducted under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer experienced in the field of environmental engineering, the owner's engineering staff, or a testing firm acceptable to the division;
2. Samples shall be collected and analyzed in a manner which would demonstrate plant effectiveness and efficiency under adverse conditions and over extended periods of time in the area of the proposed installation;
3. The data shall be from continuous operation of a full scale or pilot plant treating the type of water to be handled;
4. Automatic indicating, recording, and totalizing flow measuring equipment shall be provided and total flow shall be recorded daily;
5. At installations treating surface waters, employing coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection, automatic indicating and recording equipment shall be provided for continuously monitoring the turbidity of the raw water, settled water, and each filter effluent, as well as pH monitoring of the treated water (flash mix effluent);
6. If the raw water source receives upstream discharges of treated industrial wastes or sewage effluents, automatic indicating and recording equipment shall be provided for continuously monitoring the pH of raw and finished water and chlorine residual of finished water;
7. The minimum sampling and analysis program will be established by the division in accordance with the process under investigation; and
8. All analyses shall be made in accordance with the most current edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, published by the American Public Health Association, the American Water Works Association, and the Water Pollution Control Federation or analytical methods approved in advance by the division.

C. Detailed plans shall be submitted where possible showing how, in case of nonacceptance, the plant or unit will be converted to, or replaced with, a proven process. Also, financial resources must be assured to make the conversion (for example: funds placed in
escrow or a bond posted).

D. After review of the plans and testing data, the commissioner will issue a construction permit if he is satisfied that the method, process, or equipment will efficiently produce water that will meet the operation standards of Part II, and that the method, process, or equipment may be converted to a conventional technique, if necessary.

E. Upon completion of construction or modification, a provisional permit for a definite period of time will be issued for the operation of the new or nonconventional methods, processes, and equipment. Not more than one provisional permit will be granted during the evaluation period. The provisional permit shall require that:

1. The evaluation period shall be a minimum of 12 months and no longer than 18 months; and
2. The holder of a provisional permit must submit reports on operation during the evaluation period as required by the division. The reports shall be prepared by a licensed professional engineer experienced in the field of environmental engineering, the owner's operating or engineering staff, or a testing firm acceptable to the division.

F. The commissioner will issue an operation permit upon lapse of the provisional permit, if, on the basis of testing during that period, he finds that the new or nonconventional method, process, or equipment efficiently meets the operation standards of Part II. If the standards are not met, then the commissioner will issue an order which will require the alteration of the waterworks or water supply in a manner that will enable those standards to be met.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-300. Procedure for obtaining a general permit for distribution mains.

In lieu of obtaining a permit for each distribution main project, an owner may elect to obtain a general permit for distribution mains. These general permits are issued by the commissioner, but all requests for a general permit are directed initially to the field office. The following procedure for obtaining the general permit shall be used:

1. The owner shall develop, adopt, and have division approval of general specifications and plan details covering water main design and construction.
2. The owner shall enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the division which outlines the following system-specific requirements, and the owner's method of compliance with such requirements:
   a. The maximum size of pipe to be covered by the general permit;
   b. The means for modifying the division approved general specifications and plan details;
   c. The maintenance of engineering capabilities satisfactory to the division, either on-staff or through contractual arrangements;
   d. The preparation of engineering plans and specifications for individual projects;
   e. The maintenance of up-to-date distribution system maps and other appropriate records; and
   f. The submission by the owner to the division of appropriate reports, including an annual report, concerning all projects constructed under the terms of the general permit and information concerning changes to the distribution system.
12VAC5-590-310. Amendment or reissuance of permits.

The commissioner may amend or reissue a permit where there is a change in the manner of storage, the treatment, or the source of supply of the water at the permitted location, or for any other cause incident to the protection of the public health, or for the supplying of pure water, provided notice is given to the owner, and, if one is required, a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 of 12VAC5-590-160.

12VAC5-590-320. Revocation or suspension of a permit.

A. The commissioner may suspend or revoke a permit in accordance with Administrative Process Act. Reasons for revocation of permits are as follows:

1. Failure to comply with the conditions of the permit;
2. Violation of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia or of any of this chapter from which no variance or exemption has been granted;
3. Change in ownership;
4. Abandonment of the waterworks and discontinuing the supplying of pure water; and

B. When revoking or suspending permits in accordance with the above, the commissioner shall:

1. Send a written notice of intent to suspend or revoke by certified mail to the last known address of the waterworks owner. The notice shall state the reasons for the proposed suspension or revocation of the permit and shall give the time and place of the hearing; and
2. Provide at least 30 days advance notice of the hearing.

C. An owner who is given notice of intent to revoke or suspend his permit has a right to a hearing as specified in 12VAC5-590-160 and 12VAC5-590-180.

12VAC5-590-330. Monitoring, records, and reporting.

The commissioner or the division may require the owner or operator of any waterworks or water supply to install, use, and maintain
monitoring equipment for the control and testing of water flowing through the plant. Sampling and testing shall be by methods approved by the division. Test results shall be recorded, compiled, and reported to the field office in a format approved by the division.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


Part II

Operation Regulations for Waterworks

Article 1

General


All physical, chemical, bacteriological, or radiological analyses for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with primary and secondary maximum contaminant levels, action levels, or contaminants that do not have PMCLs but for which compliance samples must be analyzed by certified laboratories shall be performed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services, Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) or in laboratories certified by the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services for such purposes. The owner is responsible for the collection and submission of all samples. A sample is deemed to have been collected only if and when its results are made known to the Office of Drinking Water.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-350. Sanitary surveys.

A. Frequent assessments shall be made by the owner of the water supply source and waterworks to locate and identify health hazards to the waterworks. The manner and frequency of making these assessments, and the rate at which discovered health hazards are to be removed, shall be the responsibility of the owner. Every effort shall be made by the owner, to the extent of his jurisdiction, to prevent the degradation of the quality of water supply sources.

B. The commissioner may perform sanitary surveys. Owners shall provide any existing information that will enable the commissioner to conduct the sanitary survey.

C. A sanitary survey includes, but is not limited to, an onsite evaluation of all of the following eight components:

1. Source;
2. Treatment;
3. Distribution system;
4. Finished water storage;
5. Pumps, pumping facilities, and controls;
6. Monitoring, reporting, and data verification;

7. Waterworks management and operation; and

8. Number and classification of licensed operator(s) required in 12VAC5-590-460. Licensed operators shall also comply with all applicable regulations promulgated by the Virginia Board for Water Works and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

D. Significant deficiencies discovered as a result of a sanitary survey shall be addressed in accordance with the following:

1. The commissioner shall issue written notification describing the significant deficiency to the owner.

2. Within 30 days of the significant deficiency notification, the owner shall consult with the commissioner regarding the appropriate corrective action with a schedule for implementing corrective action. Any waterworks with significant deficiencies must have a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) as described in 12VAC5-590-421 A.

3. Within 45 days of the significant deficiency notification, the owner shall submit a CAP with a schedule for meeting the requirements of 12VAC5-590-421 A.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-360. Responsibility; owner.

A. The water utility owner or owner of the property served, to the extent of their respective jurisdictions, shall provide and maintain conditions through the entirety of the water supply system in a manner which will assure a high degree of capability and reliability to effect compliance with these standards. This requirement shall pertain to the source of supply, treatment, transmission, storage, and distribution facilities and the operation thereof. In addition, this requirement shall include specific and continuing assessment of the capability, effectiveness, and reliability of the treatment process in relation to potential contaminants in the source of supply. Finally, this requirement shall include the identification and evaluation of all factors having potential for impairing the quality of the water as delivered to customers and appropriate preventive and control measures.

B. For the purpose of application of this chapter, responsibility for the conditions in the water supply system shall be considered to be held by:

1. The owner from the source of supply to the customer's service connection; and

2. The owner of the property served and the municipal, county, or other authority having legal jurisdiction from the customer's service connection to the free-flowing outlet.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

General Information

12VAC5-590-370. Sampling frequency.

The commissioner may exempt consecutive waterworks that obtain potable water from another water system for distribution from all monitoring requirements in this section except for bacteriological (subsection A of this section), disinfectant residuals, byproducts and disinfection byproduct precursors (subdivision B 3 of this section), and lead and copper (subdivision B 6 of this section). The required sampling frequencies are as follows:

A. Bacteriological.

1. The owner shall collect total coliform samples at sites which are representative of water throughout the distribution system according to a written sample siting report. The report shall be established or approved by the district engineer after investigation of the source, method of treatment and storage, and protection of the water concerned. The report shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
   a. The frequency of sampling distributed evenly throughout the month/quarter.
   b. Distribution map showing the generalized location where specific sampling sites will be selected.
   c. Supporting statement explaining how specific individual sites are selected, how sampling will be rotated among the sites, how repeat samples will be collected and other information demonstrating that sampling will be conducted in a manner to comply with this chapter.
   d. Adequate sampling points to provide sampling representative of all the conditions in the system.
   e. For small systems (less than 3,301 population), sample sites shall also be identified by address and code number location.
   f. Minimum of three sample locations for each sample required monthly so repeat sample locations are previously ascertained as being adequate in number and five customer service connections upstream and downstream. (See Appendix J for an example.)
   g. The sampling point required to be repeat sampled shall not be eliminated from future collections based on a history of questionable water quality unless the sampling point is unacceptable as determined by the district engineer.

2. The minimum number of bacteriological samples for total coliform evaluation to be collected and analyzed monthly from the distribution system of a community or nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall be in accordance with Table 2.1. Owners of all noncommunity waterworks that use a surface water source or a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water, and large noncommunity (serving 1,000 or more persons per day) waterworks, shall collect and submit samples monthly for analysis in accordance with Table 2.1. Owners of all other noncommunity waterworks shall submit samples for analysis each calendar quarter in accordance with Table 2.1.

3. The samples shall be taken at reasonably evenly spaced time intervals throughout the month or quarter.

If the results of a sanitary survey or other factors determine that some other frequency is more appropriate than that stated above, a modified sampling program report may be required. The altered frequency shall be confirmed or changed on the basis of subsequent surveys.

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4. All bacteriological analyses shall be performed in accordance with 12VAC5-590-440 by the DCLS or by a laboratory certified by DCLS for drinking water samples.

B. Chemical. The location of sampling points, the chemicals measured, the frequency, and the timing of sampling within each compliance period shall be established or approved by the commissioner at the time of issuance of a waterworks operation permit. The commissioner may increase required monitoring where necessary to detect variations within the waterworks. Analysis of field composite samples shall not be allowed. Samples for contaminants that may exhibit seasonal variations shall be collected during the period of the year when contamination is most likely to occur. Failure to comply with the sampling schedules in this section shall require public notification pursuant to 12VAC5-590-540.

Any other dates contained in this chapter notwithstanding, all waterworks shall comply with all applicable PMCLs listed in Tables 2.2 and 2.3.

Design criteria for new or modified waterworks or owners developing new sources of supply are found in 12VAC5-590-820,
1. Inorganic chemical. Community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks owners shall conduct monitoring to determine compliance with the MCLs in Table 2.2 in accordance with this section. All other noncommunity waterworks owners shall conduct monitoring to determine compliance with the nitrate and nitrite PMCLs in Table 2.2 (as appropriate) in accordance with this section. Monitoring shall be conducted as follows:

a. The owner of any groundwater source waterworks with 150 or more service connections shall take a minimum of one sample at each entry point to the distribution system which is representative of each source, after treatment, unless a change in condition makes another sampling point more representative of each source or treatment plant (hereafter called a sampling point) starting in the compliance period beginning January 1, 1993. The owner of any groundwater source waterworks with fewer than 150 service connections shall take a minimum of one sample at each sampling point for asbestos, barium, cadmium, chromium, fluoride, mercury, nitrate, nitrite, and selenium in the compliance period beginning January 1, 1993, for antimony, beryllium, cyanide (as free cyanide), nickel, and thallium in the compliance period beginning January 1, 1996, and for arsenic (for community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks) in compliance with subdivision B 1 d (6) (b) of this section.

b. The owner of any waterworks which uses a surface water source in whole or in part with 150 or more service connections shall take a minimum of one sample at each entry point to the distribution system after any application of treatment or in the distribution system at a point which is representative of each source, after treatment, unless a change in conditions makes another sampling point more representative of each source or treatment plant (hereafter called a sampling point) beginning January 1, 1993. The owner of any waterworks which use a surface water source in whole or in part with fewer than 150 service connections shall take a minimum of one sample at each sampling point for asbestos, barium, cadmium, chromium, fluoride, mercury, nitrate, nitrite, and selenium beginning January 1, 1993, for antimony, beryllium, cyanide (as free cyanide), nickel, and thallium beginning January 1, 1996, and for arsenic (for community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks) in compliance with subdivision B 1 d (6) (a) of this section.

c. If a waterworks draws water from more than one source and the sources are combined before distribution, the owner shall sample at an entry point to the distribution system during periods of normal operating conditions (i.e., when water is representative of all sources being used).

d. The frequency of monitoring for asbestos shall be in accordance with subdivision B 1 d (1) of this section; the frequency of monitoring for barium, cadmium, chromium, fluoride, mercury, and selenium shall be in accordance with subdivision B 1 d (2) of this section; the frequency of monitoring for antimony, beryllium, cyanide (as free cyanide), nickel, and thallium shall be in accordance with subdivision B 1 d (3) of this section; the frequency of monitoring for nitrate shall be in accordance with subdivision B 1 d (4) of this section; the frequency of monitoring for nitrite shall be in accordance with subdivision B 1 d (5) of this section; and the frequency of monitoring for arsenic shall be in accordance with subdivision B 1 d (6) of this section.

(1) The frequency of monitoring conducted to determine compliance with the PMCL for asbestos specified in Table 2.2 shall be conducted as follows:

(a) The owner of each community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks is required to monitor for asbestos during the first three-year compliance period of each nine-year compliance cycle beginning in the compliance period starting January 1,
1993.

(b) If the owner believes the waterworks is not vulnerable to either asbestos contamination in its source water or due to corrosion of asbestos-cement pipe, or both, the owner may apply to the commissioner for a waiver of the monitoring requirement in subdivision B 1 d (1) (a) of this section. If the commissioner grants the waiver, the owner is not required to monitor.

(c) The commissioner may grant a waiver based on a consideration of the following factors:

(i) Potential asbestos contamination of the water source; and

(ii) The use of asbestos-cement pipe for finished water distribution and the corrosive nature of the water.

(d) A waiver remains in effect until the completion of the three-year compliance period. The owner of a waterworks not receiving a waiver shall monitor in accordance with the provisions of subdivision B 1 d (1) (a) of this section.

(e) The owner of a waterworks vulnerable to asbestos contamination due solely to corrosion of asbestos-cement pipe shall take one sample at a tap served by asbestos-cement pipe and under conditions where asbestos contamination is most likely to occur.

(f) The owner of a waterworks vulnerable to asbestos contamination due solely to source water shall monitor sampling points in accordance with subdivision B 1 of this section.

(g) The owner of a waterworks vulnerable to asbestos contamination due both to its source water supply and corrosion of asbestos-cement pipe shall take one sample at a tap served by asbestos-cement pipe and under conditions where asbestos contamination is most likely to occur.

(h) The owner of a waterworks which exceeds the PMCL as determined in 12VAC5-590-410 B 1 shall monitor quarterly beginning in the next quarter after the exceedance occurred.

(i) The commissioner may decrease the quarterly monitoring requirement to the frequency specified in subdivision B 1 d (1) (a) of this section provided the commissioner has determined that the waterworks is reliably and consistently below the PMCL. In no case can the commissioner make this determination unless the owner of a groundwater source waterworks takes a minimum of two quarterly samples or the owner of a waterworks which uses a surface water source in whole or in part takes a minimum of four quarterly samples.

(j) If monitoring data collected after January 1, 1990, are generally consistent with the requirements of subdivision B 1 d (1) of this section, then the commissioner may allow an owner to use that data to satisfy the monitoring requirement for the initial compliance period beginning January 1, 1993.

(2) The frequency of monitoring conducted to determine compliance with the MCLs in Table 2.2 for barium, cadmium, chromium, fluoride, mercury, and selenium shall be as follows:

(a) The owner of a groundwater source waterworks shall take one sample at each sampling point during each compliance period beginning in the compliance period starting January 1, 1993.

(b) The owner of a waterworks which uses a surface water source in whole or in part shall take one sample annually at each sampling point beginning January 1, 1993.

(c) An owner may apply to the commissioner for a waiver from the monitoring frequencies specified in subdivision B 1 d (2) (a) or (b) of this section.
(d) A condition of the waiver shall require that the owner shall take a minimum of one sample while the waiver is effective. The term during which the waiver is effective shall not exceed one compliance cycle (i.e., nine years).

(e) The commissioner may grant a waiver provided the owner of a waterworks that uses a surface water source in whole or in part has monitored annually for at least three years and groundwater waterworks have conducted a minimum of three rounds of monitoring. (At least one sample shall have been taken since January 1, 1990.) The owner of any waterworks which uses a surface water source in whole or in part or a groundwater source waterworks shall demonstrate that all previous analytical results were less than the PMCL. Waterworks that use a new water source are not eligible for a waiver until three rounds of monitoring from the new source have been completed.

(f) In determining the appropriate reduced monitoring frequency, the commissioner shall consider:

(i) Reported concentrations from all previous monitoring;

(ii) The degree of variation in reported concentrations; and

(iii) Other factors that may affect contaminant concentrations such as changes in groundwater pumping rates, changes in the waterworks configuration, changes in the waterworks operating procedures, or changes in stream flows or characteristics.

(g) A decision by the commissioner to grant a waiver shall be made in writing and shall set forth the basis for the determination. The request for a waiver may be initiated by the commissioner or upon an application by the owner. The owner shall specify the basis for the request. The commissioner shall review and, where appropriate, revise the determination of the appropriate monitoring frequency when the owner submits new monitoring data or when other data relevant to the waterworks appropriate monitoring frequency become available.

(h) Owners of waterworks that exceed the PMCLs as calculated in 12VAC5-590-410 shall monitor quarterly beginning in the next quarter after the exceedance occurred.

(i) The commissioner may decrease the quarterly monitoring requirement to the frequencies specified in subdivision B 1 d (2) (a), (b) or (c) of this section provided a determination has been made that the waterworks is reliably and consistently below the PMCL. In no case can the commissioner make this determination unless the owner of a groundwater source waterworks takes a minimum of two quarterly samples or the owner of a waterworks which uses a surface water source in whole or in part takes a minimum of four quarterly samples.

(3) The frequency of monitoring conducted to determine compliance with the PMCLs in Table 2.2 for antimony, beryllium, cyanide (as free cyanide), nickel, and thallium shall be as follows:

(a) The owner of a groundwater source waterworks with 150 or more service connections shall take one sample at each sampling point during each compliance period beginning in the compliance period starting January 1, 1993. The owner of a groundwater source waterworks with fewer than 150 service connections shall take one sample at each sampling point during each compliance period beginning in the compliance period starting January 1, 1996.

(b) The owner of a waterworks that uses a surface water source in whole or in part with 150 or more service connections shall take one sample annually at each sampling point beginning January 1, 1993. The owner of a waterworks that uses a surface water source in whole or in part with fewer than 150 service connections shall take one sample annually at each sampling point beginning January 1, 1996.

(c) An owner may apply to the commissioner for a waiver from the monitoring frequencies specified in subdivision B 1 d (3)
(a) or (b) of this section.

(d) A condition of the waiver shall require that the owner take a minimum of one sample while the waiver is effective. The term during which the waiver is effective shall not exceed one compliance cycle (i.e., nine years).

(e) The commissioner may grant a waiver provided the owner of a waterworks that uses a surface water source in whole or in part has monitored annually for at least three years and groundwater waterworks have conducted a minimum of three rounds of monitoring. (At least one sample shall have been taken since January 1, 1990.) The owner of any waterworks which uses a surface water source in whole or in part or a groundwater source waterworks shall demonstrate that all previous analytical results were less than the PMCL. Waterworks that use a new water source are not eligible for a waiver until three rounds of monitoring from the new source have been completed.

(f) In determining the appropriate reduced monitoring frequency, the commissioner shall consider:

(i) Reported concentrations from all previous monitoring;

(ii) The degree of variation in reported concentrations; and

(iii) Other factors which may affect contaminant concentrations such as changes in groundwater pumping rates, changes in the waterworks configuration, changes in the waterworks operating procedures, or changes in stream flows or characteristics.

(g) A decision by the commissioner to grant a waiver shall be made in writing and shall set forth the basis for the determination. The request for a waiver may be initiated by the commissioner or upon an application by the owner. The owner shall specify the basis for the request. The commissioner shall review and, where appropriate, revise the determination of the appropriate monitoring frequency when the owner submits new monitoring data or when other data relevant to the waterworks appropriate monitoring frequency become available.

(h) Owners of waterworks that exceed the PMCLs as calculated in 12VAC5-590-410 shall monitor quarterly beginning in the next quarter after the exceedance occurred.

(i) The commissioner may decrease the quarterly monitoring requirement to the frequencies specified in subdivision B 1 d (3) (a), (b) or (c) of this section provided a determination has been made that the waterworks is reliably and consistently below the PMCL. In no case shall the commissioner make this determination unless the owner of a groundwater source waterworks takes a minimum of two quarterly samples or the owner of a waterworks which uses a surface water source in whole or in part takes a minimum of four quarterly samples.

(4) All community, nontransient noncommunity and noncommunity waterworks owners shall monitor to determine compliance with the PMCL for nitrate in Table 2.2.

(a) Owners of community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks that use a groundwater source shall monitor annually beginning January 1, 1993.

(b) Owners of community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks that use a surface water source in whole or in part shall monitor quarterly beginning January 1, 1993.

(c) For owners of community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks that use groundwater, the repeat monitoring frequency shall be quarterly for at least one year following any one sample in which the concentration is greater than 50% of the PMCL. The commissioner may allow the owner of a waterworks, that uses groundwater, to reduce the sampling frequency to annually after four consecutive quarterly samples are reliably and consistently less than the PMCL.
(d) For community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks, the commissioner may allow the owner of a waterworks that uses a surface water source in whole or in part, to reduce the sampling frequency to annually if all analytical results from four consecutive quarters are less than 50% of the PMCL. Such waterworks shall return to quarterly monitoring if any one sample is greater than or equal to 50% of the PMCL.

(e) The owners of all other noncommunity waterworks shall monitor annually beginning January 1, 1993.

(f) After the initial round of quarterly sampling is completed, the owner of each community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks that is monitoring annually shall take subsequent samples during the quarter(s) which previously resulted in the highest analytical result.

(5) All owners shall monitor to determine compliance with the PMCL for nitrite in Table 2.2.

(a) All owners shall take one sample at each sampling point in the compliance period beginning January 1, 1993.

(b) After the initial sample, the owner of any waterworks where an analytical result for nitrite is less than 50% of the PMCL shall monitor at the frequency specified by the commissioner.

(c) The repeat monitoring frequency for any owner shall be quarterly for at least one year following any one sample in which the concentration is greater than 50% of the PMCL. The commissioner may allow an owner to reduce the sampling frequency to annually after determining the analysis results are reliably and consistently less than the PMCL.

(d) Owners of waterworks which are monitoring annually shall take each subsequent sample during the quarter(s) which previously resulted in the highest analytical result.

(6) The frequency of monitoring conducted to determine compliance with the PMCLs in Table 2.2 for arsenic shall be as follows:

(a) The owner of each community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks that uses a surface water source in whole or in part shall take one sample annually at each sampling point beginning January 23, 2006.

(b) The owner of each community and nontransient noncommunity groundwater source waterworks shall take one sample at each entry point during each compliance period starting January 23, 2006.

(c) Owners of waterworks that exceed the PMCL, as calculated in 12VAC5-590-410, shall monitor quarterly beginning in the next quarter after the exceedance has occurred.

(d) The commissioner may decrease the quarterly monitoring requirement to the frequencies specified in subdivision B 1 d (6) (a) or (b) of this section provided a determination has been made that the waterworks is reliably and consistently below the PMCL. In no case can the commissioner make this determination unless the owner of a groundwater source waterworks takes a minimum of two quarterly samples or the owner of a waterworks that uses a surface water source in whole or in part takes a minimum of four quarterly samples.

(e) No waivers shall be granted by the commissioner for arsenic.

2. Organic chemicals. Owners of all community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall sample for organic chemicals in accordance with their water source. Where two or more sources are combined before distribution, the owner shall sample at the entry point for the combined sources during periods of normal operating conditions.

   a. Owners of waterworks that use groundwater shall take a minimum of one sample at each entry point to the distribution
b. Owners of waterworks that use a surface water source in whole or in part shall take a minimum of one sample at points in the distribution system that are representative of each source or at each entry point to the distribution system, after treatment (hereafter called a sampling point).

c. The owner of each community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall take four consecutive quarterly samples for each contaminant listed in Table 2.3-VOC 2 through 21 and SOC during each compliance period, beginning in the compliance period starting January 1, 1993.

d. Reduced monitoring.

(1) VOC.

(a) If the initial monitoring for contaminants listed in Table 2.3-VOC 1 through 8 and the monitoring for the contaminants listed in Table 2.3-VOC 9 through 21 as allowed in subdivision B 2 d (1) (c) of this section has been completed by December 31, 1992, and the waterworks did not detect any contaminant listed in Table 2.3-VOC 1 through 21, then the owner of each groundwater waterworks and waterworks that use a surface water source in whole or in part shall take one sample annually beginning January 1, 1993.

(b) After a minimum of three years of annual sampling, the commissioner may allow the owner of a groundwater waterworks with no previous detection of any contaminant listed in Table 2.3-VOC 2 through 21 to take one sample during each compliance period.

(c) The commissioner may allow the use of monitoring data collected after January 1, 1988, for purposes of initial monitoring compliance. If the data are generally consistent with the other requirements in this section, the commissioner may use these data (i.e., a single sample rather than four quarterly samples) to satisfy the initial monitoring requirement of subdivision B 2 c of this section. Owners of waterworks that use grandfathered samples and did not detect any contaminants listed in Table 2.3-VOC, 2 through 21, shall begin monitoring annually in accordance with subdivision B 2 d (1) (a) of this section beginning January 1, 1993.

(2) SOC.

(a) Owners of waterworks serving more than 3,300 persons that do not detect a contaminant listed in Table 2.3-SOC in the initial compliance period, may reduce the sampling frequency to a minimum of two quarterly samples in one year during each repeat compliance period.

(b) Owners of waterworks serving less than or equal to 3,300 persons that do not detect a contaminant listed in Table 2.3-SOC in the initial compliance period may reduce the sampling frequency to a minimum of one sample during each repeat compliance period.

e. Waiver application.

(1) For VOCs. The owner of any community and nontransient noncommunity groundwater waterworks which does not detect a contaminant listed in Table 2.3-VOC may apply to the commissioner for a waiver from the requirements of subdivisions B 2 d (1) (a) and (b) of this section after completing the initial monitoring. A waiver shall be effective for no more than six years (two compliance periods). The commissioner may also issue waivers to small systems for the initial round of monitoring for 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene.
(2) For SOCs. The owner of any community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks may apply to the commissioner for a waiver from the requirement of subdivisions B 2 c and d (2) of this section. The owner shall reapply for a waiver for each compliance period.

f. The commissioner may grant a waiver after evaluating the following factors: Knowledge of previous use (including transport, storage, or disposal) of the contaminant within the watershed or zone of influence of the source. If a determination by the commissioner reveals no previous use of the contaminant within the watershed or zone of influence, a waiver may be granted. If previous use of the contaminant is unknown or it has been used previously, then the following factors shall be used to determine whether a waiver is granted.

(1) Previous analytical results.

(2) The proximity of the waterworks to a potential point or nonpoint source of contamination. Point sources include spills and leaks of chemicals at or near a waterworks or at manufacturing, distribution, or storage facilities, or from hazardous and municipal waste landfills and other waste handling or treatment facilities. Nonpoint sources for SOCs include the use of pesticides to control insect and weed pests on agricultural areas, forest lands, home and gardens, and other land application uses.

(3) The environmental persistence and transport of the contaminants listed in Table 2.3 VOC and SOC.

(4) How well the water source is protected against contamination, such as whether it is a waterworks that uses a surface water source in whole or in part or whether it is a groundwater source waterworks. Groundwater source waterworks shall consider factors such as depth of the well, the type of soil, wellhead protection, and well structure integrity. Owners of waterworks that use surface water in whole or in part shall consider watershed protection.

(5) Special factors.

(a) For VOCs. The number of persons served by the waterworks and the proximity of a smaller waterworks to a larger waterworks.

(b) For SOCs. Elevated nitrate levels at the waterworks supply source.

(c) For SOCs. Use of PCBs in equipment used in the production, storage, or distribution of water (i.e., PCBs used in pumps, transformers, etc.).

g. Condition for waivers.

(1) As a condition of the VOC waiver the owner of a groundwater waterworks shall take one sample at each sampling point during the time the waiver is effective (i.e., one sample during two compliance periods or six years) and update its vulnerability assessment considering the factors listed in subdivision B 2 f of this section. Based on this vulnerability assessment the commissioner shall reconfirm that the waterworks is nonvulnerable. If the commissioner does not make this reconfirmation within three years of the initial determination, then the waiver is invalidated and the owner is required to sample annually as specified in subdivision B 2 d (1) (a) of this section.

(2) The owner of any community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks that use surface water in whole or in part which does not detect a contaminant listed in Table 2.3-VOC may apply to the commissioner for a waiver from the requirements of subdivision B 2 d (1) (a) of this section after completing the initial monitoring. Waterworks meeting these criteria shall be determined by the commissioner to be nonvulnerable based on a vulnerability assessment during each compliance period.
Each owner receiving a waiver shall sample at the frequency specified by the commissioner (if any).

(3) There are no conditions to SOC waivers.

h. If a contaminant listed in Table 2.3-VOC 2 through 21 or SOC 1 through 33 is detected then (NOTE: Detection occurs when a contaminant level exceeds the current detection limit as defined by EPA.):

(1) Each owner shall monitor quarterly at each sampling point which resulted in a detection.

(2) The commissioner may decrease the quarterly monitoring requirement specified in subdivision B 2 h (1) of this section provided it has determined that the waterworks is reliably and consistently below the PMCL. In no case shall the commissioner make this determination unless the owner of a groundwater waterworks takes a minimum of two quarterly samples and the owner of a waterworks that use surface water in whole or in part takes a minimum of four quarterly samples.

(3) If the commissioner determines that the waterworks is reliably and consistently below the PMCL, the commissioner may allow the waterworks to monitor annually. Owners of waterworks that monitor annually shall monitor during the quarter(s) that previously yielded the highest analytical result.

(4) Owners of waterworks that have three consecutive annual samples with no detection of a contaminant may apply to the commissioner for a waiver for VOC as specified in subdivision B 2 e (1) or to SOC as specified in subdivision B 2 e (2) of this section.

(5) Subsequent monitoring due to contaminant detection.

(a) Owners of groundwater waterworks that have detected one or more of the following two-carbon organic compounds: trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, cis-1,2-dichloroethylene, trans-1,2-dichloroethene, or 1,1-dichloroethylene shall monitor quarterly for vinyl chloride. A vinyl chloride sample shall be taken at each sampling point at which one or more of the two-carbon organic compounds was detected. If the results of the first analysis do not detect vinyl chloride, the commissioner may reduce the quarterly monitoring frequency of vinyl chloride monitoring to one sample during each compliance period. Owners of waterworks that use surface water in whole or in part are required to monitor for vinyl chloride as specified by the commissioner.

(b) If monitoring results in detection of one or more of certain related contaminants (heptachlor and heptachlor epoxide), then subsequent monitoring shall analyze for all related contaminants.

i. Owners of waterworks that violate the requirements of Table 2.3 for VOCs or SOCs, as determined by 12VAC5-590-410 C, shall monitor quarterly. After a minimum of four consecutive quarterly samples that show the waterworks is in compliance as specified in 12VAC5-590-410 C and the commissioner determines that the waterworks is reliably and consistently below the PMCL, the owner may monitor at the frequency and time specified in subdivision B 2 h (3) of this section.

3. Disinfectant residuals, disinfection byproducts and disinfection byproduct precursors.

a. Unless otherwise noted, owners of all waterworks that use a chemical disinfectant shall comply with the requirements of this section as follows:

(1) Owners of community or nontransient noncommunity waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water and serving 10,000 or more persons shall comply with this section beginning January 1, 2002.

(2) Owners of community or nontransient noncommunity waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water serving fewer than 10,000 persons and waterworks using only groundwater not under the direct...
influence of surface water shall comply with this section beginning January 1, 2004.

(3) Owners of transient noncommunity waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water and serving 10,000 or more persons and using chlorine dioxide as a disinfectant or oxidant shall comply with any requirements for chlorine dioxide in this section beginning January 1, 2002.

(4) Owners of transient noncommunity waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water serving fewer than 10,000 persons and using chlorine dioxide as a disinfectant or oxidant and waterworks using only groundwater not under the direct influence of surface water and using chlorine dioxide as a disinfectant or oxidant shall comply with any requirements for chlorine dioxide in this section beginning January 1, 2004.

b. Owners shall take all samples during normal operating conditions.

(1) Analysis under this section for disinfection byproducts (TTHM, HAA5, chlorite and bromate) shall be conducted by a laboratory that has received certification by EPA or the state except as noted in subdivision B 3 b (2) of this section.

(2) Measurement under this section of daily chlorite samples at the entry point to the distribution system, disinfection residuals (free chlorine, combined chlorine, total chlorine and chlorine dioxide), alkalinity, bromide, TOC, SUVA (DOC and UV$_{254}$), pH and magnesium shall be made by a party approved by the commissioner.

(3) DPD colorimetric test kits may be used to measure residual disinfectant concentrations for chlorine, chloramines and chlorine dioxide.

c. Failure to monitor in accordance with the monitoring plan required under subdivision B 3 j of this section is a monitoring violation. Failure to monitor shall be treated as a violation for the entire period covered by the annual average where compliance is based on a running annual average of monthly or quarterly samples or averages and the owner's failure to monitor makes it impossible to determine compliance with PMCLs or MRDLs.

d. Owners may use only data collected under the provisions of this section or the US EPA Information Collection Rule, 40 CFR Part 141 Subpart M, Information Collection Requirements (ICR) for Public Water Systems, to qualify for reduced monitoring.

e. TTHM/HAA5 monitoring. Owners of community or nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall monitor TTHM and HAA5 at the frequency indicated below, unless otherwise indicated:

(1) Running annual average monitoring requirements.

(a) Routine monitoring requirements:

(i) Owners of waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water and serving at least 10,000 persons shall collect four water samples per quarter per treatment plant. At least 25% of all samples collected each quarter shall be at locations representing maximum residence time in the distribution system. The remaining samples shall be taken at locations representative of at least average residence time in the distribution system and representative of the entire distribution system. When setting the sample locations the waterworks shall take into account number of persons served, different sources of water, and different treatment methods.

(ii) Owners of waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water and serving from 500 to 9,999 persons shall collect one sample per quarter per treatment plant. The sample location shall represent maximum
(iii) Owners of waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water and serving fewer than 500 persons shall collect one sample per year per treatment plant during the month of warmest water temperature. The sample location shall represent maximum residence time in the distribution system. If the sample (or average of annual samples, if more than one sample is taken) exceeds PMCL in Table 2.13, the owner shall increase monitoring to one sample per treatment plant per quarter, taken at a point reflecting the maximum residence time in the distribution system, until waterworks meets reduced monitoring criteria.

(iv) Owners of waterworks using only groundwater not under direct influence of surface water using chemical disinfectant and serving at least 10,000 persons shall collect one sample per quarter per treatment plant. The sample location shall represent maximum residence time in the distribution system.

(v) Owners of waterworks using only groundwater not under direct influence of surface water using chemical disinfectant and serving fewer than 10,000 persons shall collect one sample per year per treatment plant during the month of warmest water temperature. The sample location shall represent maximum residence time in the distribution system. If the sample (or average of annual samples, if more than one sample is taken) exceeds PMCL in Table 2.13, the owner shall increase monitoring to one sample per treatment plant per quarter, taken at a point reflecting the maximum residence time in the distribution system, until the waterworks meets the criteria for reduced monitoring found in subdivision B 3 e (1) (d) of this section.

(vi) If an owner elects to sample more frequently than the minimum required, at least 25% of all samples collected each quarter (including those taken in excess of the required frequency) shall be taken at locations that represent the maximum residence time of the water in the distribution system. The remaining samples shall be taken at locations representative of at least average residence time in the distribution system.

(vii) With prior approval of the commissioner, owners of waterworks that utilize multiple wells from a common aquifer may consider these multiple sources as one treatment plant for determining the minimum number of samples to be collected for TTHM and HAA5 analysis.

(b) After one year of routine monitoring an owner may reduce monitoring, except as otherwise provided, as follows:

(i) Owners of waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water and serving at least 10,000 persons that has a source water annual average TOC level, before any treatment, of equal to or less than 4.0 mg/L and a TTHM annual average equal to or less than 0.040 mg/L and HAA5 annual average equal to or less than 0.030 mg/L may reduce its monitoring to one sample per treatment plant per quarter at a distribution system location reflecting maximum residence time.

(ii) Owners of waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water serving from 500 to 9,999 persons that has a source water annual average TOC level, before any treatment, equal to or less than 4.0 mg/L and a TTHM annual average equal to or less than 0.040 mg/L and HAA5 annual average equal to or less than 0.030 mg/L may reduce its monitoring to one sample per treatment plant per year at a distribution system location reflecting maximum residence time during the month of warmest water temperature.

(iii) Owners of waterworks using only groundwater not under the direct influence of surface water, using chemical disinfectant and serving at least 10,000 persons that has a TTHM annual average of equal to or less than 0.040 mg/L and HAA5 annual
average of equal to or less than 0.030 mg/L may reduce its monitoring to one sample per treatment plant per year at a
distribution system location reflecting maximum residence time during the month of warmest water temperature.

(iv) Owners of waterworks using only groundwater not under the direct influence of surface water, using chemical disinfectant
and serving fewer than 10,000 persons that has a TTHM annual average equal to or less than 0.040 mg/L and HAA5 annual
average equal to or less than 0.030 mg/L for two consecutive years or TTHM annual average equal to or less than 0.020
mg/L and HAA5 annual average of equal to or less than 0.015 mg/L for one year may reduce its monitoring to one sample
per treatment plant per three-year monitoring cycle at a distribution system location reflecting maximum residence time
during the month of warmest water temperature, with the three-year cycle beginning on January 1 following the quarter in
which the system qualifies for reduced monitoring.

(v) Owners of waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water serving fewer than
500 persons may not reduce its monitoring to less than one sample per treatment plant per year.

(vi) In order to qualify for reduced monitoring for TTHM and HAA5 under subdivision B 3 e (1) (b) (i) through (iv) of this
section, owners of waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water not monitoring
under the provisions of subdivision B 3 (i) shall take monthly TOC samples every 30 days at a location prior to any treatment,
beginning April 1, 2008. In addition to meeting other criteria for reduced monitoring in subdivision B 3 e (1) (b) (i) through (iv)
of this section, the source water TOC running annual average shall be less than or equal to 4.0 mg/L (based on the most
recent four quarters of monitoring) on a continuing basis at each treatment plant to reduce or remain on reduced monitoring
for TTHM and HAA5. Once qualified for reduced monitoring for TTHM and HAA5 under subdivision B 3 e (1) (b) (i) through
(iv) of this section, a system may reduce source water TOC monitoring to quarterly TOC samples taken every 90 days at a
location prior to any treatment.

(c) Owners of waterworks on a reduced monitoring schedule may remain on that reduced schedule as long as the average of
all samples taken in the year (for waterworks that must monitor quarterly) or the result of the sample (for waterworks that
must monitor no more frequently than annually) is no more than 0.060 mg/L and 0.045 mg/L for TTHMs and HAA5,
respectively. Owners of waterworks that do not meet these levels shall resume monitoring at the frequency identified in
subdivision B 3 e (1) (a) of this section in the quarter immediately following the monitoring period in which the waterworks
exceeds 0.060 mg/L or 0.045 mg/L for TTHMs and HAA5, respectively. For waterworks using only groundwater not under the
direct influence of surface water and serving fewer than 10,000 persons, if either the TTHMs annual average is greater than
0.080 mg/L or the HAA5 annual average is greater than 0.060 mg/L, the owner shall go to increased monitoring identified in
subdivision B 3 e (1) (a) of this section in the quarter immediately following the monitoring period in which the waterworks
exceeds 0.080 mg/L or 0.060 mg/L for TTHM or HAA5 respectively.

(d) Owners of waterworks on increased monitoring may return to routine monitoring if, after at least one year of monitoring,
their TTHM annual average is equal to or less than 0.060 mg/L and their HAA5 annual average is equal to or less than 0.045
mg/L.

(e) The commissioner may return a waterworks to routine monitoring at the commissioner’s discretion.

(2) Initial distribution system evaluations (IDSE).

(a) This subdivision establishes monitoring and other requirements for identifying locational running annual average (LRAA)
compliance monitoring locations for determining compliance with maximum contaminant levels for total trihalomethanes

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(TTHM) and haloacetic acids (five) (HAA5). Owners shall use an IDSE to determine locations with representative high TTHM and HAA5 concentrations throughout the distribution system. IDSEs are used in conjunction with, but separate from running annual average compliance monitoring locations, subdivision B 3 e (1) (a) of this section, to identify and select locational running annual average compliance monitoring locations, subdivision B 3 e (3) of this section.

(b) This subdivision applies to the following waterworks:

(i) Community waterworks that use a primary or residual disinfectant other than ultraviolet light or delivers water that has been treated with a primary or residual disinfectant other than ultraviolet light; or,

(ii) Nontransient noncommunity waterworks that serve at least 10,000 people and use a primary or residual disinfectant other than ultraviolet light or delivers water that has been treated with a primary or residual disinfectant other than ultraviolet light.

(c) Owners shall comply with the following schedule:

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<th>Waterworks Population</th>
<th>Owners shall submit a standard monitoring plan or system specific study plan&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt; or 40/30 certification&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt; to the commissioner by or receive very small system waiver from the commissioner.</th>
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Other waterworks that are part of a combined distribution system

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<sup>1</sup>If, within 12 months after the date identified in this column, the commissioner does not approve the plan or notify the owner that the review has been completed; the owner may consider the submitted plan as approved. The owner shall implement the plan and shall complete standard monitoring or a system specific study no later than the date identified in the third column.

<sup>2</sup>The owner shall submit the 40/30 certification under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (v) of this section by the date indicated.

<sup>3</sup>If, within three months after the date identified in this column (nine months after the date identified in this column if the owner is required to comply with the schedule for waterworks populations 10,000 to 49,999), the commissioner does not approve the IDSE report or notify the owner that the review has not been completed, the owner may consider the submitted report as approved and the owner shall implement the recommended monitoring in accordance with subdivision B 3 e (3) of this section as required.

For the purpose of this schedule, the commissioner has determined that the combined distribution system does not include consecutive waterworks that receive water from a wholesale waterworks only on an emergency basis or receive less than 10% of their total water consumption from a wholesale waterworks. The commissioner has also determined that the combined distribution system does not include wholesale waterworks that deliver water to a consecutive waterworks only on an emergency basis or delivers less than 10% of the total water used by a consecutive waterworks.

(d) Owners shall conduct standard monitoring that meets the requirements in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) of this section, or a system specific study that meets the requirements in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) of this section, or certify to the

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commissioner that the waterworks meets 40/30 certification criteria under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (v) of this section, or qualify for a very small system waiver under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (vi) of this section.

(i) Owners shall have taken the full complement of routine TTHM and HAA5 compliance samples required of a waterworks based on population and source water under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section (or the owner shall have taken the full complement of reduced TTHM and HAA5 compliance samples required of an owner based population and source water under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section if the waterworks meet reduced monitoring criteria under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section during the period specified in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (v) (a) of this section to meet the 40/30 certification criteria in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (v) of this section. Owners shall have taken TTHM and HAA5 samples under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section to be eligible for the very small system waiver in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (vi) of this section.

(ii) If the owner has not taken the required samples, the owner shall conduct standard monitoring that meets the requirements in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) of this section, or a system specific study that meets the requirements in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) of this section.

(iii) Standard Monitoring.

((a)) The standard monitoring plan shall comply with the following paragraphs ((i)) through ((iv)). Owners shall prepare and submit the standard monitoring plan to the commissioner according to the schedule in subdivision B 3 e (2) (c) of this section.

((i)) The standard monitoring plan shall include a schematic of the waterworks distribution system (including distribution system entry points and their sources, and storage facilities), with notes indicating locations and dates of all projected standard monitoring, and all projected compliance monitoring in accordance with subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section.

((ii)) The standard monitoring plan shall include justification of standard monitoring location selection and a summary of data relied on to justify standard monitoring location selection.

((iii)) The standard monitoring plan shall specify the population served and waterworks type (surface water, groundwater under the direct influence of surface water or groundwater).

((iv)) Owners shall retain a complete copy of the submitted standard monitoring plan, including any modification required by the commissioner of the standard monitoring plan, for as long as the owner is required to retain the IDSE report under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) ((c)) ((iv)) of this section.

((b)) Owners shall monitor as indicated in the following table. Owners shall collect dual sample sets at each monitoring location. One sample in the dual sample set shall be analyzed for TTHM. The other sample in the dual sample set shall be analyzed for HAA5. Owners shall conduct one monitoring period during the peak historical month for TTHM levels or HAA5 levels or the month of warmest water temperature. Owners shall review available compliance, study, or operational data to determine the peak historical month for TTHM or HAA5 levels or warmest water temperature.

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¹A dual sample set (i.e., a TTHM and an HAA5 sample) shall be taken at each monitoring location during each monitoring period.

²The peak historical month is the month with the highest TTHM or HAA5 levels or the warmest water temperature.

((i)) Owners shall take samples at locations other than the existing monitoring locations used in subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section. Monitoring locations shall be distributed throughout the distribution system.

((ii)) If the number of entry points to the distribution system is fewer than the specified number of entry point monitoring locations, excess entry point samples shall be replaced equally at high TTHM and HAA5 locations. If there is an odd extra location number, the owner shall take a sample at a high TTHM location. If the number of entry points to the distribution system is more than the specified number of entry point monitoring locations, owners shall take samples at entry points to the distribution system having the highest annual water flows.

((iii)) The monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) ((b)) of this section may not be reduced.

((c)) The IDSE report shall include the elements required in the following paragraphs. Owners shall submit the IDSE report to the commissioner according to the schedule in subdivision B 3 e (2) (c) of this section.

((i)) The IDSE report shall include all TTHM and HAA5 analytical results from compliance monitoring required under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section and all standard monitoring conducted during the period of the IDSE as individual analytical results and LRAAs presented in a tabular or spreadsheet format acceptable to the commissioner. If changed from the standard monitoring plan submitted under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) ((a)) of this section, the report shall also include a...
schematic of the distribution system, the population served, and system type (surface water, groundwater under the direct influence of surface water or groundwater).

((iii)) The IDSE report shall include an explanation of any deviations from the approved standard monitoring plan.

((iii)) Owners shall recommend and justify the compliance monitoring locations to be used in accordance with subdivision B 3 e (3) of this section and timing based on the protocol in subdivision B 3 e (2) (e) of this section.

((iv)) Owners shall retain a complete copy of the IDSE report submitted under this section for 10 years after the date the report was submitted to the commissioner. If the commissioner modifies the LRAA monitoring requirements recommended in the IDSE report or if the commissioner approves alternative monitoring locations, the owner shall keep a copy of the commissioner's notification on file for 10 years after the date of the commissioner's notification. The owner shall make the IDSE report and any commissioner's notification available for review by the commissioner or the public.

(iv) System Specific Studies.

((a)) The system specific study plan shall be based on either existing monitoring results as required under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) ((a)) or modeling as required under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) ((a)) of this section. Owners shall prepare and submit the waterworks specific study plan to the commissioner according to the schedule in subdivision B 3 e (2) (c) of this section.

((i)) Existing monitoring results. Owners may comply by submitting monitoring results collected before the waterworks is required to begin monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (2) (c) of this section. The monitoring results and analysis shall meet the criteria in subdivisions ((1)) and ((2)) as follows:

((1)) Minimum requirements.

((A)) TTHM and HAA5 results shall be based on samples collected and analyzed in accordance with 12VAC5-590-440. Samples shall be collected no earlier than five years prior to the study plan submission date.

((B)) The monitoring locations and frequency shall meet the conditions identified in the following table. Each location shall be sampled once during the peak historical month for TTHM levels or HAA5 levels or the month of warmest water temperature for every 12 months of data submitted for that location. Monitoring results shall include all compliance monitoring results in accordance with subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section plus additional monitoring results as necessary to meet minimum sample requirements.

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((2)) Reporting monitoring results. Owners shall report the following information:

((A)) Owners shall report previously collected monitoring results and certify that the reported monitoring results include all compliance and non-compliance results generated during the time period beginning with the first reported result and ending with the most recent results collected in accordance with subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section.

((B)) Owners shall certify that the samples were representative of the entire distribution system and that treatment, and distribution system have not changed significantly since the samples were collected.

((C)) The study monitoring plan shall include a schematic of the distribution system (including distribution system entry points and their sources, and storage facilities), with notes indicating the locations and dates of all completed or planned system specific study monitoring.

((D)) The system specific study plan shall specify the population served and system type (surface water, groundwater under the direct influence of surface water or groundwater).

((E)) Owners shall retain a complete copy of the system specific study plan submitted, including any modification requested by the commissioner of the system specific study plan, for as long as the owner is required to retain the IDSE report under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) ((b)) ((vii)) of this section.

((F)) If previously collected data that fully meets the number of samples required under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) ((a)) ((i)) ((b)) of this section and the commissioner rejects some of the data, the owner shall either conduct additional monitoring to replace rejected data on a schedule the commissioner approves or conduct standard monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) of this section.

((ii)) Modeling. Owners may comply through analysis of an extended period simulation hydraulic model. The extended period simulation hydraulic model and analysis shall meet the following criteria:

((1)) Minimum requirements.

((A)) The model shall simulate 24-hour variation in demand and show a consistently repeating 24-hour pattern of residence time.

((B)) The model shall represent the criteria listed in the following table:

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((C)) The model shall be calibrated, or have calibration plans, for the current configuration of the distribution system during the period of high TTHM formation potential. All storage facilities shall be evaluated as part of the calibration process. All required calibration shall be completed no later than 12 months after plan submission.

((2)) Reporting modeling. The system specific study plan shall include the following information:

((A)) Tabular or spreadsheet data demonstrating that the model meets requirements in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) ((a)) ((iii)) ((1)) ((b)) of this section.

((B)) A description of all calibration activities undertaken, and if calibration is complete, a graph of predicted tank levels versus measured tank levels for the storage facility with the highest residence time in each pressure zone, and a time series graph of the residence time at the longest residence time storage facility in the distribution system showing the predictions for the entire simulation period (i.e., from time zero until the time it takes to for the model to reach a consistently repeating pattern of residence time).

((C)) Model output showing preliminary 24-hour average residence time predictions throughout the distribution system.

((D)) Timing and number of samples representative of the distribution system planned for at least one monitoring period of TTHM and HAA5 dual sample monitoring at a number of locations no less than would be required for the system under standard monitoring in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) of this section during the historical month of high TTHM. These samples shall be taken at locations other than existing compliance monitoring locations listed in subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section.

((E)) Description of how all requirements will be completed no later than 12 months after owner submits the system specific study plan.

((F)) Schematic of the distribution system (including distribution system entry points and their sources, and storage facilities), with notes indicating the locations and dates of all completed system specific study monitoring (if calibration is complete) and all compliance monitoring listed in subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section.

((G)) Population served and system type (surface water, groundwater under the direct influence of surface water or groundwater).

((H)) Owners shall retain a complete copy of the system specific study plan submitted, including any modification recommended by the commissioner to the waterworks specific study plan, for as long as the owner is required to retain the IDSE report under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) ((b)) ((vii)) of this section.

((3)) If an owner submits a model that does not fully meet the requirements under paragraph (iv) ((a)) ((iii)) of this section, the owners shall correct the deficiencies and respond to commissioner’s inquiries concerning the model. If the owner fails to correct deficiencies or respond to inquiries to the commissioner’s satisfaction, the owner shall conduct standard monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) of this section.

((b)) The IDSE report shall include the elements required in the following paragraphs. Owners shall submit the IDSE report according to the schedule in subdivision B 3 e (2) (c) of this section.

((i)) The IDSE report shall include all TTHM and HAA5 analytical results from compliance monitoring in subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section and all system specific study monitoring conducted during the period of the system specific study presented in a tabular or spreadsheet format acceptable to the commissioner. If changed from the system specific study plan submitted under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) ((a)) of this section, the IDSE report shall also include a schematic of the distribution...
system, the population served; and system type (surface water, groundwater under the direct influence of surface water or groundwater).

((ii)) Owners of waterworks using the modeling provision under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) ((a)) ((iii)) of this section shall include final information for the elements described in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) ((a)) ((iii)) (2)) of this section, and a 24-hour time series graph of residence time for each LRAA compliance monitoring location selected.

((iii)) The owner shall recommend and justify LRAA compliance monitoring locations and timing based on the protocol in subdivision B 3 e (2) (e) of this section.

((iv)) The IDSE report shall include an explanation of any deviations from the waterworks approved system specific study plan.

((v)) The IDSE report shall include the basis (analytical and modeling results) and justification the owner used to select the recommended LRAA monitoring locations.

((vi)) The owner may submit the IDSE report in lieu of the system specific study plan on the schedule identified in subdivision B 3 e (2) (c) of this section for submission of the system specific study plan if the owner believes the necessary information has been obtained by the time that the waterworks specific study plan is due. If the owner elects this approach, the IDSE report shall also include all information required under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) ((a)) of this section.

((vii)) The owner shall retain a complete copy of the IDSE report submitted under this subdivision for 10 years after the date submitted. If the commissioner modifies the LRAA monitoring requirements that the owner recommended in the IDSE report or if the commissioner approves alternative monitoring locations, the owner shall keep a copy of the commissioner's notification on file for 10 years after the date of the commissioner's notification. The owner shall make the IDSE report and any notification from the commissioner available for review by the commissioner or the public.

(v) 40/30 certifications.

((a)) Eligibility. Waterworks are eligible for 40/30 certification if the waterworks had no TTHM or HAA5 monitoring violations under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section and no individual sample exceeded 0.040 mg/L for TTHM or 0.030 mg/L for HAA5 during an eight consecutive calendar quarter period beginning no earlier than the date specified in the following table.

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<tr>
<th>If the waterworks 40/30 Certification Is Due</th>
<th>Then the waterworks eligibility for 40/30 certification is based on eight consecutive calendar quarters of compliance monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (1) results beginning no earlier than 1</th>
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1Unless the waterworks is on reduced monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section and was not required to monitor during the specified period. If the owner did not monitor during the specified period, the owner shall base eligibility on compliance samples taken during the 12 months preceding the specified period.

((b)) Requirements for 40/30 certification:

((i)) Certify to the commissioner that every individual compliance sample taken under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section during the periods specified in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (v) ((a)) of this section were less than or equal to 0.040 mg/L for TTHM and less than or equal to 0.030 mg/L for HAA5, and that the waterworks has not had any TTHM or HAA5 monitoring violations during the eight consecutive calendar quarter periods.
violations during the period specified in subdivision (a)).

((iii)) The commissioner may require the owner to submit compliance monitoring results, distribution system schematics, and/or recommended LRAA compliance monitoring locations in addition to the certification. If an owner fails to submit the requested information, the commissioner may require standard monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) of this section or a system specific study under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) of this section.

((iii)) The commissioner may still require standard monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) or a system specific study under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) of this section even if the waterworks meet the criteria in subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (v) ((a)) of this section.

((iv)) The owner shall retain a complete copy of the certification submitted under this subdivision for 10 years after the date that the owner submitted the certification. The owner shall make the certification, all data upon which the certification is based, and any notification from the commissioner available for review by the commissioner or the public.

(vi) Very small system waivers.

((a)) If the waterworks serves fewer than 500 people and has taken TTHM and HAA5 samples under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section, the owner is not required to comply with this subdivision unless the commissioner notifies the owner to conduct standard monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) or a system specific study under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) of this section.

((b)) If the owner has not taken TTHM and HAA5 samples under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section or if the commissioner notifies the owner to comply with this subdivision, the owner shall conduct standard monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) of this section or a system specific study under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) of this section.

(e) LRAA compliance monitoring location recommendations.

(i) The IDSE report shall include recommendations and justification for where and during what month(s) TTHM and HAA5 monitoring in accordance with subdivision B 3 e (3) of this section should be conducted. These recommendations shall be based on the criteria in the paragraphs in this section.

(ii) Owners shall select the number of monitoring locations specified in the following table. These recommended locations will be used as LRAA routine compliance monitoring locations, unless the commissioner requires different or additional locations. The locations should be distributed throughout the distribution system to the extent possible.

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<tr>
<th>Source Water Type</th>
<th>Population Size Category</th>
<th>Monitoring Frequency</th>
<th>Total per monitoring period</th>
<th>Highest TTHM Locations</th>
<th>Highest HAA5 Locations</th>
<th>Existing Compliance Locations in accordance with subdivision B 3 e (1)</th>
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1 All owners shall monitor during month of highest DBP concentrations.

2 Owners of waterworks on quarterly monitoring (except for surface water source or GUDI source waterworks serving 500-3,300) shall take dual sample sets every 90 days at each monitoring location. Groundwater source waterworks serving 500-9,999 (on annual monitoring) shall take dual sample sets annually at each monitoring location. Waterworks serving fewer than 500 and surface water source or GUDI source waterworks serving 500-3,300 shall take individual TTHM and HAA5 samples (instead of a dual sample set) at the locations with the highest TTHM and HAA5 concentrations, respectively. Waterworks serving fewer than 500 shall sample annually and surface water source or GUDI source systems serving 500-3,300 shall sample every 90 days. Only one location with a dual sample set per monitoring period is needed if highest TTHM and HAA5 concentrations occur at the same location (and month, if monitoring annually).

(iii) Owners shall recommend LRRA compliance monitoring locations based on standard monitoring results, system specific study results, and compliance monitoring results under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section. Owners shall follow the protocol in subdivision B 3 e (2) (e) (iii) ((a)) through ((h)) of this section. If required to monitor at more than eight locations, the owner shall repeat the protocol as necessary. If a owner does not have existing compliance monitoring results under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section or if the owner does not have enough existing compliance monitoring results under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section, the owner shall repeat the protocol, skipping the provisions of subdivision B 3 e (2) (e) (iii) ((c)) and ((g)) of this section as necessary, until the owner has identified the required total number of monitoring locations.

((a)) Location with the highest TTHM LRAA not previously selected as a LRAA monitoring location.

((b)) Location with the highest HAA5 LRAA not previously selected as a LRAA monitoring location.

((c)) Existing average residence time compliance monitoring location under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section (maximum residence time compliance monitoring location for ground water systems) with the highest HAA5 LRAA not previously selected as a LRAA monitoring location.

((d)) Location with the highest TTHM LRAA not previously selected as a LRAA monitoring location.

((e)) Location with the highest TTHM LRAA not previously selected as a LRAA monitoring location.

((f)) Location with the highest HAA5 LRAA not previously selected as a LRAA monitoring location.

((g)) Existing average residence time compliance monitoring location under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section (maximum residence time compliance monitoring location for ground water systems) with the highest TTHM LRAA not previously selected as a LRAA monitoring location.

((h)) Location with the highest HAA5 LRAA not previously selected as a LRAA monitoring location.

(iv) An owner may recommend locations other than those specified in subdivision B 3 e (2) (e) (iii) of this section if the owner includes a rationale for selecting other locations. If the commissioner approves the alternate locations, the owners shall monitor at these locations to determine compliance under subdivision B 3 e (3) of this section.

(v) The recommended schedule shall include LRAA monitoring during the peak historical month for TTHM and HAA5 concentration, unless the commissioner approves another month. Once the owner has identified the peak historical month,
and if the owner is required to conduct routine monitoring at least quarterly, the owner shall schedule LRAA compliance monitoring at a regular frequency of every 90 days or fewer.

(f) The owner shall use only the analytical methods specified in 12VAC5-590-440, or otherwise approved by EPA for monitoring, to demonstrate compliance.

(g) IDSE results will not be used for the purpose of determining compliance with MCLs in Table 2.13.

(3) Locational running annual average monitoring requirements.

(a) This subdivision establishes monitoring and other requirements for achieving compliance with maximum contaminant levels based on locational running annual averages (LRAA) for total trihalomethanes (TTHM) and haloacetic acids (five) (HAA5), and for achieving compliance with maximum residual disinfectant residuals for chlorine and chloramines for certain consecutive waterworks.

(b) This subdivision applies to community waterworks or nontransient noncommunity waterworks that uses a primary or residual disinfectant other than ultraviolet light or delivers water that has been treated with a primary or residual disinfectant other than ultraviolet light.

(c) Owner shall comply on the schedule in the following table based on the type of waterworks:

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<th>Type of Waterworks</th>
<th>Waterworks shall comply with Locational Running Average monitoring by:¹</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Waterworks that are not part of a combined distribution system and waterworks that serve the largest population in the combined distribution system</td>
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<td>Waterworks serving equal to or greater than 100,000</td>
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<td>Waterworks serving 50,000-99,999</td>
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<td>Waterworks serving less than 10,000</td>
<td>October 1, 2013 if no Cryptosporidium monitoring is required under 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 a (1) (c) or October 1, 2014 if Cryptosporidium monitoring is required under 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 a (1) (c)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other waterworks that are part of a combined distribution system</td>
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<td>Consecutive waterworks or wholesale waterworks</td>
<td>-at the same time as the waterworks with the earliest compliance date in the combined distribution system</td>
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¹The commissioner may grant up to an additional 24 months for compliance with MCLs and operational evaluation levels if the waterworks require capital improvements to comply with an MCL.

(i) Waterworks monitoring frequency is specified in subdivision B 3 e (3) (d) (i) of this section.

((a)) Owners of waterworks required to conduct quarterly monitoring shall begin monitoring in the first full calendar quarter that includes the compliance date in the table in subdivision B 3 e (3) (c) of this section.

((b)) Owners of waterworks required to conduct monitoring at a frequency that is less than quarterly shall begin monitoring in the calendar month recommended in the IDSE report prepared under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) or subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) of this section or the calendar month identified in the LRAA monitoring plan developed under subdivision B 3 e (3) (e) of this section no later than 12 months after the compliance date in the table in subdivision B 3 e (3) (c) of this section.

(ii) Owners of waterworks required to conduct quarterly monitoring shall make compliance calculations at the end of the fourth calendar quarter that follows the compliance date and at the end of each subsequent quarter (or earlier if the LRAA
calculated based on fewer than four quarters of data would cause the MCL to be exceeded regardless of the monitoring results of subsequent quarters). Owners of waterworks required to conduct monitoring at a frequency that is less than quarterly shall make compliance calculations beginning with the first compliance sample taken after the compliance date.

(iii) For the purpose of the schedule in subdivision B 3 e (3) (c) of this section, the commissioner has determine that the combined distribution system does not include consecutive waterworks that receive water from a wholesale waterworks only on an emergency basis or receive less than 10% of their total water consumption from a wholesale waterworks. The commissioner has also determine that the combined distribution system does not include wholesale waterworks which deliver water to a consecutive waterworks only on an emergency basis or deliver less than 10% of the total water used by a consecutive waterworks.

(d) Routine monitoring.

(i) Owners submitting an IDSE report shall begin monitoring at the locations and months the owner recommended in the IDSE report submitted under subdivision B 3 e (2) (e) of this section following the schedule in subdivision B 3 e (3) (c) of this section, unless the commissioner requires other locations or additional locations after review. If the owner submitted a 40/30 certification under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (v) of this section or the waterworks qualified for a very small system waiver under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (vi) of this section or the waterworks is a nontransient noncommunity waterworks serving less than 10,000, the owner shall monitor at the location(s) and dates identified in the monitoring plan in subdivision B 3 j of this section, updated as required by subdivision B 3 e (3) (e) of this section.

(ii) Owners shall monitor at no fewer than the number of locations identified in the following table:

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(iii) Owners of waterworks not using disinfection that begin using a disinfectant other than UV light after the dates in subdivision B 3 e (2) of this section for complying with the IDSE requirements shall consult with the commissioner to identify compliance monitoring locations. Owners shall then develop a monitoring plan under subdivision B 3 e (3) (e) of this section that includes those monitoring locations.

(iv) Owners shall use an approved method listed in 12VAC5-590-440 for TTHM and HAA5 analyses. Analyses shall be conducted by laboratories that have received certification by EPA or DCLS as specified in 12VAC5-590-440.

(e) Monitoring plan.

(i) Owners shall develop and implement a monitoring plan to be kept on file for review by the commissioner and the public. The monitoring plan shall be completed no later than the date the owner conducts the initial monitoring and contain:

((a)) Monitoring locations;

((b)) Monitoring dates; and

((c)) Compliance calculation procedures.

(ii) If the owner was not required to submit an IDSE report under either subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iii) or subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (iv) of this section, and the waterworks did not have sufficient monitoring locations under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section to identify the required number of LRAA compliance monitoring locations indicated in subdivision B 3 e (2) (e) (ii) of this section, the owner shall identify additional locations by alternating selection of locations representing high TTHM levels and high HAA5 levels until the required number of compliance monitoring locations have been identified. The owner shall also provide the rationale for identifying the locations as having high levels of TTHM or HAA5. If the waterworks has more monitoring locations under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section than required for LRAA compliance monitoring in subdivision B 3 e (2) (e) (ii) of this section, the owner shall identify which locations the waterworks will use for LRAA compliance monitoring by alternating selection of locations representing high TTHM levels and high HAA5 levels until the required number of LRAA compliance monitoring locations have been identified.

(iii) Owners of waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water serving more than 3,300 people shall submit a copy of the monitoring plan to the commissioner prior to the date the waterworks conducts the initial monitoring, unless the IDSE report submitted under subdivision B 3 e (2) of this section contains all the information required by this section.

(iv) Owners may revise the monitoring plan to reflect changes in treatment, distribution system operations and layout (including new service areas), or other factors that may affect TTHM or HAA5 formation, or for reasons approved by the commissioner, after consultation with the commissioner regarding the need for changes and the appropriateness of the changes. If the owner changes monitoring locations, the owner shall replace existing compliance monitoring locations with the lowest LRAA with new locations that reflect the current distribution system locations with expected high TTHM or HAA5 levels. The commissioner may also require modifications in the monitoring plan. Owners of waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water serving more than 3,300 people shall submit a copy of the modified monitoring plan to the commissioner prior to the date the owner is required to comply with the revised monitoring plan.
(f) Reduced monitoring

(i) Owners may reduce monitoring to the level specified in the following table any time the LRAA is less than or equal to 0.040 mg/L for TTHM and less than or equal to 0.030 mg/L for HAA5 at all monitoring locations. Owners may only use data collected under the provisions of this subdivision or subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section to qualify for reduced monitoring. In addition, the source water annual average TOC level, before any treatment, shall be less than or equal to 4.0 mg/L at each treatment plant treating surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water, based on monitoring conducted under either subdivision B 3 e (1) (b) (vi) or B 3 i of this section.

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<td>per year</td>
<td>monitoring may not be reduced</td>
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<td>500-3,300</td>
<td></td>
<td>1 TTHM and 1 HAA5 sample: one at the location and during the quarter with the highest TTHM single measurement, one at the location and during the quarter with the highest HAA5 single measurement; 1 dual sample set per year if the highest TTHM and HAA5 measurements occurred at the same location and quarter.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>3,301-9,999</td>
<td>per year</td>
<td>2 dual sample sets: one at the location and during the quarter with the highest TTHM single measurement, one at the location and during the quarter with the highest HAA5 single measurement</td>
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<td>10,000-49,999</td>
<td>per quarter</td>
<td>2 dual sample sets at the locations with the highest TTHM and highest HAA5 LRAAs</td>
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<td>50,000-249,999</td>
<td>per quarter</td>
<td>4 dual sample sets - at the locations with the two highest TTHM and two highest HAA5 LRAAs</td>
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<td>250,000-999,999</td>
<td>per quarter</td>
<td>6 dual sample sets - at the locations with the three highest TTHM and three highest HAA5 LRAAs</td>
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Owners of waterworks on quarterly monitoring shall take dual sample sets every 90 days.

(ii) Owners may remain on reduced monitoring as long as the TTHM LRAA is less than or equal to 0.040 mg/L and the HAA5 LRAA is less than or equal to 0.030 mg/L at each monitoring location (for waterworks with quarterly reduced monitoring) or each TTHM sample is less than or equal to 0.060 mg/L and each HAA5 sample is less than or equal to 0.045 mg/L (for waterworks with annual or less frequent monitoring). In addition, the source water annual average TOC level, before any treatment, shall be less than or equal to 4.0 mg/L at each treatment plant treating surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water, based on monitoring conducted under either subdivision B 3 e (1) (b) (vi) or B 3 i of this section.

(iii) If the LRAA based on quarterly monitoring at any monitoring location exceeds either 0.040 mg/L for TTHM or 0.030 mg/L for HAA5 or if the annual (or less frequent) sample at any location exceeds either 0.060 mg/L for TTHM or 0.045 mg/L for HAA5, or if the source water annual average TOC level, before any treatment, is greater than 4.0 mg/L at any treatment plant treating surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water, the owner shall resume routine monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (3) (d) of this section or begin increased monitoring if subdivision B 3 e (3) (g) of this section applies.

(iv) The commissioner may return the waterworks to routine monitoring at the commissioner's discretion.

(v) A waterworks may remain on reduced monitoring after the dates identified in subdivision B 3 e (3) (c) of this section for compliance with this section only if the waterworks qualifies for a 40/30 certification under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (v) of this section or has received a very small system waiver under subdivision B 3 e (2) (d) (vi) of this section, plus the waterworks meets the reduced monitoring criteria in subdivision B 3 e (3) (f) of this section, and the owner did not change or add monitoring locations from those used for compliance monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section. If the monitoring locations under this subdivision differ from the monitoring locations under subdivision B 3 e (1) of this section, the owner may not remain on reduced monitoring after the dates identified in subdivision B 3 e (3) (c) of this section for compliance with this subdivision.

(vi) Owners shall use an approved method listed in 12VAC5-590-440 for TTHM and HAA5 analyses. Analyses shall be conducted by laboratories that have received certification by EPA or DCLS as specified in 12VAC5-590-440.

(g) Increased Monitoring

(i) Owners of waterworks required to monitor at a particular location annually or less frequently than annually under subdivision B 3 e (3) (d) or subdivision B 3 e (3) (f) of this section, shall increase monitoring to dual sample sets once per quarter (taken every 90 days) at all locations if a TTHM sample is greater than 0.080 mg/L or a HAA5 sample is greater than 0.060 mg/L at any location.

(ii) A waterworks is in violation of the MCL when the LRAA exceeds the MCLs in Table 2.13, calculated based on four consecutive quarters of monitoring (or the LRAA calculated based on fewer than four quarters of data if the MCL would be exceeded regardless of the monitoring results of subsequent quarters). Waterworks are in violation of the monitoring requirements for each quarter that a monitoring result would be used in calculating an LRAA if the owner fails to monitor.

(iii) Owners may return to routine monitoring once the waterworks has conducted increased monitoring for at least four consecutive quarters and the LRAA for every monitoring location is less than or equal to 0.060 mg/L for TTHM and less than or equal to 0.045 mg/L for HAA5.
(iv) Owners of waterworks on increased monitoring under subdivision e (1) in this section shall remain on increased monitoring until the waterworks qualify for a return to routine monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (3) (g) (iii) of this section. The owner shall conduct increased monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (3) (g) of this section at the monitoring locations in the monitoring plan developed under subdivision B 3 e (3) (e) of this section beginning at the date identified in subdivision B 3 e (3) (c) of this section for compliance with this subdivision and remain on increased monitoring until the waterworks qualifies for a return to routine monitoring under subdivision B 3 e (3) (g) (iii) of this section.

(v) Owners shall use an approved method listed in 12VAC5-590-440 for TTHM and HAA5 analyses. Analyses shall be conducted by laboratories that have received certification by EPA or DCLS as specified in 12VAC5-590-440.

f. Chlorite. Owners of community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks using chlorine dioxide, for disinfection or oxidation, shall conduct monitoring for chlorite.

1. Routine monitoring.

a. Daily monitoring. Owners shall take daily samples at the entrance to the distribution system. For any daily sample that exceeds the chlorite PMCL in Table 2.13, the owner shall take additional samples in the distribution system the following day at the locations required by subdivision B 3 f (1) (c) of this section, in addition to the sample required at the entrance to the distribution system.

b. Monthly monitoring. Owners shall take a three-sample set each month in the distribution system. The owner shall take one sample at each of the following locations: near the first customer, at a location representative of average residence time, and at a location reflecting maximum residence time in the distribution system. Any additional routine sampling shall be conducted in the same manner (as three-sample sets, at the specified locations). The owner may use the results of additional monitoring conducted under subdivision B 3 f (1) (c) of this section to meet the requirement for monitoring in this paragraph.

(c) Additional monitoring requirements. On each day following a routine sample monitoring result that exceeds the chlorite PMCL in Table 2.13 at the entrance to the distribution system, the owner is required to take three chlorite distribution system samples at the following locations: as close to the first customer as possible, in a location representative of average residence time, and as close to the end of the distribution system as possible (reflecting maximum residence time in the distribution system).

2. Reduced monitoring.

a. Chlorite monitoring at the entrance to the distribution system required by subdivision B 3 f (1) (a) of this section may not be reduced.

b. Chlorite monitoring in the distribution system required by subdivision B 3 f (1) (b) of this section may be reduced to one three-sample set per quarter after one year of monitoring where no individual chlorite sample taken in the distribution system under subdivision B 3 f (1) (b) of this section has exceeded the chlorite PMCL in Table 2.13 and the owner has not been required to conduct monitoring under subdivision B 3 f (1) (c) of this section. The owner may remain on the reduced monitoring schedule until either any of the three individual chlorite samples taken quarterly in the distribution system under subdivision B 3 f (1) (b) of this section exceeds the chlorite PMCL or the owner is required to conduct monitoring under subdivision B 3 f (1) (c) of this section, at which time the owner shall revert to routine monitoring.
g. Bromate.

(1) The owner of a community or nontransient noncommunity waterworks treatment plant using ozone, for disinfection or oxidation, shall take one sample per month and analyze it for bromate. The owner shall take samples monthly at the entrance to the distribution system while the ozonation system is operating under normal conditions.

(2) Reduced monitoring.

(a) Until March 31, 2009, owners of waterworks required to analyze for bromate may reduce monitoring from monthly to quarterly, if the waterworks average source water bromide concentration is less than 0.05 mg/L based on representative monthly bromide measurements for one year. The owner may remain on reduced bromate monitoring until the running annual average source water bromide concentration, computed quarterly, is equal to or greater than 0.05 mg/L based on representative monthly measurements. If the running annual average source water bromide concentration is equal to or greater than 0.05 mg/L, the owner shall resume routine monitoring required by subdivision B 3 g (1) of this section in the following month.

(b) Beginning April 1, 2009, owners may no longer use the provisions of subdivision B 3 g (2) (a) of this section to qualify for reduced monitoring. An owner required to analyze for bromate may reduce monitoring from monthly to quarterly, if the waterworks running annual average bromate concentration is equal to or less than 0.0025 mg/L based on monthly bromate measurements under subdivision B 3 g (1) of this section for the most recent four quarters, with samples analyzed in accordance with 12VAC5-590-440. If a waterworks has qualified for reduced bromate monitoring under subdivision B 3 g (2) (a) of this section, the owner may remain on reduced monitoring as long as the running annual average of quarterly bromate samples is equal to or less than 0.0025 mg/L based on samples analyzed in accordance with 12VAC5-590-440. If the running annual average bromate concentration is greater than 0.0025 mg/L, the owner shall resume routine monitoring required by subdivision B 3 g (1) of this section.

(3) Bromide. Owners of waterworks required to analyze for bromate may reduce bromate monitoring from monthly to once per quarter, if the owner demonstrates that the average source water bromide concentration is less than 0.05 mg/L based upon representative monthly measurements for one year. The owner shall continue bromide monitoring to remain on reduced bromate monitoring.

h. Monitoring requirements for disinfectant residuals.

(1) Chlorine and chloramines.

(a) Owners of waterworks that use chlorine or chloramines shall measure the residual disinfectant level in the distribution system at the same point in the distribution system and at the same time as total coliforms are sampled, as specified in subsection A. Owners of waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water may use the results of residual disinfectant concentration sampling found in subdivision B 7 c (1) of this section in lieu of taking separate samples.

(b) Residual disinfectant level monitoring may not be reduced.

(2) Chlorine dioxide.

(a) Owners of waterworks that use chlorine dioxide for disinfection or oxidation shall take daily samples at the entrance to the distribution system. For any daily sample that exceeds the MRDL in Table 2.12, the owner shall take samples in the
distribution system the following day at the locations required by subdivision B 3 h (2) (b) of this section, in addition to the sample required at the entrance to the distribution system.

(b) On each day following a routine sample monitoring result that exceeds the MRDL in Table 2.12, the owner is required to take three chlorine dioxide distribution system samples. If chlorine dioxide or chloramines are used to maintain a disinfectant residual in the distribution system, or if chlorine is used to maintain a disinfectant residual in the distribution system and there are no disinfection addition points after the entrance to the distribution system (i.e., no booster chlorination), the owner shall take three samples as close to the first customer as possible, at intervals of at least six hours. If chlorine is used to maintain a disinfectant residual in the distribution system and there are one or more disinfection addition points after the entrance to the distribution system (i.e., booster chlorination), the owner shall take one sample at each of the following locations: as close to the first customer as possible, in a location representative of average residence time, and as close to the end of the distribution system as possible (reflecting maximum residence time in the distribution system).

(c) Chlorine dioxide monitoring may not be reduced.

i. Monitoring requirements for disinfection byproduct precursors (DBPP).

(1) Owners of community or nontransient noncommunity waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water and using conventional filtration treatment (as defined in 12VAC5-590-10) shall monitor each treatment plant for TOC no later than the point of combined filter effluent turbidity monitoring and representative of the treated water. All owners required to monitor under subdivision (B 3 i (1)) shall also monitor for TOC in the source water prior to any treatment at the same time as monitoring for TOC in the treated water. These samples (source water and treated water) are referred to as paired samples. At the same time as the source water sample is taken, all owners shall monitor for alkalinity in the source water prior to any treatment. Owners shall take one paired sample and one source water alkalinity sample per month per plant at a time representative of normal operating conditions and influent water quality.

(2) Owners of community or nontransient noncommunity waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water with an average treated water TOC of less than 2.0 mg/L for two consecutive years, or less than 1.0 mg/L for one year, may reduce monitoring for both TOC and alkalinity to one paired sample and one source water alkalinity sample per plant per quarter. The owners shall revert to routine monitoring in the month following the quarter when the annual average treated water TOC equal to or greater than 2.0 mg/L.

j. The owner of each waterworks required to monitor under subdivision B 3 of this section shall develop and implement a monitoring plan. The owner shall maintain the plan and make it available for inspection by the commissioner and the general public no later than 30 days following the applicable compliance dates in subdivision B 3 a of this section. The owners of all community or nontransient noncommunity waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water serving more than 3,300 people shall submit a copy of the monitoring plan to the commissioner no later than the date of the first report required under 12VAC5-590-530 A. The commissioner may also require the plan to be submitted by any other owner. After review, the commissioner may require changes in any plan elements. The plan shall include at least the following elements:

(1) Specific locations and schedules for collecting samples for any parameters included in subdivision B 3 of this section.

(2) How the owner will calculate compliance with PMCLs, MRDLs, and treatment techniques.
(3) The sampling plan for a consecutive waterworks shall reflect the entire consecutive distribution system.

4. Unregulated contaminants (UCs). Owners of all community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall sample for the contaminants listed in Table 2.6 and Table 2.7 as follows:

a. Table 2.6—Group A

(1) Owners of waterworks that use a surface water source in whole or in part shall sample at the entry points to the distribution system which is representative of each source, after treatment (hereafter called a sampling point). The minimum number of samples is one year of consecutive quarterly samples per sampling point beginning in accordance with Table 2.8.

(2) Owners of waterworks that use groundwater shall sample at points of entry to the distribution system which is representative of each source (hereafter called a sampling point). The minimum number of samples is one sample per sampling point beginning in accordance with Table 2.8.

(3) The commissioner may require a confirmation sample for positive or negative results.

(4) Owners of waterworks serving less than 150 connections may inform the commissioner, in writing, that their waterworks is available for sampling instead of performing the required sampling.

(5) All waterworks required to sample under this section shall repeat the sampling at least every five years.

b. Table 2.6—Group B and Table 2.7

(1) The owner of each community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall take four consecutive quarterly samples at the entry points to the distribution system which is representative of each source (hereafter called a sampling point) for each contaminant listed in Table 2.6 Group B and report the results to the commissioner. Monitoring shall be completed by December 31, 1995.

(2) The owner of each community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall take one sample at each sampling point for each contaminant listed in Table 2.7 and report the results to the commissioner. Monitoring shall be completed by December 31, 1995.

(3) The owner of each community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks may apply to the commissioner for a waiver from the monitoring requirements of subdivisions B 4 b (1) and (2) of this section for the contaminants listed in Table 2.6 Group B and Table 2.7.

(4) The commissioner may grant a waiver for the requirement of subdivision B 4 b (1) of this section based on the criteria specified in subdivision B 2 f of this section. The commissioner may grant a waiver from the requirement of subdivision B 4 b (2) of this section if previous analytical results indicate contamination would not occur, provided this data was collected after January 1, 1990.

(5) If the waterworks utilizes more than one source and the sources are combined before distribution, the owner shall sample at an entry point to the distribution system during periods of normal operating conditions (i.e., when water is representative of all sources being used).

(6) The commissioner may require a confirmation sample for positive or negative results.

(7) Instead of performing the monitoring required by this section, the owner of a community waterworks or nontransient noncommunity waterworks serving fewer than 150 service connections may send a letter to the commissioner stating that the waterworks is available for sampling. This letter shall be sent to the commissioner by January 1, 1994. The owner shall not
send such samples to the commissioner unless requested to do so by the commissioner.

(8) All waterworks required to sample under this subdivision shall repeat the sampling at least every five years.

5. Reserved.

6. Reserved.

7. Monitoring filtration and disinfection.

a. The owner of a waterworks that uses a surface water source or a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water and provides filtration treatment shall monitor in accordance with this section beginning June 29, 1993, or when filtration is installed, whichever is later.

b. Turbidity measurements as required by 12VAC5-590-370 C shall be performed on representative samples of the filtered water every four hours (or more frequently) that the waterworks serves water to the public. An owner may substitute continuous turbidity monitoring for grab sample monitoring if it validates the continuous measurement for accuracy on a regular basis using a protocol approved by the commissioner. For any waterworks using slow sand filtration or filtration treatment other than conventional treatment, direct filtration, or diatomaceous earth filtration, the office may reduce the sampling frequency to once per day if it determines that less frequent monitoring is sufficient to indicate effective filtration performance. For waterworks serving 500 or fewer persons, the commissioner may reduce the turbidity sampling frequency to once per day, regardless of the type of filtration treatment used, if the commissioner determines that less frequent monitoring is sufficient to indicate effective filtration performance.

(1) In addition to the above, as of January 1, 2001, waterworks serving at least 10,000 people and as of January 1, 2005, waterworks serving less than 10,000 people supplied by surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water using conventional filtration treatment or direct filtration shall conduct continuous monitoring of turbidity for each individual filter, using an approved method in 12VAC5-590-440. The turbidimeter shall be calibrated using the procedure specified by the manufacturer. The owner shall record the results of individual filter turbidity monitoring every 15 minutes.

(2) If there is a failure in the continuous turbidity monitoring equipment, the owner shall conduct grab sampling every four hours in lieu of continuous monitoring but for no more than five working days (for waterworks serving at least 10,000 people) or 14 days (for waterworks serving less than 10,000 people) following the failure of the equipment.

(3) If a waterworks serving less than 10,000 people consists of two or fewer filters, continuous monitoring of the combined filter effluent may be used in lieu of individual filter monitoring.

c. The residual disinfectant concentration of the water entering the distribution system shall be monitored continuously, and the lowest value shall be recorded each day, except that if there is a failure in the continuous monitoring equipment, grab sampling every four hours may be conducted in lieu of continuous monitoring, but for no more than five working days following the failure of the equipment, and owners of waterworks serving 3,300 or fewer persons may take grab samples in lieu of continuous monitoring on an ongoing basis at the frequencies each day prescribed below:

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Table 2.5

Grab Sample Monitoring Frequency

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The day's samples cannot be taken at the same time. The sampling intervals are subject to commissioner's review and approval. If at any time the residual disinfectant concentration falls below 0.2 mg/L in a waterworks using grab sampling in lieu of continuous monitoring, the waterworks owner shall take a grab sample every four hours until the residual disinfectant concentration is equal to or greater than 0.2 mg/L.

1. The residual disinfectant concentration shall be measured at least at the same points in the distribution system and at the same time as total coliforms are sampled, as specified in subsection A of this section, except that the district engineer may allow an owner which uses both a surface water source or a groundwater source to take disinfectant residual samples at points other than the total coliform sampling points if the division determines that such points are more representative of treated (disinfected) water quality within the distribution system. Heterotrophic bacteria, measured as heterotrophic plate count (HPC) as specified in 12VAC5-590-420 B may be measured in lieu of residual disinfectant concentration.

2. If the commissioner determines, based on site-specific considerations, that a waterworks has no means for having a sample transported and analyzed for HPC by a certified laboratory under the requisite time and temperature conditions and that the waterworks is providing adequate disinfection in the distribution system, the requirements of subdivision B 7 (1) of this section do not apply to that waterworks.

d. The following information on the samples taken in the distribution system in conjunction with total coliform monitoring pursuant to 12VAC5-590-420 B shall be reported monthly to the district engineer by the owner:

1) Number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is measured;
2) Number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is not measured but HPC is measured;
3) Number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is measured but not detected and no HPC is measured;
4) Number of instances where no residual disinfectant concentration is detected and where the HPC is greater than 500/mL;
5) Number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is not measured and HPC is greater than 500/mL.

6) For the current and previous month the waterworks serves water to the public, the value of "V" in percent in the following formula:

\[ V = \frac{(c + d + e)}{(a + b)} \times 100 \]

where

- a = the value in subdivision B 7 d (1) of this section,
- b = the value in subdivision B 7 d (2) of this section,
- c = the value in subdivision B 7 d (3) of this section,
- d = the value in subdivision B 7 d (4) of this section,
- e = the value in subdivision B 7 d (5) of this section,

7) If the commissioner determines, based on site-specific considerations, that an owner has no means for having a sample transported and analyzed for HPC by a certified laboratory within the requisite time and temperature conditions and that the waterworks is providing adequate disinfection in the distribution system, the requirements of subdivision B 7 c (1) of this

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section do not apply.

e. An owner need not report the data listed in 12VAC5-590-530 C 2 a if all data listed in 12VAC5-590-530 C 2 a through c remain on file at the waterworks and the district engineer determines that the owner has submitted all the information required by 12VAC5-590-530 C 2 a through c for at least 12 months.

8. Operational. Owners may be required by the commissioner to collect additional samples to provide quality control for any treatment processes that are employed.

C. Physical. All samples for turbidity analysis shall be taken at a representative entry point or points to the water distribution system unless otherwise specified. Turbidity samples shall be analyzed in accordance with 12VAC5-590-480 B 1 a, at least once per day at all waterworks that use surface water sources or groundwater sources under the direct influence of surface water.

D. Radiological. The location of sampling points, the radionuclides measured in community waterworks, the frequency, and the timing of sampling within each compliance period shall be established or approved by the commissioner. The commissioner may increase required monitoring where necessary to detect variations within the waterworks. Failure to comply with the sampling schedules in this section will require public notification pursuant to 12VAC5-590-540.

Community waterworks owners shall conduct monitoring to determine compliance with the PMCLs in Table 2.5 and 12VAC5-590-400 in accordance with this section.

1. Monitoring and compliance requirements for gross alpha particle activity, radium-226, radium-228, and uranium.

a. Community waterworks owners shall conduct initial monitoring to determine compliance with 12VAC5-590-400 B 2, 12VAC5-590-400 B 3 and 12VAC5-590-400 B 4 by December 31, 2007. For the purposes of monitoring for gross alpha particle activity, radium-226, radium-228, uranium, and beta particle and photon radioactivity in drinking water, "detection limit" is defined as in Appendix B of this chapter.

(1) Applicability and sampling location for existing community waterworks or sources. The owners of all existing community waterworks using ground water, surface water or waterworks using both ground and surface water shall sample at every entry point to the distribution system that is representative of all sources being used under normal operating conditions. The community waterworks owner shall take each sample at the same entry point unless conditions make another sampling point more representative of each source.

(2) Applicability and sampling location for new community waterworks or sources. All new community waterworks or community waterworks that use a new source of water shall begin to conduct initial monitoring for the new source within the first quarter after initiating use of the source. Community waterworks owners shall conduct more frequent monitoring when directed by the commissioner in the event of possible contamination or when changes in the distribution system or treatment processes occur which may increase the concentration of radioactivity in finished water.

b. Initial monitoring: Community waterworks owners shall conduct initial monitoring for gross alpha particle activity, radium-226, radium-228, and uranium as follows:

(1) Community waterworks without acceptable historical data, as defined below, shall collect four consecutive quarterly samples at all entry points before December 31, 2007.

(2) Grandfathering of data: The commissioner may allow historical monitoring data collected at an entry point to satisfy the initial monitoring requirements for that entry point, for the following situations:
(a) To satisfy initial monitoring requirements, a community waterworks owner having only one entry point to the distribution system may use the monitoring data from the last compliance monitoring period that began between June 2000 and December 8, 2003.

(b) To satisfy initial monitoring requirements, a community waterworks owner with multiple entry points and having appropriate historical monitoring data for each entry point to the distribution system may use the monitoring data from the last compliance monitoring period that began between June 2000 and December 8, 2003.

(3) For gross alpha particle activity, uranium, radium-226, and radium-228 monitoring, the commissioner may waive the final two quarters of initial monitoring for an entry point if the results of the samples from the previous two quarters are below the method detection limit specified in Appendix B.

(4) If the average of the initial monitoring results for an entry point is above the PMCL, the community waterworks owner shall collect and analyze quarterly samples at that entry point until the owner has results from four consecutive quarters that are at or below the PMCL, unless the community waterworks owner enters into another schedule as part of a formal compliance agreement with the commissioner.

c. Reduced monitoring: The commissioner may allow community waterworks owners to reduce the future frequency of monitoring from once every three years to once every six or nine years at each entry point, based on the following criteria:

(1) If the average of the initial monitoring results for each contaminant (i.e., gross alpha particle activity, uranium, radium-226, or radium-228) is below the method detection limit specified in Appendix B, the community waterworks owner shall collect and analyze for that contaminant using at least one sample at that entry point every nine years.

(2) For gross alpha particle activity and uranium, if the average of the initial monitoring results for each contaminant is at or above the method detection limit specified in Appendix B but at or below 1/2 of the PMCL, the community waterworks owner shall collect and analyze for that contaminant using at least one sample at that entry point every six years. For combined radium-226 and radium-228, the analytical results shall be combined. If the average of the combined initial monitoring results for radium-226 and radium-228 is at or above the method detection limit specified in Appendix B but at or below 1/2 the PMCL, the community waterworks owner shall collect and analyze for that contaminant using at least one sample at that entry point every six years.

(3) For gross alpha particle activity and uranium, if the average of the initial monitoring results for each contaminant is above 1/2 the PMCL but at or below the MPCL, the community waterworks owner shall collect and analyze at least one sample at that entry point every three years. For combined radium-226 and radium-228, the analytical results shall be combined. If the average of the combined initial monitoring results for radium-226 and radium-228 is above 1/2 the PMCL but at or below the MPCL, the community waterworks owner shall collect and analyze at least one sample at that entry point every three years.

(4) Community waterworks owners shall use the samples collected during the reduced monitoring period to determine the monitoring frequency for subsequent monitoring periods (e.g., if a community waterworks’ entry point is on a nine-year monitoring period, and the sample result is above 1/2 the PMCL, then the next monitoring period for that entry point is three years).

(5) If a community waterworks owner has a monitoring result that exceeds the PMCL while on reduced monitoring, the community waterworks owner shall collect and analyze quarterly samples at that entry point until the community waterworks
owner has results from four consecutive quarters that are below the PMCL, unless the community waterworks enters into another schedule as part of a formal compliance agreement with the commissioner.

d. Compositing: To fulfill quarterly monitoring requirements for gross alpha particle activity, radium-226, radium-228, or uranium, a community waterworks owner may composite up to four consecutive quarterly samples from a single entry point if analysis is done within a year of the first sample. The commissioner will treat analytical results from the compositing sample as the average analytical result to determine compliance with the PMCLs and the future monitoring frequency. If the analytical result from the compositing sample is greater than 1/2 the PMCL, the commissioner may direct the community waterworks owner to take additional quarterly samples before allowing the community waterworks owner to sample under a reduced monitoring schedule.

e. A gross alpha particle activity measurement may be substituted for the required radium-226 measurement provided that the measured gross alpha particle activity does not exceed 5 pCi/L. A gross alpha particle activity measurement may be substituted for the required uranium measurement provided that the measured gross alpha particle activity does not exceed 15 pCi/L.

The gross alpha measurement shall have a confidence interval of 95% (1.65, where \( \sigma \) is the standard deviation of the net counting rate of the sample) for radium-226 and uranium. When a community waterworks owner uses a gross alpha particle activity measurement in lieu of a radium-226 and/or uranium measurement, the gross alpha particle activity analytical result will be used to determine the future monitoring frequency for radium-226 and/or uranium. If the gross alpha particle activity result is less than the detection limit as specified in Appendix B, 1/2 the detection limit will be used to determine compliance and the future monitoring frequency.

2. Monitoring and compliance requirements for beta particle and photon radioactivity. To determine compliance with the maximum contaminant levels in 12VAC5-590-400 B 5 for beta particle and photon radioactivity, a community waterworks owner shall monitor at a frequency as follows:

a. Community waterworks owners (using surface or groundwater) designated by the commissioner as vulnerable shall sample for beta particle and photon radioactivity. Community waterworks owners shall collect quarterly samples for beta emitters and annual samples for tritium and strontium-90 at each entry point to the distribution system, beginning within one quarter after being notified by the commissioner. Community waterworks already designated by the commissioner shall continue to sample until the commissioner reviews and either reaffirms or removes the designation.

(1) If the gross beta particle activity minus the naturally occurring potassium-40 beta particle activity at an entry point has a running annual average (computed quarterly) less than or equal to 50 pCi/L (screening level), the commissioner may reduce the frequency of monitoring at that entry point to once every three years. Community waterworks owners shall collect all samples required in subdivision 2 a of this subsection during the reduced monitoring period.

(2) For community waterworks in the vicinity of a nuclear facility, the commissioner may allow the community waterworks owners to utilize environmental surveillance data collected by the nuclear facility in lieu of monitoring at the community waterworks’ entry point(s), where the commissioner determines if such data is applicable to a particular community waterworks. In the event that there is a release from a nuclear facility, community waterworks owners which are using surveillance data shall begin monitoring at the community waterworks’ entry point(s) in accordance with subdivision 2 a of this subsection.
b. Community waterworks owners (using surface or groundwater) designated by the commissioner as utilizing waters contaminated by effluents from nuclear facilities shall sample for beta particle and photon radioactivity. Community waterworks owners shall collect quarterly samples for beta emitters and iodine-131 and annual samples for tritium and strontium-90 at each entry point to the distribution system, beginning within one quarter after being notified by the commissioner. Owners of community waterworks already designated by the commissioner as using waters contaminated by effluents from nuclear facilities shall continue to sample until the commissioner reviews and either reaffirms or removes the designation.

(1) Quarterly monitoring for gross beta particle activity shall be based on the analysis of monthly samples or the analysis of a composite of three monthly samples. The former is recommended.

(2) For iodine-131, a composite of five consecutive daily samples shall be analyzed once each quarter. As directed by the commission, more frequent monitoring shall be conducted when iodine-131 is identified in the finished water.

(3) Annual monitoring for strontium-90 and tritium shall be conducted by means of the analysis of a composite of four consecutive quarterly samples or analysis of four quarterly samples. The latter procedure is recommended.

(4) If the gross beta particle activity minus the naturally occurring potassium-40 beta particle activity at a sampling point has a running annual average (computed quarterly) less than or equal to 15 pCi/L (screening level), the commissioner may reduce the frequency of monitoring at that sampling point to every three years. Community waterworks owners shall collect all samples required in subdivision 2 b of this subsection during the reduced monitoring period.

(5) For community waterworks in the vicinity of a nuclear facility, the commissioner may allow the community waterworks owner to utilize environmental surveillance data collected by the nuclear facility in lieu of the monitoring at the community waterworks' entry point(s), where the commissioner determines such data is applicable to a particular waterworks. In the event that there is a release from a nuclear facility, community waterworks owners which are using surveillance data shall begin monitoring at the community waterworks' entry point(s) in accordance with subdivision 2 b of this subsection.

c. Owners of community waterworks designated by the commissioner to monitor for beta particle and photon radioactivity can not apply to the commissioner for a waiver from the monitoring frequencies specified in subdivision 2 a or b of this subsection.

d. Community waterworks owners may analyze for naturally occurring potassium-40 beta particle activity from the same or equivalent sample used for the gross beta particle activity analysis. Community waterworks owners are allowed to subtract the potassium-40 beta particle activity value from the total gross beta particle activity value to determine if the screening level is exceeded. The potassium-40 beta particle activity shall be calculated by multiplying elemental potassium concentrations (in mg/L) by a factor of 0.82.

e. If the gross beta particle activity minus the naturally occurring potassium-40 beta particle activity exceeds the appropriate screening level, an analysis of the sample shall be performed to identify the major radioactive constituents present in the sample and the appropriate doses shall be calculated and summed to determine compliance with 12VAC5-590-400 B 5 a, using the formula in 12VAC590-400 B 5 b. Doses shall also be calculated and combined for measured levels of tritium and strontium to determine compliance.

f. Community waterworks owners shall monitor monthly at the entry point(s) which exceed the maximum contaminant level in 12VAC5-590-400 B 5 beginning the month after the exceedance occurs. Community waterworks owners shall continue
monthly monitoring until the community waterworks has established, by a rolling average of three monthly samples, that the PMCL is being met. Community waterworks owners who establish that the PMCL is being met shall return to quarterly monitoring until they meet the requirements set forth in subdivision 2 a (1) or 2 b (4) of this subsection.

3. General monitoring and compliance requirements for radionuclides.

a. The commissioner may require more frequent monitoring than specified in subdivisions 1 and 2 of this subsection, or may require confirmation samples at his discretion. The results of the initial and confirmation samples shall be averaged for use in compliance determinations.

b. Each community waterworks owner shall monitor at the time designated by the commissioner during each compliance period.

c. Compliance: Compliance with 12VAC5-590-400 B 2 through 12VAC5-590-400 B 5 will be determined based on the analytical results(s) obtained at each entry point. If one entry point is in violation of a PMCL, the community waterworks is in violation of the PMCL.

1) For community waterworks monitoring more than once per year, compliance with the PMCL is determined by a running annual average at each entry point. If the average of any entry point is greater than the PMCL, then the community waterworks is out of compliance with the PMCL.

2) For community waterworks monitoring more than once per year, if any sample result will cause the running average to exceed the PMCL at any entry point, the community waterworks is out of compliance with the PMCL immediately.

3) Community waterworks owners shall include all samples taken and analyzed under the provisions of this section in determining compliance, even if that number is greater than the minimum required.

4) If a community waterworks owner does not collect all required samples when compliance is based on a running annual average of quarterly samples, compliance will be based on the running average of the samples collected.

5) If a sample result is less than the method detection limit as specified in Appendix B, zero will be used to calculate the annual average, unless a gross alpha particle activity is being used in lieu of radium-226 and/or uranium. If the gross alpha particle activity result is less than the method detection limit as specified in Appendix B, 1/2 the method detection limit will be used to calculate the annual average.

d. The commissioner has the discretion to delete results of obvious sampling or analytic errors.

e. If the PMCL for radioactivity set forth in 12VAC5-590-400 B through 12VAC5-590-400 B 5 is exceeded, the owner of a community waterworks shall give notice to the commissioner pursuant to 12VAC5-590-530 and to the public as required by 12VAC5-590-540.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-375. Lead and copper monitoring.

A. The owners of all community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall monitor for lead and copper in tap water (subsection B of this section), water quality (corrosion) parameters in the distribution system and at entry points (subsection C of this section), and lead and copper in water supplies (subsection D of this section).

B. Monitoring requirements for lead and copper in tap water.

1. Sample site location.

   a. By the commissioner determined date for commencement of monitoring under subdivision B 4 a of this section, each owner shall complete a materials evaluation of the distribution system in order to identify a pool of targeted sampling sites that meets the requirements of this subdivision, and that is sufficiently large to ensure that the owner can collect the number of lead and copper tap samples required in subdivision B 3 of this section. All sites from which first draw samples are collected shall be selected from this pool of targeted sampling sites. Sampling sites may not include faucets that have point-of-use or point-of-entry treatment devices designed to remove inorganic contaminants.

   b. When the distribution system evaluation required in subdivision B 1 a of this section is insufficient to locate the requisite number of lead and copper sampling sites that meet the targeting criteria of this section, the owner shall review the sources of information listed below in order to identify a sufficient number of sampling sites. In addition, the owner shall seek to collect such information where possible in the course of its normal operations (e.g., checking service line materials when reading water meters or performing maintenance activities):

      (1) All plumbing codes, permits, and records in the files of the building department or departments that indicate the plumbing materials that are installed within publicly and privately owned structures connected to the distribution system;

      (2) All inspections and records of the distribution system that indicate the material composition of the service connections that connect a structure to the distribution system; and

      (3) All existing water quality information, which includes the results of all prior analyses of the waterworks or individual structures connected to the waterworks, indicating locations that may be particularly susceptible to high lead or copper concentrations.

   c. The sampling sites selected for a community waterworks' sampling pool (tier 1 sampling sites) shall consist of single family structures that:

      (1) Contain copper pipes with lead solder installed between January 1983 and April 1986 or contain lead pipes; or

      (2) Are served by a lead service line.

   NOTE: When multiple-family residences comprise at least 20% of the structures served by a waterworks, the owner may include these types of structures in the sampling pool.

   d. The owner of any community waterworks with insufficient tier 1 sampling sites shall complete the sampling pool with tier 2 sampling sites consisting of buildings, including multiple-family residences that:

      (1) Contain copper pipes with lead solder installed between January 1983 and April 1986 or contain lead pipes; or

      (2) Are served by a lead service line.
e. The owner of any community waterworks with insufficient tier 1 and tier 2 sampling sites shall complete the sampling pool with tier 3 sampling sites, consisting of single family structures that contain copper pipes with lead solder installed before 1983. The owner of a community waterworks with insufficient tier 1, tier 2, and tier 3 sampling sites shall complete the sampling pool with representative sites throughout the distribution system. For the purpose of this subdivision, a representative site is a site in which the plumbing materials used at that site would be commonly found at other sites served by the waterworks.

f. The sampling sites selected for a nontransient noncommunity waterworks (tier 1 sampling sites) shall consist of buildings that:

(1) Contain copper pipes with lead solder installed between January 1983 and April 1986 or contain lead pipes; or

(2) Are served by a lead service line.

g. The owner of a nontransient noncommunity waterworks with insufficient tier 1 sites that meet the targeting criteria in subdivision B 1 f of this section shall complete the sampling pool with sampling sites that contain copper pipes with lead solder installed before 1983. If additional sites are needed to complete the sampling pool, the owner of a nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall use representative sites throughout the distribution system. For the purpose of this subdivision, a representative site is a site in which the plumbing materials used at that site would be commonly found at other sites served by the waterworks.

h. The owner of any waterworks whose distribution system contains lead service lines shall draw 50% of the samples the owner collects during each monitoring period from sites that contain lead pipes, or copper pipes with lead solder, and 50% of the samples the owner collects from sites served by a lead service line. Any owner who cannot identify a sufficient number of sampling sites served by a lead service line shall collect first draw tap samples from all of the sites identified as being served by such lines.

2. Sample collection methods.

a. All tap samples for lead and copper, with the exception of lead service line samples collected under 12VAC5-590-405 C 4 and samples collected under subdivision B 2 e of this section, shall be first draw samples.

b. Each first-draw tap sample for lead and copper shall be one liter in volume and have stood motionless in the plumbing system of each sampling site for at least six hours. First draw samples from residential housing shall be collected from the cold-water kitchen tap or bathroom sink tap. First-draw samples from a nonresidential building shall be one liter in volume and shall be collected at an interior tap from which water is typically drawn for consumption. Non-first-draw samples collected in lieu of first-draw samples pursuant to subdivision B 2 e of this section shall be one liter in volume and shall be collected at an interior tap from which water is typically drawn for consumption. First draw samples may be collected by the owner or the owner may allow residents to collect first draw samples after instructing the residents of the sampling procedures specified in this subdivision. To avoid problems of residents handling nitric acid, acidification of first draw samples may be done up to 14 days after the sample is collected. After acidification to resolubilize the metals, the sample must stand in the original container for the time specified in the approved EPA method before the sample can be analyzed. If an owner allows residents to perform sampling, the owner may not challenge, based on alleged errors in sample collection, the accuracy of sampling results.
c. Each lead service line sample collected pursuant to 12VAC5-590-405 C 4 for the purpose of avoiding replacement shall be one liter in volume and have stood motionless in the lead service line for at least six hours. Lead service line samples shall be collected in one of the following three ways:

(1) At the tap after flushing the volume of water between the tap and the lead service line. The volume of water shall be calculated based on the interior diameter and length of the pipe between the tap and the lead service line;
(2) Tapping directly into the lead service line; or
(3) If the sampling site is a building constructed as a single-family residence, allowing the water to run until there is a significant change in temperature that would be indicative of water that has been standing in the lead service line.

d. An owner shall collect each first draw tap sample from the same sampling site from which the owner collected a previous sample. If, for any reason, the owner cannot gain entry to a sampling site in order to collect a follow-up tap sample, the owner may collect the follow-up tap sample from another sampling site in the sampling pool as long as the new site meets the same targeting criteria and is within reasonable proximity of the original site.

e. The owner of a nontransient noncommunity waterworks, or a community waterworks that meets the criteria of 12VAC5-590-405 D 2 e (2) that does not have enough taps that can supply first-draw samples, as defined in subdivision B 2 b of this section, may apply to the district engineer in writing to substitute non-first-draw samples. If approved by the commissioner, such owners shall collect as many first-draw samples from appropriate taps as possible and identify sampling times and locations that would likely result in the longest standing time for the remaining sites.

3. Number of samples.

a. Owners shall collect at least one sample during each monitoring period specified in subdivision B 4 of this section from the number of sites listed in the first column (standard monitoring) of the table in subdivision B 3 c of this section. The owner of a waterworks conducting reduced monitoring under subdivision B 4 d of this section shall collect at least one sample from the number of sites specified in the second column (reduced monitoring) of the table in subdivision B 3 c of this section during each monitoring period specified in subdivision B 4 d of this section. Such reduced monitoring sites shall be representative of the sites required for standard monitoring. The commissioner may specify sampling locations when an owner is conducting reduced monitoring.

b. The owner of a waterworks that has fewer than five drinking water taps that are normally used for human consumption meeting the sample site criteria of subdivision B 1 of this section to reach the required number of sample sites listed in the table in subdivision B 3 c of this section, shall collect at least one sample from each tap and then shall collect additional samples from those taps on different days during the monitoring period to meet the required number of sites. Alternatively, the commissioner may allow these owners to collect a number of samples less than the number of sites specified in the table in subdivision B 3 c of this section, provided that 100% of all taps that are normally used for human consumption are sampled. The commissioner must approve this reduction of the minimum number of samples in writing based on a request from the owner or onsite verification by the district engineer.

c. The lead and copper tap sample table is as follows:

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a. Initial tap sampling. The first six-month monitoring period for small (serving less than 3,300 population), medium-size (serving 3,301 to 50,000 population), and large waterworks (serving greater than 50,000 population) shall be established by the commissioner.

(1) Owners of all large waterworks shall monitor during two consecutive six-month periods.

(2) Owners of all small and medium-size waterworks shall monitor during each six-month monitoring period until the waterworks exceeds the lead or copper action level and is therefore required to implement the corrosion control treatment requirements under 12VAC5-590-405 A 2, in which case the owner shall continue monitoring in accordance with subdivision B 4 b of this section, or the waterworks meets the lead and copper action levels during two consecutive six-month monitoring periods, in which case the owner may reduce monitoring in accordance with subdivision B 4 d of this section.

b. Monitoring after installation of corrosion control and water supply (source water) treatment.

(1) The owner of any large waterworks that installs optimal corrosion control treatment pursuant to 12VAC5-590-405 A 2 d (4) shall monitor during two consecutive six-month monitoring periods by the date specified in 12VAC5-590-405 A 2 d (5).

(2) The owner of any small or medium-size waterworks that installs optimal corrosion control treatment pursuant to 12VAC5-590-405 A 2 e (5) shall monitor during two consecutive six-month monitoring periods by the date specified in 12VAC5-590-405 A 2 d (6).

(3) The owner of any waterworks that installs source water treatment pursuant to 12VAC5-590-405 B 1 c shall monitor during two consecutive six-month monitoring periods by the date specified in 12VAC5-590-405 B 1 d.

c. Monitoring after the commissioner specifies water quality parameter values for optimal corrosion control. After the commissioner specifies the values for water quality control parameters under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 f the owner shall monitor during each subsequent six-month monitoring period, with the first monitoring period to begin on the date the commissioner specifies the optimal values.

d. Reduced monitoring.

(1) The owner of a small or medium-size waterworks that meets the lead and copper action levels during each of two consecutive six-month monitoring periods may reduce the number of samples in accordance with subdivision B 3 of this section, and reduce the frequency of sampling to once per year. The owner of a small or medium water system collecting fewer than five samples as specified in subdivision B 3 b of this section, that meets the lead and copper action levels during each of two consecutive six-month monitoring periods may reduce the frequency of sampling to once per year. In no case may the owner reduce the number of samples required below the minimum of one sample per available tap. This sampling shall begin during the calendar year immediately following the end of the second consecutive six-month monitoring period.

(2) The owner of any waterworks that meets the lead action level and maintains the range of values for the water quality control parameters reflecting optimal corrosion control treatment specified by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 f...
during each of two consecutive six-month monitoring periods may reduce the frequency of monitoring to once per year and to reduce the number of lead and copper samples in accordance with subdivision B 3 of this section if the owner receives written approval from the commissioner. This sampling shall begin during the calendar year immediately following the end of the second consecutive six-month monitoring period. The commissioner must review monitoring, treatment, and other relevant information submitted by the owner in accordance with 12VAC5-590-530 D and must notify the owner in writing when a determination is made that the owner is eligible to commence reduced monitoring pursuant to this subdivision. The commissioner must review, and where appropriate, revise his determination when the owner submits new monitoring or treatment data, or when other data relevant to the number and frequency of tap sampling becomes available.

(3) The owner of a small or medium-size waterworks that meets the lead and copper action levels during three consecutive years of monitoring may reduce the frequency of monitoring for lead and copper from annually to once every three years. The owner of any waterworks that meets the lead action level and maintains the range of values for the water quality control parameters reflecting optimal corrosion control treatment specified by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 f during three consecutive years of monitoring may reduce the frequency of monitoring from annually to once every three years if the owner receives written approval from the commissioner. Samples collected once every three years shall be collected no later than every third calendar year. The commissioner must review monitoring, treatment, and other relevant information submitted by the owner in accordance with 12VAC5-590-530 D and must notify the owner in writing when a determination is made that the owner is eligible to commence reduced monitoring pursuant to this subdivision. The commissioner must review, and where appropriate, revise his determination when the owner submits new monitoring or treatment data, or when other data relevant to the number and frequency of tap sampling becomes available.

(4) The owner of a waterworks that reduces the number and frequency of sampling shall collect these samples from representative sites included in the pool of targeted sampling sites identified in subdivision B 1 of this section. Owners sampling annually or less frequently shall conduct the lead and copper tap sampling during the months of June, July, August, or September. For a nontransient noncommunity waterworks that does not operate during the months of June through September, the commissioner shall designate an alternate monitoring period that represents a time of normal operation for the waterworks. This sampling shall begin in the calendar year immediately following the end of the second consecutive six-month monitoring period of the owners initiating annual monitoring and during the three-year period following the end of the third consecutive calendar year of annual monitoring for the owners initiating triennial monitoring.

(5) The owner of any waterworks that demonstrates for two consecutive six-month monitoring periods that the tap water lead level computed under 12VAC5-590-385 C is less than or equal to 0.005 mg/L and the tap water copper level computed under 12VAC5-590-385 C is less than or equal to 0.65 mg/L may reduce the number of samples in accordance with subdivision B 3 of this section and reduce the frequency of sampling to once every three calendar years.

(6) The owner of a small or medium-size waterworks subject to reduced monitoring that exceeds the lead or copper action level shall resume sampling in accordance with subdivision B 4 c of this section and collect the number of samples specified for standard monitoring under subdivision B 3 of this section. Such owner shall also conduct water quality parameter monitoring in accordance with subdivision C 2, 3, or 4 of this section (as appropriate) during the monitoring period in which the action level is exceeded. The owner of any such waterworks may resume annual monitoring for lead and copper at the tap at the reduced number of sites specified in subdivision B 3 of this section after it has completed two subsequent

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consecutive six-month rounds of monitoring that meet the criteria of subdivision B 4 d (1) of this section or may resume triennial monitoring for lead and copper at the reduced number of sites after it demonstrates through subsequent rounds of monitoring that it meets the criteria of either subdivision B 4 d (3) or (5) of this section.

(7) The owner of any waterworks subject to the reduced monitoring frequency that fails to meet the lead action level during any four-month monitoring period or that fails to operate at or above the minimum value or within the range of values for the water quality parameters specified by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 f for more than nine days in any six-month period specified in subdivision C 4 of this section shall conduct tap water sampling for lead and copper at the frequency specified in subdivision B 4 c of this section, collect the number of samples specified for standard monitoring under subdivision B 3 of this section, and resume monitoring for water quality parameters within the distribution system in accordance with subdivision C 4 of this section. This standard tap water sampling shall begin no later than the six-month period beginning January 1 of the calendar year following the lead action level exceedance or water quality parameter excursion. The owner of such a waterworks may resume reduced monitoring for lead and copper at the tap and for water quality parameters within the distribution system under the following conditions:

(a) The owner may resume annual monitoring for lead and copper at the tap at the reduced number of sites specified in subdivision B 3 of this section after completion of two subsequent six-month rounds of monitoring that meet the criteria of subdivision B 4 d 2 of this section and the owner has received written approval from the commissioner that it is appropriate to resume reduced monitoring on an annual frequency. This sampling shall begin during the calendar year immediately following the end of the second consecutive six-month monitoring period.

(b) The owner may resume triennial monitoring for lead and copper at the tap at the reduced number of sites after demonstration through subsequent rounds of monitoring that it meets the criteria of either subdivision B 4 d (3) or (5) of this section and the owner has received written approval from the commissioner that it is appropriate to resume triennial monitoring.

(c) The owner may reduce the number of water quality parameter tap water samples required in accordance with subdivision C 5 a of this section and the frequency with which it collects such samples in accordance with subdivision C 5 b of this section. The owner of such a waterworks may not resume triennial monitoring for water quality parameters at the tap until it demonstrates, in accordance with the requirements of subdivision C 5 b of this section, that it has requalified for triennial monitoring.

(8) The owner of any waterworks subject to a reduced monitoring frequency under subdivision B 4 d of this section shall notify the district engineer in writing in accordance with 12VAC5-590-530 D 1 c of any upcoming long-term change in treatment or addition of a new water source as described in this section. The commissioner must review and approve the addition of a new water source or long-term change in water treatment before it is implemented by the owner. The commissioner may require the owner to resume sampling in accordance with subdivision B 4 c of this section and collect the number of samples specified for standard monitoring under subdivision B 3 of this section or take other appropriate steps such as increased water quality parameter monitoring or re-evaluation of its corrosion control treatment given the potentially different water quality considerations.

5. Additional monitoring by owner. The results of any monitoring conducted in addition to the minimum requirements of this
section shall be considered by the owner and the commissioner in making any determinations (i.e., calculating the 90th percentile lead or copper level) under 12VAC5-590-385 C.

6. Invalidation of lead or copper tap water samples. A sample invalidated under this subdivision does not count toward determining lead or copper 90th percentile levels under 12VAC5-590-385 C or toward meeting the minimum monitoring requirements of subdivision B 3 of this section.

a. The commissioner may invalidate a lead or copper tap water sample if at least one of the following conditions is met.

(1) The laboratory establishes that improper sample analysis caused erroneous results.

(2) The commissioner determines that the sample was taken from a site that did not meet the site selection criteria of this section.

(3) The sample container was damaged in transit.

(4) There is substantial reason to believe that the sample was subject to tampering.

b. The owner shall report the results of all samples to the district engineer and all supporting documentation for samples the owner believes should be invalidated.

c. To invalidate a sample under subdivision B 6 a of this section, the decision and the rationale for the decision shall be documented in writing. The commissioner may not invalidate a sample solely on the grounds that a follow-up sample result is higher or lower than that of the original sample.

d. The owner shall collect replacement samples for any samples invalidated under this section if, after the invalidation of one or more samples, the owner has too few samples to meet the minimum requirements of subdivision B 3 of this section. Any such replacement samples shall be taken as soon as possible, but no later than 20 days after the date the commissioner invalidates the sample or by the end of the applicable monitoring period, whichever occurs later. Replacement samples taken after the end of the applicable monitoring period shall not also be used to meet the monitoring requirements of a subsequent monitoring period. The replacement samples shall be taken at the same locations as the invalidated samples or, if that is not possible, at locations other than those already used for sampling during the monitoring period.

7. Monitoring waivers for small waterworks. The owner of any small waterworks that meets the criteria of this subdivision may apply to the commissioner to reduce the frequency of monitoring for lead and copper to once every nine years (i.e., a full waiver) if the owner meets all of the materials criteria specified in subdivision B 7 a of this section and all of the monitoring criteria specified in subdivision B 7 b of this section. The owner of any small waterworks that meets the criteria in subdivisions B 7 a and b of this section only for lead, or only for copper, may apply to the commissioner for a waiver to reduce the frequency of tap water monitoring to once every nine years for that contaminant only (i.e., a partial waiver).

a. Materials criteria. The owner shall demonstrate that the distribution system and service lines and all drinking water supply plumbing, including plumbing conveying drinking water within all residences and buildings connected to the waterworks, are free of lead-containing materials or copper-containing materials, as those terms are defined in this subdivision, as follows:

(1) Lead. To qualify for a full waiver, or a waiver of the tap water monitoring requirements for lead (i.e., a lead waiver), the owner shall provide certification and supporting documentation to the commissioner that the waterworks is free of all lead-containing materials, as follows:

(a) It contains no plastic pipes that contain lead plasticizers, or plastic service lines that contain lead plasticizers; and
(b) It is free of lead service lines, lead pipes, lead soldered pipe joints, and leaded brass or bronze alloy fittings and fixtures, unless such fittings and fixtures meet the specifications of any standard established pursuant to 42 USC § 300g-6(e) (SDWA § 1417(e)).

(2) Copper. To qualify for a full waiver, or a waiver of the tap water monitoring requirements for copper (i.e., a copper waiver), the owner shall provide certification and supporting documentation to the commissioner that the waterworks contains no copper pipes or copper service lines.

b. Monitoring criteria for waiver issuance. The owner shall have completed at least one six-month round of standard tap water monitoring for lead and copper at sites approved by the commissioner and from the number of sites required by subdivision B 3 of this section and demonstrate that the 90th percentile levels for any and all rounds of monitoring conducted since the owner became free of all lead-containing or copper-containing materials, as appropriate, meet the following criteria:

(1) Lead levels. To qualify for a full waiver, or a lead waiver, the owner shall demonstrate that the 90th percentile lead level does not exceed 0.005 mg/L.

(2) Copper levels. To qualify for a full waiver, or a copper waiver, the owner shall demonstrate that the 90th percentile copper level does not exceed 0.65 mg/L.

c. Commissioner approval of waiver application. The commissioner shall notify the owner of the waiver determination, in writing, setting forth the basis of his decision and any condition of the waiver. As a condition of the waiver, the commissioner may require the owner to perform specific activities (e.g., limited monitoring, periodic outreach to customers to remind them to avoid installation of materials that might void the waiver) to avoid the risk of lead or copper concentration of concern in tap water. The owner of a small waterworks shall continue monitoring for lead and copper at the tap as required by subdivisions B 4 a through d of this section, as appropriate, until it receives written notification from the commissioner that the waiver has been approved.

d. Monitoring frequency for owners with waivers.

(1) An owner with a full waiver shall conduct tap water monitoring for lead and copper in accordance with subdivision B 4 d (4) of this section at the reduced number of sampling sites identified in subdivision B 3 of this section at least once every nine years and provide the materials certification specified in subdivision B 7 a of this section for both lead and copper to the commissioner along with the monitoring results. Samples collected every nine years shall be collected no later than every ninth calendar year.

(2) An owner with a partial waiver shall conduct tap water monitoring for the waived contaminant in accordance with subdivision B 4 d (4) of this section at the reduced number of sampling sites specified in subdivision B 3 of this section at least once every nine years and provide the materials certification specified in subdivision B 7 a of this section pertaining to the waived contaminant along with the monitoring results. Such an owner also shall continue to monitor for the nonwaived contaminant in accordance with requirements of subdivisions B 4 a through d of this section, as appropriate.

(3) Any owner with a full or partial waiver shall notify the district engineer in writing in accordance with 12VAC5-590-530 D 1 c of any upcoming long-term change in treatment or addition of a new source, as described in that section. The commissioner must review and approve the addition of a new source or long-term change in water treatment before it is implemented by the owner. The commissioner has the authority to require the owner to add or modify waiver conditions (e.g., require
recertification that the waterworks is free of lead-containing or copper-containing materials; require additional round or rounds of monitoring), if it deems such modifications are necessary to address treatment or source water changes at the waterworks.

(4) If an owner with a full or partial waiver becomes aware that it is no longer free of lead-containing or copper-containing materials, as appropriate, (e.g., as a result of new construction or repairs), the owner shall notify the district engineer in writing no later than 60 days after becoming aware of such a change.

e. Continued eligibility. If the owner continues to satisfy the requirements of subdivision B 7 d of this section, the waiver will be renewed automatically, unless any of the conditions listed in subdivisions B 7 e (1), (2), or (3) of this section occurs. An owner whose waiver has been revoked may reapply for a waiver at such time as it again meets the appropriate materials and monitoring criteria of subdivisions B 7 a and b of this section.

(1) A waterworks with a full waiver or a lead waiver no longer satisfies the materials criteria of subdivision B 7 a (1) of this section or has a 90th percentile lead level greater than 0.005 mg/L.

(2) A waterworks with a full waiver or a copper waiver no longer satisfies the materials criteria of subdivision B 7 a (2) of this section or has a 90th percentile copper level greater than 0.65 mg/L.

(3) The commissioner notifies the owner, in writing, that the waiver has been revoked, setting forth the basis of the decision.

f. Requirements following waiver revocation. A waterworks whose full or partial waiver has been revoked by the commissioner is subject to the corrosion control treatment and lead and copper tap water monitoring requirements, as follows:

(1) If the waterworks exceeds the lead or copper action level, the owner shall implement corrosion control treatment in accordance with the deadlines specified in 12VAC5-590-405 A 2 e and any other applicable requirements of this section.

(2) If the waterworks meets both the lead and the copper action level, the owner shall monitor for lead and copper at the tap no less frequently than once every three years using the reduced number of sample sites specified in subdivision B 3 of this section.

g. Pre-existing waivers. Waivers for small waterworks approved by the commissioner in writing prior to April 11, 2000, shall remain in effect under the following conditions:

(1) If the waterworks has demonstrated that it is both free of lead-containing and copper-containing materials, as required by subdivision B 7 a of this section and that its 90th percentile lead levels and 90th percentile copper levels meet the criteria of subdivision B 7 b of this section, the waiver remains in effect so long as the owner continues to meet the waiver eligibility criteria of subdivision B 7 e of this section. The first round of tap water monitoring conducted pursuant to subdivision B 7 d of this section shall be completed no later than nine years after the last time the owner has monitored for lead and copper at the tap.

(2) If the waterworks has met the materials criteria of subdivision B 7 a of this section but has not met the monitoring criteria of subdivision B 7 b of this section, the owner shall conduct one six-month round of standard tap water monitoring for lead and copper at sites approved by the commissioner demonstrating that it meets the criteria of subdivision B 7 b of this section. Thereafter, the waiver shall remain in effect as long as the owner meets the continued eligibility criteria of subdivision B 7 e of this section. The first round of tap water monitoring conducted pursuant to subdivision B 7 d of this section shall be completed no later than nine years after the round of monitoring conducted pursuant to subdivision B 7 b of this section.
C. Monitoring requirements for water quality parameters. The owners of all large waterworks and all small and medium-size waterworks that exceed the lead or copper action level shall monitor water quality parameters in addition to lead and copper in accordance with this section.

1. General requirements.
   a. Sample collection methods.
      (1) Tap samples shall be representative of water quality throughout the distribution system taking into account the number of persons served, the different sources of water, the different treatment methods employed by the waterworks, and seasonal variability. Tap sampling under this section is not required to be conducted at taps targeted for lead and copper sampling under subdivision B 1 of this section. Owners may find it convenient to conduct tap sampling for water quality parameters at sites approved for coliform sampling.
      (2) Samples collected at the entry point or points to the distribution system shall be from locations representative of each source after treatment. If a waterworks draws water from more than one source and the sources are combined before distribution, the owner shall sample at an entry point to the distribution system during periods of normal operating conditions (i.e., when water is representative of all sources being used).
   b. Number of samples.
      (1) Owners shall collect two tap samples for applicable water quality parameters during each monitoring period specified under subdivision C 2 through 5 of this section from the following number of sites.

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      (2) Except as provided in subdivision C 3 c of this section, owners shall collect two samples for each applicable water quality parameter at each entry point to the distribution system during each monitoring period specified in subdivision C 2 of this section. During each monitoring period specified in subdivision C 3 through 5 of this section, owners shall collect one sample for each applicable water quality parameter at each entry point to the distribution system.

2. Initial sampling. The owners of all large waterworks shall measure the applicable water quality parameters as specified below at taps and at each entry point to the distribution system during each six-month monitoring period specified in subdivision B 4 a of this section. The owners of all small and medium-size waterworks shall measure the applicable water quality parameters at the locations specified below during each six-month monitoring period specified in subdivision B 4 a of this section during which the waterworks exceeds the lead or copper action level.
   a. At taps:
      (1) pH;
      (2) Alkalinity;
      (3) Orthophosphate, when an inhibitor containing a phosphate compound is used;
3. Monitoring after installation of corrosion control. The owner of any large waterworks which installs optimal corrosion control treatment pursuant to 12VAC5-590-405 A 2 d (4) shall measure the water quality parameters at the locations and frequencies specified below during each six-month monitoring period specified in subdivision B 4 b (1) of this section. The owner of any small or medium-size waterworks that installs optimal corrosion control treatment shall conduct such monitoring during each six-month monitoring period specified in subdivision B 4 b (2) of this section in which the waterworks exceeds the lead or copper action level.

   a. At taps, two samples for:

      (1) pH;
      (2) Alkalinity;
      (3) Orthophosphate, when an inhibitor containing a phosphate compound is used;
      (4) Silica, when an inhibitor containing a silicate compound is used; and
      (5) Calcium, when calcium carbonate stabilization is used as part of corrosion control.

   b. Except as provided in subdivision C 3 c of this section, at each entry point to the distribution system, at least one sample no less frequently than every two weeks (bi-weekly) for:

      (1) pH;
      (2) When alkalinity is adjusted as part of optimal corrosion control, a reading of the dosage rate of the chemical used to adjust alkalinity, and the alkalinity concentration; and
      (3) When a corrosion inhibitor is used as part of optimal corrosion control, a reading of the dosage rate of the inhibitor used, and the concentration of orthophosphate or silica (whichever is applicable).

   c. The owner of any groundwater waterworks may limit entry point sampling described in subdivision C 3 b of this section to those entry points that are representative of water quality and treatment conditions throughout the waterworks. If water from untreated ground water sources mixes with water from treated ground water sources, the owner shall monitor for water quality parameters both at representative entry points receiving treatment and representative entry points receiving no treatment. Prior to the start of any monitoring under this subdivision, the owner shall provide to the commissioner written information identifying the selected entry points and documentation, including information on seasonal variability, sufficient to demonstrate that the sites are representative of water quality and treatment conditions throughout the waterworks.

4. Monitoring after the commissioner specifies water quality parameter values for optimal corrosion control. After the commissioner specifies the values for applicable water quality control parameters reflecting optimal corrosion control treatment under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 f, the owners of all large waterworks shall measure the applicable water quality parameters in accordance with subdivision C 3 of this section and determine compliance with the requirements of 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 g
every six months with the first six-month period to begin on either January 1 or July 1, whichever comes first, after the commissioner specifies the optimal values under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 f. The owner of any small or medium-size waterworks shall conduct such monitoring during each six-month monitoring period specified in this subdivision in which the waterworks exceeds the lead or copper action level. For the owner of any such small and medium-size waterworks that is subject to a reduced monitoring frequency pursuant to subdivision B 4 d of this section at the time of the action level exceedance, the start of the applicable six-month period under this subdivision shall coincide with the start of the applicable monitoring period under subdivision B 4 d of this section. Compliance with the commissioner-designated optimal water quality parameter values shall be determined as specified under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 g.

5. Reduced monitoring.

a. The owner of any waterworks that maintains the range of values for the water quality parameters reflecting optimal corrosion control treatment during each of two consecutive six-month monitoring periods under subdivision C 4 of this section shall continue monitoring at the entry point or points to the distribution system as specified in subdivision C 3 b of this section. The owner of such waterworks may collect two tap samples for applicable water quality parameters from the following reduced number of sites during each six-month monitoring period.

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b. The owner of any waterworks that maintains the range of values for the water quality parameters reflecting optimal corrosion control treatment specified by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 f during three consecutive years of monitoring may reduce the frequency with which the owner collects the number of tap samples for applicable water quality parameters specified in subdivision C 5 of this section from every six months to annually. This sampling begins during the calendar year immediately following the end of the monitoring period in which the third consecutive year of six-month monitoring occurs. The owner of any waterworks that maintains the range of values for the water quality parameters reflecting optimal corrosion control treatment specified by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 f during three consecutive years of annual monitoring under this subdivision may reduce the frequency with which it collects the number of tap samples for applicable water quality parameters specified in subdivision C 5 a of this section from annually to every three years. This sampling begins during the calendar year immediately following the end of the monitoring period in which the third consecutive year of six-month monitoring occurs.

c. The owner of a waterworks may reduce the frequency with which tap samples are collected for applicable water quality parameters specified in subdivision C 5 a of this section to every three years if the owner demonstrates during two consecutive monitoring periods that the tap water lead level at the 90th percentile is less than or equal to the PQL for lead (0.005 mg/L), that the tap water copper level at the 90th percentile is less than or equal to 0.65 mg/L for copper, and that the owner also has maintained the range of values for water quality parameters reflecting optimal corrosion control treatment specified by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 f. Monitoring conducted every three years shall be done no later
than every third calendar year.

d. The owner of a waterworks that conducts sampling annually shall collect these samples evenly throughout the year so as to reflect seasonal variability.

e. The owner of any waterworks subject to the reduced monitoring frequency that fails to operate at or above the minimum value or within the range of values for the water quality parameters specified by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 f for more than nine days in any six-month period specified in 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 g shall resume distribution system tap water sampling in accordance with the number and frequency requirements in subdivision C 4 of this section. Such an owner may resume annual monitoring for water quality parameters at the tap at the reduced number of sites specified in subdivision C 5 of this section after completion of two subsequent consecutive six-month rounds of monitoring that meet the criteria of that subdivision or may resume triennial monitoring for water quality parameters at the tap at the reduced number of sites after demonstration through subsequent rounds of monitoring that the criteria of either subdivision C 5 b or c of this section has been met.

6. Additional monitoring by owners. The results of any monitoring conducted in addition to the minimum requirements of this section shall be considered by the owner and the commissioner in making any determinations under this section or 12VAC5-590-405 A 1.

D. Monitoring requirements for lead and copper in water supplies (source water).

1. Sample location, collection methods, and number of samples.

   a. The owner of a waterworks that fails to meet the lead or copper action level on the basis of tap samples collected in accordance with subsection A of this section shall collect lead and copper water supply samples in accordance with the following requirements regarding sample location, number of samples, and collection methods:

      (1) The owner of a waterworks served by groundwater sources shall take a minimum of one sample at every entry point to the distribution system that is representative of each well after treatment (hereafter called a sampling point). The owner shall take one sample at the same sampling point unless conditions make another sampling point more representative of each source or treatment plant.

      (2) The owner of a waterworks served by surface water sources shall take a minimum of one sample at every entry point to the distribution system after any application of treatment or in the distribution system at a point that is representative of each source after treatment (hereafter called a sampling point). The owner shall take each sample at the same sampling point unless conditions make another sampling point more representative of each source or treatment plant. Note that for the purpose of this subdivision, a waterworks served by a surface water source includes waterworks served by a combination of surface and ground sources.

      (3) If a waterworks draws water from more than one source and the sources are combined before distribution, the owner shall collect samples at an entry point to the distribution system during periods of normal operating conditions (i.e., when water is representative of all sources being used).

      (4) The commissioner may reduce the total number of samples that must be analyzed by allowing the use of compositing. Compositing of samples shall be done by certified laboratory personnel. Composite samples from a maximum of five samples are allowed, provided that if the lead concentration in the composite sample is greater than or equal to 0.001 mg/L or the
copper concentration is greater than or equal to 0.160 mg/L, then either a follow-up sample shall be collected and analyzed within 14 days at each sampling point included in the composite or if duplicates of or sufficient quantities from the original samples from each sampling point used in the composite are available, the owner may use these instead of resampling.

b. Where the results of sampling indicate an exceedance of maximum permissible water supply levels established under 12VAC5-590-405 B 4, the commissioner may require that one additional sample be collected as soon as possible after the initial sample was taken (but not to exceed two weeks) at the same sampling point. If a commissioner required confirmation sample is taken for lead or copper, then the results of the initial and confirmation sample shall be averaged in determining compliance with the commissioner-specified maximum permissible levels. Any sample value below the method detection limit shall be considered to be zero. Any value above the method detection limit but below the PQL shall either be considered as the measured value or be considered one-half the PQL. The PQL for lead is equal to 0.005 mg/L and the PQL for copper is equal to 0.050 mg/L.

2. Monitoring frequency after waterworks exceeds tap action level. The owner of any waterworks which exceeds the lead or copper action level at the tap shall collect one water supply sample from each entry point to the distribution system no later than six months after the end of the monitoring period during which the lead or copper action level was exceeded. For monitoring periods that are annual or less frequent, the end of the monitoring period is September 30 of the calendar year in which the sampling occurs, or if the commissioner has established an alternate monitoring period, the last day of that period.

3. Monitoring frequency after installation of water supply treatment. The owner of any waterworks that installs water supply treatment pursuant to 12VAC5-590-405 B 1 c shall collect an additional water supply sample from each entry point to the distribution system during two consecutive six-month monitoring periods by the deadline specified in 12VAC5-590-405 B 1 d.

4. Monitoring frequency after the commissioner specifies maximum permissible water supply lead and copper levels or determines that water supply treatment is not needed.

   a. An owner shall monitor at the frequency specified below in cases where the commissioner specifies maximum permissible water supply lead and copper levels under 12VAC5-590-405 B 1 e or determines that the owner is not required to install water supply treatment under 12VAC5-590-405 B 2 b.

      (1) The owner of a waterworks using only groundwater shall collect samples once during the three-year compliance period in effect when the applicable commissioner determination under subdivision D 4 a of this section is made. Owners of such waterworks shall collect samples once during each subsequent compliance period. Triennial samples shall be collected every third calendar year.

      (2) The owner of a waterworks using surface water (or a combination of surface and groundwater) shall collect samples once during each year, the first annual monitoring period to begin during the year in which the applicable commissioner determination is made under subdivision D 4 a of this section.

   b. An owner is not required to conduct water supply sampling for lead or copper if the waterworks meets the action level for the specific contaminant in tap water samples during the entire water supply sampling period applicable to the waterworks under subdivision D 4 a (1) or (2) of this section.

5. Reduced monitoring frequency.

   a. The owner of a waterworks using only groundwater may reduce the monitoring frequency for lead and copper in water
supplies to once during each nine-year compliance cycle provided that the samples are collected no later than every ninth calendar year and if the owner meets one of the following criteria:

1. The owner demonstrates that finished drinking water entering the distribution system has been maintained below the maximum permissible lead and copper concentrations specified by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 B 1 e during at least three consecutive compliance periods under subdivision D 4 a of this section; or

2. The commissioner has determined that water supply treatment is not needed and the owner demonstrates that, during the last three consecutive compliance periods in which sampling was conducted under subdivision D 4 a of this section, the concentration of lead in the water supply was less than or equal to 0.005 mg/L and the concentration of copper in the water supply was less than or equal to 0.65 mg/L.

b. The owner of a waterworks using surface water (or a combination of surface and ground waters) may reduce the monitoring frequency for lead and copper in water supplies to once during each nine-year compliance cycle provided that the samples are collected no later than every ninth calendar year and if the owner meets one of the following criteria:

1. The owner demonstrates that finished drinking water entering the distribution system has been maintained below the maximum permissible lead and copper concentrations specified by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 B 1 e for at least three consecutive years; or

2. The commissioner has determined that water supply treatment is not needed and the owner demonstrates that, during the last three consecutive years, the concentration of lead in the water supply was less than or equal to 0.005 mg/L and the concentration of copper in the water supply was less than or equal to 0.65 mg/L.

c. Owners of a waterworks that uses a new water supply is not eligible for reduced monitoring for lead or copper until concentrations in samples collected from the new supply during three consecutive monitoring periods are below the maximum permissible lead and copper concentrations specified in 12VAC5-590-405 B 1 e.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from Virginia Register Volume 27, Issue 1, eff. October 13, 2010.

12VAC5-590-379. Groundwater system monitoring.

A. General monitoring requirements.

1. Owners of groundwater systems, including consecutive and wholesale waterworks, shall conduct monitoring in accordance with this section, except that requirements do not apply to waterworks that combine all of their groundwater with surface water or with groundwater under the direct influence of surface water prior to treatment in accordance with 12VAC5-590-420.

2. Source water monitoring for owners of groundwater systems that do not provide 4-log treatment of viruses for their groundwater sources before or at the first customer are described in subsection B of this section.

3. Owners of groundwater systems that provide at least 4-log treatment of viruses before or at the first customer are required to conduct compliance monitoring in accordance with 12VAC5-590-421 C.

4. Owners of groundwater systems that have confirmed fecal contamination, as determined by source water monitoring conducted under subsection B of this section or have been notified of a significant deficiency as described in 12VAC5-590-350 D.
shall implement one or more of the corrective actions outlined in 12VAC5-590-421 A 1, as prescribed by the commissioner.

5. Owners of groundwater systems that do not provide 4-log treatment of viruses before or at the first customer and are not performing compliance monitoring shall provide triggered source water monitoring plans to the commissioner.

6. Any source water sample collected in accordance with this section shall be analyzed for E. coli using one of the analytical methods in 40 CFR 141.402 (c).

B. Groundwater source microbial monitoring.

1. Triggered source water monitoring.

   a. General requirements. Groundwater system owners shall conduct triggered source water monitoring if both the conditions identified in subdivisions B 1 a (1) and (2) of this section exist.

   (1) The groundwater system does not provide at least 4-log treatment of viruses before or at the first customer for each groundwater source; and

   (2) The groundwater system owner is notified that a sample collected under 12VAC5-590-370 A is total coliform-positive and the sample is not invalidated under 12VAC5-590-380 E.

   b. Sampling requirements. Groundwater system owners shall collect, within 24 hours of notification of the total coliform-positive sample, one groundwater source sample from each groundwater source in use at the time the total coliform-positive sample was collected under 12VAC5-590-370 A, except as provided in this subdivision B 1 b.

   (1) The commissioner may extend the 24-hour time limit on a case-by-case basis if the owner cannot collect the groundwater source water sample within 24 hours due to circumstances beyond his control. In the case of an extension, the commissioner shall specify how much time the owner has to collect the sample.

   (2) If approved by the commissioner, owners of waterworks with more than one groundwater source may meet the requirements of subdivision B 1 of this section by sampling a representative groundwater source or sources. Owners shall submit, for the commissioner's approval, a triggered source water monitoring plan that identifies one or more groundwater sources that are representative of each monitoring site in the waterworks' bacteriological sample siting report or that identifies groundwater sources that are hydro-geologically similar and clearly identifies which sources will be sampled.

   (3) A groundwater system serving 1,000 people or fewer may use a triggered source water sample collected from a groundwater source to meet both the requirements of 12VAC5-590-380 and to satisfy the monitoring requirements of subdivision B 1 of this section for a groundwater source.

   c. Additional requirements.

   (1) If an E. coli positive triggered source water sample collected under subdivision B 1 of this section is not invalidated under subdivision B 2 of this section, the groundwater system owner shall provide public notification and collect five additional source water samples from the same source within 24 hours of being notified of the E. coli positive sample.

   (2) If any of the five additional samples are E. coli positive, the groundwater system owner shall comply with the treatment technique requirements of 12VAC5-590-421.

   d. Consecutive and wholesale waterworks.

   (1) A consecutive groundwater system owner that has a total coliform-positive sample collected in accordance with 12VAC5-
590-370 A shall notify the wholesale waterworks owner and the district engineer within 24 hours of being notified of the total coliform-positive sample.

(2) A wholesale groundwater system owner shall comply with the following:

(a) A wholesale groundwater system owner that receives notice from a consecutive waterworks it serves that a sample collected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-370 A is total coliform-positive shall, within 24 hours of being notified, collect a sample from its groundwater source(s) as described in subdivision B 1 of this section.

(b) If the sample collected under subdivision B 1 of this section is E. coli positive, the wholesale groundwater system owner shall within 24 hours notify all consecutive waterworks served by that groundwater source of the E. coli source water positive sample as described in 12VAC5-590-540 and shall meet the requirements of subdivision B 1 c of this section.

e. Exception to the triggered source water monitoring requirements. A groundwater system owner is not required to comply with the source water monitoring requirements of subdivision B 1 of this section if the commissioner determines, and documents in writing, that the total coliform-positive sample collected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-370 A is invalidated under 12VAC5-590-380 E.

2. Invalidation of an E. coli positive groundwater source sample.

a. A groundwater system owner may obtain the commissioner's invalidation of an E. coli positive groundwater source sample collected under subdivision B 1 of this section only under the conditions specified in subdivisions B 2 a (1) and (2) of this section:

(1) The groundwater system owner provides the commissioner with written notice from the laboratory that improper sample analysis occurred; or

(2) The commissioner determines and documents in writing that there is substantial evidence that the E. coli positive groundwater source sample is not related to source water quality.

b. If the commissioner invalidates an E. coli positive groundwater source sample, the groundwater system owner shall collect another source water sample under subdivision B 1 of this section within 24 hours of being notified by the commissioner of the invalidation decision and have it analyzed for E. coli.

3. Sampling location. All groundwater source samples required under subdivision B 1 of this section shall be collected at a location prior to any treatment of the groundwater source unless otherwise approved by the commissioner.

4. Public notification. The owner of a groundwater system with a source sample collected under subsection B of this section that is E. coli positive and that is not invalidated under subdivision B 2 of this section, including consecutive waterworks served by the groundwater source, shall conduct public notification as required in 12VAC5-590-540 A 1.

5. Monitoring violations. Failure to meet the monitoring requirements of subdivision B 1 of this section is a violation and requires the groundwater system owner to provide public notification as required in 12VAC5-590-540 A 3.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from Virginia Register Volume 28, Issue 5, eff. December 7, 2011.

A. The standard sample volume for the coliform test shall consist of 100 milliliters.

B. Waterworks need only to determine the presence or absence of total coliforms; a determination of total coliform density is not required.

C. Primary Maximum Contaminant Levels (PMCLs) for microbiological contaminants.

1. The PMCL is based on the presence or absence of total coliforms in a sample, rather than coliform density.
   a. A waterworks which is required to collect at least 40 samples per month is in compliance if no more than 5.0% of the samples collected during a month are total coliform positive.
   b. A waterworks which is required to collect fewer than 40 samples per month is in compliance if no more than one sample collected during the month is total coliform positive.

2. Any fecal coliform positive repeat sample or E. coli positive repeat sample, or any total coliform positive repeat sample following a fecal coliform positive or E. coli positive routine sample constitutes a violation of the PMCL for total coliforms. For purposes of the public notification requirements in 12VAC5-590-540, this is a violation that may pose an acute risk to health and is a Tier 1 condition.

3. Compliance must be determined with the PMCL for total coliforms for each month in which monitoring for total coliforms is required.

4. The board hereby identifies the following as the best technology, treatment techniques, or other means available for achieving compliance with the maximum contaminant level for total coliforms.
   a. Protection of wells from contamination by coliforms by appropriate placement and construction;
   b. Maintenance of a disinfectant residual throughout the distribution system;
   c. Proper maintenance of the distribution system including appropriate pipe replacement and repair procedures, main flushing programs, proper operation and maintenance of storage tanks and reservoirs, continual maintenance of positive water pressure in all parts of the distribution system and an approved cross connection control program;
   d. Filtration and disinfection of surface water or surface influenced groundwater or disinfection of ground water using strong oxidants such as chlorine, chlorine dioxide, or ozone.

D. A total coliform positive result is indicative of a breakdown in the protective barriers and shall be cause for special follow-up action to locate and eliminate the cause of contamination.

1. Repeat monitoring. If a routine sample is total coliform positive, the waterworks owner shall collect a set of repeat samples within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result. A waterworks owner who collects more than one routine sample a month shall collect no fewer than three repeat samples for each total coliform positive sample found. A waterworks owner who collects one routine sample a month or fewer shall collect no fewer than four repeat samples for each total coliform positive sample found. For groundwater systems, the requirements of 12VAC5-590-379 shall also apply. Owners of groundwater systems who are required to collect four repeat samples may use one of the repeat samples to satisfy the requirements of 12VAC5-590-379. These repeat samples must be analyzed for E. coli using one of the analytical methods in 40 CFR 141.402 (c).

2. The waterworks owner shall collect at least one repeat sample from the sampling tap where the original total coliform positive sample was taken, and at least one repeat sample at a tap within five service connections upstream and at least one repeat...
sample at a tap within five service connections downstream of the original sampling site. If a total coliform positive sample is at the end of the distribution system, or one away from the end of the distribution system, the commissioner may waive the requirement to collect at least one repeat sample upstream or downstream of the original sampling site.

3. The waterworks owner shall collect all repeat samples on the same day, except the commissioner may allow a waterworks with a single service connection to collect the required set of repeat samples over a four-day period or to collect a larger volume repeat sample(s) in one or more sample containers of any size as long as the total volume collected is at least 400 ml (300 ml for systems which collect more than one routine sample per month).

4. If one or more repeat samples in the set is total coliform positive, the waterworks owner shall collect an additional set of repeat samples in the manner specified in subdivisions 1 through 3 of this subsection. The additional samples shall be collected within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result. The waterworks owner shall repeat this process until either (i) total coliforms are not detected in one complete set of repeat samples or (ii) the PMCL for total coliforms has been exceeded and the commissioner so notified.

5. Waterworks owners required to collect fewer than five routine samples per month and having one or more total coliform positive samples shall collect at least five routine samples during the next month the waterworks provides water to the public, except that the commissioner may waive this requirement if the conditions of subdivision 5 a or 5 b of this subsection are met. The commissioner shall not waive the requirement for a system to collect repeat samples in subdivisions 1 through 4 of this subsection. For groundwater systems, if any of the routine samples collected in accordance with subdivision D 5 of this section are total coliform positive, then the requirements of 12VAC5-590-379 shall apply.

   a. The commissioner may waive the requirement to collect five routine samples the next month the waterworks provides water to the public if the commissioner (or an agent previously approved by the commissioner), performs a site visit before the end of the next month the waterworks provides water to the public. Although a sanitary survey need not be performed, the site visit shall be sufficiently detailed to allow the commissioner to determine whether additional monitoring or any corrective action is needed.

   b. The commissioner may waive the requirement to collect five routine samples the next month the waterworks provides water to the public if the commissioner has determined why the sample was total coliform positive and establishes that the waterworks owner has corrected the problem or will correct the problem before the end of the next month the waterworks serves water to the public. In this case, the commissioner shall document this decision to waive the following month’s additional monitoring requirement in writing and make this document available to the EPA and public. The written documentation shall describe the specific cause of the total coliform positive sample and what action the waterworks owner has taken or will take to correct this problem. The commissioner cannot waive the requirement to collect five routine samples the next month the waterworks provides water to the public solely on the grounds that all repeat samples are total coliform negative. Under this subdivision, a waterworks owner shall still take at least one routine sample before the end of the next month it serves water to the public and use the results to determine compliance with the MCL for total coliforms.

6. Results of all routine and repeat samples not invalidated by the commissioner shall be included in determining compliance with the MCL for total coliforms.

7. Special purpose samples, such as those taken to determine whether disinfection practices are sufficient following pipe
placement, replacement or repair, shall not be used to determine compliance. Repeat samples are not considered special purpose samples.

E. A total coliform positive sample invalidated under this paragraph does not count towards meeting the minimum monitoring requirements of this section.

1. The commissioner may invalidate a total coliform positive sample only if all of the following conditions are met:
   a. The laboratory establishes that improper sample analysis caused the total coliform positive result;
   b. The commissioner, on the basis of the results of repeat samples collected as required by subdivisions D 1 through 4 of this section determines that the total coliform positive sample resulted from a domestic or other nondistribution system plumbing problem. The commissioner cannot invalidate a sample on the basis of repeat sample results unless all repeat sample(s) collected at the same tap as the original total coliform-positive sample are also total coliform-positive, and all repeat samples collected within five service connections of the original tap are total coliform-negative (e.g., the commissioner cannot invalidate a total coliform-positive sample on the basis of repeat samples if all the repeat samples are total coliform-negative, or if the waterworks has only one service connection); and
   c. The commissioner has substantial grounds to believe that a total coliform positive result is due to a circumstance or condition which does not reflect water quality in the distribution system. In this case, the waterworks owner shall still collect all repeat samples required under subdivisions D 1 through 4 of this section, and use them to determine compliance with the MCL for total coliforms. To invalidate a total coliform positive sample under this subdivision, the decision with the rationale for the decision shall be documented in writing, and approved and signed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall make this document available to EPA and the public. The written documentation shall state the specific cause of the total coliform positive sample, and what action the waterworks owner has taken, or will take, to correct this problem. The commissioner shall not invalidate a total coliform positive sample solely on the grounds that all repeat samples are total coliform negative.

2. A laboratory must invalidate a sample because of sampling interference (i.e., turbid culture in absence of (i) gas production, or (ii) acid reaction; or exhibition of confluent growth; or production of colonies too numerous to count). The waterworks owners shall collect a replacement sample from the same location, and have it analyzed for the presence of total coliforms. The waterworks owner must continue to resample within 24 hours and have the samples analyzed until they obtain a valid result. The commissioner may waive the 24-hour time limit on a case-by-case basis.

F. Fecal coliforms/Escherichia coli (E. coli) testing.

1. If any routine or repeat sample or replacement is total coliform positive, the waterworks owner shall analyze that total coliform positive culture medium to determine if fecal coliforms are present, except that the waterworks owner may test for E. coli in lieu of fecal coliforms. If fecal coliforms or E. coli are present, the waterworks owner must notify the ODW by the end of the day when the waterworks is notified of the test result, unless the ODW's field office is closed, in which case the commissioner must be notified before the end of the next business day.

2. The commissioner has the discretion to allow a waterworks, on a case-by-case basis, to forgo fecal coliform or E. coli testing on a total coliform-positive sample if that waterworks assumes that the total coliform-positive sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive. Accordingly, the waterworks must notify the commissioner as specified in subdivision 1 of this subsection and the provisions of subdivision C 2 of this section apply.
G. Violation determination flowchart -- See Appendix K.

H. Groundwater sources.

1. Groundwater sources shall be disinfected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-1000 when the total coliform geometric mean of 20 or more raw water samples measured by a method yielding a multiple-portion decimal-dilution (MPN) result is greater than three. The value 1.0 shall be used to represent a negative coliform result in the calculation of the geometric mean.

2. Groundwater sources containing a total coliform geometric mean of 100 or more organisms per 100 milliliters or with more than 10% of these samples exceeding 100 organisms per 100 milliliters constitutes unacceptable contamination for disinfection treatment only.

3. Groundwater sources shall be disinfected in accordance the requirements of 12VAC5-590-1000 when the source water quality contributes to the waterworks' failure to meet the bacteriological PMCL specified in subsection C of this section.

4. Groundwater sources shall be disinfected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-421 A 1 d when the results of source development samples specified in 12VAC5-590-840 B 11 indicate the presence of E. coli in two or more samples.

5. Groundwater sources shall be disinfected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-421 A 1 d when the results of raw water monitoring conducted in accordance with 12VAC5-590-425 indicate the presence of E. coli in two or more samples during any running six-month period.

I. Groundwater systems conducting source water monitoring as described in 12VAC5-590-379 shall determine the presence or absence of E. coli. All samples shall be analyzed in accordance with 12VAC5-590-440 by the DCLS or by a laboratory certified by DCLS for drinking water samples.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-385. Lead and copper action level compliance.

A. The lead action level is exceeded if the concentration of lead in more than 10% of tap water samples collected during any monitoring period conducted in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B is greater than 0.015 mg/L (i.e., if the 90th percentile lead level is greater than 0.015 mg/L).

B. The copper action level is exceeded if the concentration of copper in more than 10% of tap water samples collected during any monitoring period conducted in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B is greater than 1.3 mg/L (i.e., if the 90th percentile copper level is greater than 1.3 mg/L).

C. The 90th percentile lead and copper levels shall be computed as follows:

1. The results of all lead or copper samples taken during a monitoring period shall be placed in ascending order from the sample with the lowest concentration to the sample with the highest concentration. Each sampling result shall be assigned a number, ascending by single integers beginning with the number 1 for the sample with the lowest contaminant level. The number assigned to the sample with the highest contaminant level shall be equal to the total number of samples taken.
2. The number of samples taken during the monitoring period shall be multiplied by 0.9.

3. The contaminant concentration in the numbered sample yielded by the calculation in subdivision C 2 of this section is the 90th percentile contaminant level.

4. For waterworks serving fewer than 100 people that collect five samples per monitoring period, the 90th percentile is computed by taking the average of the highest and second highest concentrations.

5. For an owner that has been allowed by the commissioner to collect fewer than five samples in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B 3, the sample result with the highest concentration is considered the 90th percentile value.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

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12VAC5-590-390. Chemical and physical quality.

A. Necessary action for noncompliance.

1. Inorganic chemicals. See 12VAC5-590-530 B and 12VAC5-590-540.

2. Organic chemicals. See 12VAC5-590-530 B and 12VAC5-590-540.

3. Turbidity. See 12VAC5-590-530 B and 12VAC5-590-540.

4. If the average concentration level of a substance is greater than the Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level, the division will determine whether treatment to remove the substance can be accomplished or more suitable supplies are, or can be made available. This determination will be made as quickly as possible. If either of these alternatives is possible, corrective action shall be promptly taken by the owner if deemed necessary by the division.

B. Specific limits. No attempt has been made to prescribe specific limits for every contaminant that might enter a water supply or waterworks. Although the need exists for continued attention to the entry of chemical and physical substances into water, the limits are confined to substances recognized as being detrimental to the health or well-being of the consumer. Limits for innumerable substances would require an impossible burden of analytical examination. The specific limits included in these regulations are listed in Tables 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-400. Radiological quality.

The effects of human radiation exposure are viewed as harmful, and any unnecessary exposure to ionizing radiation should be avoided.

A. Maximum contaminant level goals for radionuclides are listed in subsection A of Table 2.5 of 12VAC5-590-440.

B. Maximum contaminant levels for radionuclides are applicable to community waterworks only and are listed in this section and
subsection B of Table 2.5.

1. (Reserved.)

2. PMCL for combined radium-226 and radium-228. The primary maximum contaminant level for combined radium-226 and radium-228 is 5 pCi/L. The combined radium-226 and radium-228 value is determined by the addition of the results of the analysis for radium-226 and the analysis for radium-228.

3. PMCL for gross alpha particle activity (excluding radon and uranium). The primary maximum contaminant level for gross alpha particle activity (including radium-226 but excluding radon and uranium) is 15 pCi/L.

4. PMCL for uranium. The primary maximum contaminant level for uranium is 30 μg/l.

5. PMCL for beta particle and photon radioactivity.
   a. The average annual concentration of beta particle and photon radioactivity from man-made radionuclides in drinking water must not produce an annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ greater than 4 millirem/year (mrem/year).
   b. Except for the radionuclides listed in schedule 1 of Table 2.5, the concentration of man-made radionuclides causing 4 mrem total body or organ dose equivalents must be calculated on the basis of 2 liter per day drinking water intake using the 168 hour data list in “Maximum Permissible Body Burdens and Maximum Permissible Concentrations of Radionuclides in Air and in Water for Occupational Exposure,” NBX (National Bureau of Standards) Handbook 69 as amended August 1963, U.S. Department of Commerce. A copy of this document may be reviewed at the Virginia Department of Health Office of Drinking Water office in Richmond, Virginia. If two or more radionuclides are present, the sum of their annual dose equivalent to the total body or to any organ shall not exceed 4 mrem/year.

6. Compliance dates. Compliance dates for combined radium-226 and radium-228, gross alpha particle activity, gross beta particle and photon radioactivity, and uranium: community waterworks owners must comply with the PMCLs listed in subdivisions 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this subsection beginning December 8, 2003, and compliance shall be determined in accordance with the requirements of 12VAC5-590-370 D. Compliance with reporting requirements for the radionuclides under 12VAC5-590-545 and 12VAC5-590-540 is required on December 8, 2003.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-405. Lead and copper treatment techniques.

A. Lead and copper corrosion control techniques.

1. Corrosion control treatment requirements. The owners of all community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall install and operate optimum corrosion control treatment by completing the corrosion control treatment requirements described below which are applicable to such owners under subdivision A 2 of this section.
   a. Owner’s proposal regarding corrosion control treatment. Based upon the results of lead and copper tap monitoring and water quality parameter monitoring, the owners of small and medium waterworks exceeding the lead or copper action level
shall propose installation of one or more of the corrosion control treatments listed in subdivision A 1 c (1) of this section that the owner believes constitutes optimal corrosion control for that waterworks. The commissioner may require the owner to conduct additional water quality parameter monitoring in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 C 2 to assist the commissioner in reviewing the proposal.

b. Applicability of studies of corrosion control treatment (applicable to small and medium waterworks). The commissioner may require the owner of any small or medium waterworks that exceeds the lead or copper action level to perform corrosion control studies under subdivision A 1 c of this section to identify optimal corrosion control treatment for the waterworks.

c. Corrosion control studies.

(1) The owner of any waterworks required by the commissioner to perform corrosion control studies shall evaluate the effectiveness of each of the following treatments, and, if appropriate, combinations of the following treatments to identify the optimal corrosion control treatment for that waterworks:

(a) Alkalinity and pH adjustment;

(b) Calcium hardness adjustment; and

(c) The addition of a phosphate or silicate based corrosion inhibitor at a concentration sufficient to maintain an effective corrosion inhibitor residual concentration in all test tap samples.

(2) The owner shall evaluate each of the corrosion control treatments using either pipe rig/loop tests, metal coupon tests, partial-system tests, or analyses based on documented analogous treatments with other waterworks of similar size, water chemistry, and distribution system configuration.

(3) The owner shall measure the following water quality parameters in any tests conducted under subdivision A 1 c of this section before and after evaluating the corrosion control treatments listed above:

(a) Lead;

(b) Copper;

(c) pH;

(d) Alkalinity;

(e) Calcium;

(f) Conductivity;

(g) Orthophosphate (when an inhibitor containing a phosphate compound is used);

(h) Silicate (when an inhibitor containing a silicate compound is used); and

(i) Water temperature.

(4) The owner shall identify all chemical or physical constraints that limit or prohibit the use of a particular corrosion control treatment and document such constraints with at least one of the following:

(a) Data and documentation showing that a particular corrosion control treatment has adversely affected other water treatment processes when used by another waterworks with comparable water quality characteristics; or

(b) Data and documentation demonstrating that the owner has previously attempted to evaluate a particular corrosion control treatment and has found that the treatment is ineffective or adversely affects other water quality treatment processes.
(5) The owner shall evaluate the effect of the chemicals used for corrosion control treatment on other water quality treatment processes.

(6) On the basis of an analysis of the data generated during each evaluation, the owner shall propose to the district engineer in writing, the treatment option that the corrosion control studies indicate constitutes optimal corrosion control treatment for that waterworks. The owner shall provide a rationale for its recommendation along with all supporting documentation specified in subdivisions A 1 c (1) through A 1 c (5) of this section.

d. Approval of optimal corrosion control treatment.

(1) Based upon consideration of available information including, where applicable, studies performed under subdivision A 1 c of this section and an owner’s proposed treatment alternative, the commissioner shall either approve the corrosion control treatment option recommended by the owner, or designate alternative corrosion control treatment or treatments from among those listed in subdivision A 1 c (1) of this section. When approving optimal treatment the commissioner shall consider the effects that additional corrosion control treatment will have on water quality parameters and on other water quality treatment processes.

(2) The commissioner shall notify the owner of his determination on optimal corrosion control treatment in writing and explain the basis for this determination. If the commissioner requests additional information to aid a review, the owner shall provide the information.

e. Installation of optimal corrosion control. Each owner shall properly install and operate throughout the waterworks the optimal corrosion control treatment approved by the commissioner under subdivision A 1 d of this section. Also see 12VAC5-590-190.

f. Commissioner’s review of treatment and specification of optimal water quality control parameters.

(1) The commissioner shall evaluate the results of all lead and copper tap samples and water quality parameter samples submitted by the owner and determine whether the owner has properly installed and operated the optimal corrosion control treatment approved by the commissioner under subdivision A 1 d. Upon reviewing the results of tap water and water quality parameter monitoring by the owner, both before and after the owner installs optimal corrosion control treatment, the commissioner shall designate:

(a) A minimum value or a range of values for pH measured at each entry point to the distribution system;

(b) A minimum pH value, measured in all tap samples. Such value shall be equal to or greater than 7.0, unless the commissioner determines that meeting a pH level of 7.0 is not technologically feasible or is not necessary for the owner to optimize corrosion control;

(c) If a corrosion inhibitor is used, a minimum concentration or a range of concentrations for the inhibitor, measured at each entry point to the distribution system and in all tap samples, that the commissioner determines is necessary to form a passivating film on the interior walls of the pipes of the distribution system;

(d) If alkalinity is adjusted as part of optimal corrosion control treatment, a minimum concentration or a range of concentrations for alkalinity, measured at each entry point to the distribution system and in all tap samples; or

(e) If calcium carbonate stabilization is used as part of corrosion control, a minimum concentration or a range of concentrations for calcium, measured in all tap samples.
(2) The values for the applicable water quality control parameters listed above shall be those that the commissioner determines to reflect optimal corrosion control treatment for the waterworks. The commissioner may designate values for additional water quality control parameters determined by the commissioner to reflect optimal corrosion control for the waterworks. The commissioner shall notify the owner in writing of these determinations and explain the basis for his decisions.

g. Continued operation and monitoring. The owners of all waterworks optimizing corrosion control shall continue to operate and maintain optimal corrosion control treatment, including maintaining water quality parameters at or above minimum values or within ranges designated by the commissioner under subdivision A 1 f of this section as verified by all samples collected under 12VAC5-590-375 C 4 through 12VAC5-590-375 C 6. Compliance with the requirements of this subdivision shall be determined every six months, as specified under 12VAC5-590-375 C 4. The owner of a waterworks is out of compliance with the requirements of this subdivision for a six-month period if excursions occur for any commissioner-specified parameter on more than nine days during the period. An excursion occurs whenever the daily value for one or more of the water quality parameters measured at a sampling location is below the minimum value or outside the range designated by the commissioner. Daily values shall be calculated as follows. The commissioner has discretion to delete results of obvious sampling errors from this calculation.

(1) On days when more than one measurement for the water quality parameter is collected at the sampling location, the daily value shall be the average of all results collected during the day regardless of whether they are collected through continuous monitoring, grab sampling, or a combination of both.

(2) On days when only one measurement for the water quality parameter is collected at the sampling location, the daily value shall be the result of that measurement.

(3) On days when no measurement is collected for the water quality parameter at the sampling location, the daily value shall be the daily value calculated on the most recent day on which the water quality parameter was measured at the sample site.

h. Modification of the commissioner's treatment decisions. Upon his own initiative or in response to a request by an owner or other interested party, the commissioner may modify his determination of the optimal corrosion control treatment under subdivision A 1 d of this section or optimal water quality control parameters under subdivision A 1 f of this section. A request for modification by an owner or other interested party shall be in writing, explain why the modification is appropriate, and provide supporting documentation. The commissioner may modify the determination where it is concluded that such change is necessary to ensure that the waterworks continues to optimize corrosion control treatment. A revised determination shall be made in writing, set forth the new treatment requirements, explain the basis for the commissioner's decision, and provide an implementation schedule for completing the treatment modifications.

2. Corrosion control treatment steps.

a. Owners shall complete the applicable corrosion control treatment requirements described in subdivision A 1 of this section by the deadlines established in this subdivision.

(1) The owner of a large waterworks (serving > 50,000 persons) shall complete the corrosion control treatment steps specified in subdivision A 2 d of this section, unless the owner is deemed to have optimized corrosion control under subdivision A 2 b (2) or subdivision A 2 b (3) of this section.
(2) The owner of a small waterworks (serving \( \leq 3300 \) persons) and a medium waterworks (serving >3,300 and \( \leq 50,000 \) persons) shall complete the corrosion control treatment steps specified in subdivision A 2 e of this section, unless the owner is deemed to have optimized corrosion control under subdivisions A 2 b (1) through A 2 b (3) of this section.

b. An owner is deemed to have optimized corrosion control and is not required to complete the applicable corrosion control treatment steps identified in this subdivision if the waterworks satisfies one of the criteria specified in subdivisions A 2 b (1) through A 2 b (3) of this section. Any such owner deemed to have optimized corrosion control under this subdivision, and which has treatment in place, shall continue to operate and maintain optimal corrosion control treatment and meet any requirements that the commissioner determines appropriate to ensure optimal corrosion control treatment is maintained.

(1) The owner of a small or medium waterworks is deemed to have optimized corrosion control if the waterworks meets the lead and copper action levels during each of two consecutive six-month monitoring periods conducted in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375.

(2) Any owner may be deemed by the commissioner to have optimized corrosion control treatment if the owner demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the owner has conducted activities equivalent to the corrosion control steps applicable to such waterworks under this section. If the commissioner makes this determination, the owner shall be provided with a written notice explaining the basis for the decision and the notice shall specify the water quality control parameters representing optimal corrosion control in accordance with subdivision A 1 f of this section. Waterworks owners deemed to have optimized corrosion control under this subdivision shall operate in compliance with the commissioner designated optimal water quality control parameters in accordance with subdivision A 1 g and continue to conduct lead and copper tap and water quality parameter sampling in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B 4 c and 12VAC5-590-375 C 4, respectively. The owner shall provide the commissioner with the following information in order to support a determination under this subdivision:

(a) The results of all test samples collected for each of the water quality parameters in subdivision A 1 c (3) of this section;

(b) A report explaining the test methods used by the owner to evaluate the corrosion control treatments listed in subdivision A 1 c (1) of this section, the results of all tests conducted, and the basis for the owner's selection of optimal corrosion control treatment;

(c) A report explaining how corrosion control has been installed and how it is being maintained to insure minimal lead and copper concentrations at consumers' taps; and

(d) The results of tap water samples collected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B at least once every six months for one year after corrosion control has been installed.

(3) Any waterworks is deemed to have optimized corrosion control if the owner submits results of tap water monitoring conducted in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B and source water monitoring conducted in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 D that demonstrates for two consecutive six-month monitoring periods that the difference between the 90th percentile tap water lead level computed under 12VAC5-590-385 C, and the highest source water lead concentration is less than the PQL for lead (0.005 mg/L).

(a) Any owner that submits monitoring results indicating that the highest source water lead level is below the method detection limit may also be deemed to have optimized corrosion control under this subdivision if the 90th percentile tap water lead level is less than or equal to the PQL for lead (0.005 mg/L) for two consecutive six-month monitoring periods.
(b) Any owner deemed to have optimized corrosion control under this subdivision shall continue monitoring for lead and copper at the tap no less frequently than once every three calendar years using the reduced number of sites specified in 12VAC5-590-375 B 3 and collecting the samples at times and locations specified in 12VAC5-590-375 B 4 d (4).

(c) Any owner deemed to have optimized corrosion control pursuant to this subdivision shall notify the district engineer in writing pursuant to 12VAC5-590-530 D 1 c of any upcoming long-term change in treatment or addition of a new water source as described in that subdivision. The commissioner must review and approve the addition of a new water source or long-term change in water treatment before it is implemented by the owner. The commissioner may require the owner of any such waterworks to conduct additional monitoring or to take other actions the commissioner deems appropriate to ensure that minimum levels of corrosion control are being maintained in the distribution system.

(d) An owner is not deemed to have optimized corrosion control under this subdivision, and shall implement corrosion control treatment specified in subdivision A 2 b (3) (e) of this section unless the copper action level is met.

(e) The owner of a waterworks triggered into corrosion control because the waterworks no longer is deemed to have optimized corrosion control under this subsection shall implement corrosion control treatment in accordance with the deadlines in subdivision A 2 e of this section. The owner of any such large waterworks shall adhere to the schedule specified in subdivision A 2 e of this section for medium-size systems, with the time period for completing each step being triggered by the date the owner is no longer deemed to have optimized corrosion control treatment under this subsection.

(c) The owner of any small or medium waterworks that is required to complete the corrosion control steps due to the exceedance of the lead or copper action level may cease completing the treatment steps whenever the waterworks meets both action levels during each of two consecutive monitoring periods conducted pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 4 a and submits the results to the district engineer. If any such waterworks thereafter exceeds the lead or copper action level during any monitoring period, the owner shall recommence completion of the applicable treatment steps, beginning with the first treatment step which was not previously completed in its entirety. The commissioner may require the owner to repeat treatment steps previously completed where the commissioner determines that this is necessary to properly implement the treatment requirements of this section. The commissioner shall notify the owner in writing of such a determination and explain the basis for his decision. The requirement for the owner of any small or medium waterworks to implement corrosion control treatment steps in accordance with subdivision A 2 e of this section (including waterworks deemed to have optimized corrosion control under subdivision A 2 b (1) of this section) is triggered whenever any small or medium waterworks exceeds the lead or copper action level.

d. Treatment steps and deadlines for large waterworks. Except as provided in subdivisions A 2 b (2) and A 2 b (3) of this section, owners of large waterworks shall complete the following corrosion control treatment steps (described in the referenced portions of subdivision A 1 of this section, 12VAC5-590-375 B and 12VAC5-590-375 C).

(1) Step 1: The owner shall conduct initial monitoring (12VAC5-590-375 B 4 a and 12VAC5-590-375 C 2) during two consecutive six-month monitoring periods by a date specified by the commissioner.

(2) Step 2: The owner shall complete corrosion control studies (subdivision A 1 c of this section) and submit the study and recommendations to the commissioner no later than 18 months after the date that initial monitoring is completed as specified in Step 1.

(3) Step 3: The commissioner shall approve optimal corrosion control treatment (subdivision A 1 d) no later than 12 months after the date that initial monitoring is completed.
following receipt of the corrosion control study required in Step 2.

(4) Step 4: The owner shall install optimal corrosion control treatment (subdivision A 1 e) no later than 24 months following the commissioner's approval of optimal corrosion control treatment specified in Step 3 (See 12VAC5-590-200).

(5) Step 5: The owner shall complete follow-up sampling (12VAC5-590-375 B 4 b and 12VAC5-590-375 C 3) no later than 12 months following the installation of optimal corrosion control treatment specified in Step 4.

(6) Step 6: The commissioner shall review installation of treatment and designate optimal water quality control parameters (subdivision A 1 f) no later than six months following completion of follow-up sampling specified in Step 5.

(7) Step 7: The owner shall operate the waterworks in compliance with the commissioner-specified optimal water quality control parameters (subdivision A 1 g) and continue to conduct tap sampling (12VAC5-590-375 B 4 c and 12VAC5-590-375 C 4).

e. Treatment steps and deadlines for small and medium waterworks. Except as provided in subdivision A 2 b of this section, owners of small and medium waterworks shall complete the following corrosion control treatment steps (described in the referenced portions of subdivision A 1, 12VAC5-590-375 B and 12VAC5-590-375 C).

(1) Step 1: The owner shall conduct initial tap sampling (12VAC5-590-375 B 4 a and 12VAC5-590-375 C 2) until the waterworks either exceeds the lead or copper action level or becomes eligible for reduced monitoring under 12VAC5-590-375 B 4 d. The owner of a waterworks exceeding the lead or copper action level shall propose optimal corrosion control treatment (subdivision A 1 a of this section) within six months after the end of the monitoring period during which it exceeds one of the action levels.

(2) Step 2: Within 12 months after the end of the monitoring period during which a waterworks exceeds the lead or copper action level, the commissioner may require the owner to perform corrosion control studies (subdivision A 1 b of this section). If the commissioner does not require the owner to perform such studies, the commissioner shall specify optimal corrosion control treatment (subdivision A 1 d of this section) within the following timeframes:

(a) For medium waterworks, within 18 months after the end of the monitoring period during which such waterworks exceeds the lead or copper action level.

(b) For small waterworks, within 24 months after the end of the monitoring period during which such waterworks exceeds the lead or copper action level.

(3) Step 3: If the commissioner requires an owner to perform corrosion control studies under Step 2, the owner shall complete the studies (subdivision A 1 c of this section) and submit the study and recommendations to the commissioner within 18 months after the commissioner requires that such studies be conducted.

(4) Step 4: If the waterworks owner has performed corrosion control studies under Step 2, the commissioner shall designate optimal corrosion control treatment (subdivision A 1 d of this section) within six months after completion of Step 3.

(5) Step 5: The owner shall install optimal corrosion control treatment (subdivision A 1 e of this section) within 24 months after the commissioner designates such treatment. See 12VAC5-590-200.

(6) Step 6: The owner shall complete follow-up sampling (12VAC5-590-375 B 4 b and 12VAC5-590-375 C 3) within 36 months after the commissioner designates optimal corrosion control treatment.
(7) Step 7: The commissioner shall review the owner's installation of treatment and designate optimal water quality control parameters (subdivision A 1 f of this section) within six months after completion of Step 6.

(8) Step 8: The owner shall operate in compliance with the commissioner designated optimal water quality control parameters (subdivision A 1 g of this section) and continue to conduct tap sampling (12VAC5-590-375 B 4 c and 12VAC5-590-375 C 4).

B. Water supply (source water) treatment technique requirements for lead and copper. The owner of any waterworks exceeding the lead or copper action level shall complete the applicable water supply monitoring and treatment requirements (described in the referenced portions of subdivision B 2 of this section, and in 12VAC5-590-375 B and D) by the following deadlines.

1. Deadlines for completing water supply treatment steps.

   a. Step 1: The owner of a waterworks exceeding the lead or copper action level shall complete lead and copper water supply monitoring (12VAC5-590-375 D 2) and make a treatment proposal to the district engineer (subdivision B 2 a of this section) no later than 180 days after the end of the monitoring period during which the lead or copper action level was exceeded.

   b. Step 2: The commissioner shall make a determination regarding the need for water supply treatment (subdivision B 2 b of this section) within six months after submission of monitoring results under Step 1.

   c. Step 3: If the commissioner requires installation of water supply treatment, the owner shall install the treatment (subdivision B 3 of this section) within 24 months after completion of Step 2.

   d. Step 4: The owner shall complete follow-up tap water monitoring (12VAC5-590-375 B 4 b) and water supply lead and copper monitoring (12VAC5-590-375 D 3) within 36 months after completion of Step 2.

   e. Step 5: The commissioner shall review the owner's installation and operation of water supply treatment and specify maximum permissible water supply lead and copper levels (subdivision B 4 of this section) within six months after completion of Step 4.

   f. Step 6: The owner shall operate in compliance with the commissioner-specified maximum permissible lead and copper water supply levels (subdivision B 4 of this section) and continue water supply monitoring (12VAC5-590-375 D 4).

2. Description of water supply treatment requirements.

   a. Waterworks treatment recommendation. The owner of any waterworks which exceeds the lead or copper action level shall propose in writing to the district engineer, the installation and operation of one of the water supply treatments listed in subdivision B 2 b of this section. An owner may propose that no treatment be installed based upon a demonstration that water supply treatment is not necessary to minimize lead and copper levels at users' taps.

   b. Commissioner's determination regarding water supply treatment. The commissioner shall complete an evaluation of the results of all water supply samples submitted by the owner to determine whether water supply treatment is necessary to minimize lead or copper levels in water delivered to users' taps. If the commissioner determines that treatment is needed, the commissioner shall either require installation and operation of the water supply treatment recommended by the owner or require the installation and operation of another water supply treatment from among the following: ion exchange, reverse osmosis, lime softening, or coagulation/filtration. If the commissioner requests additional information to aid in the review, the owner shall provide the information by the date specified by the commissioner in the request. The commissioner shall notify the owner in writing of the determination and set forth the basis for the decision.

3. Installation of water supply treatment. Each owner shall properly install and operate the water supply treatment designated by
4. Commissioner's review of water supply treatment and specification of maximum permissible water supply lead and copper levels. The commissioner shall review the water supply samples taken by the owner both before and after the owner installs water supply treatment, and determine whether the owner has properly installed and operated the water supply treatment designated by the commissioner. Based upon the review, the commissioner shall designate the maximum permissible lead and copper concentrations for finished water entering the distribution system. Such levels shall reflect the contaminant removal capability of the treatment properly operated and maintained. The commissioner shall notify the owner in writing and explain the basis for the decision.

5. Continued operation and maintenance. Each waterworks shall be operated to maintain lead and copper levels below the maximum permissible concentrations designated by the commissioner at each sampling point monitored in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 D. The waterworks is out of compliance with this subdivision if the level of lead or copper at any sampling point is greater than the maximum permissible concentration designated by the commissioner.

6. Modification of the commissioner's treatment decisions. Upon his own initiative or in response to a request by an owner or other interested party, the commissioner may modify his determination of the water supply treatment under subdivision B 2 b of this section, or may modify the maximum permissible lead and copper concentrations for finished water entering the distribution system under subdivision B 4 of this section. A request for modification by an owner or other interested party shall be in writing, explain why the modification is appropriate, and provide supporting documentation. The commissioner may modify the determination where he concludes that such change is necessary to ensure that the waterworks continues to minimize lead and copper concentrations in water supplies. A revised determination shall be made in writing, set forth the new treatment requirements, explain the basis for the commissioner's decision, and provide an implementation schedule for completing the treatment modifications.

C. Lead service line replacement treatment technique requirements:

1. Owners of waterworks that fail to meet the lead action level in tap samples taken pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 4 b, after installing corrosion control or water supply treatment (whichever sampling occurs later), shall replace lead service lines in accordance with the requirements of this section. If a waterworks is in violation of subdivision A 2 of this section or subsection B of this section for failure to install water supply or corrosion control treatment, the commissioner may require the owner to commence lead service line replacement under this section after the date by which the owner was required to conduct monitoring under 12VAC5-590-375 B 4 b has passed.

2. An owner shall replace annually at least 7.0% of the initial number of lead service lines in its distribution system. The initial number of lead service lines is the number of lead lines in place at the time the replacement program begins. The owner shall identify the initial number of lead service lines in its distribution system based upon a materials evaluation, including the evaluation required under 12VAC5-590-375 B 1. The first year of lead service line replacement shall begin on the first day following the end of the monitoring period in which the lead action level was exceeded under subdivision C 1 of this subsection. If monitoring is required annually or less frequently, the end of the monitoring period is September 30 of the calendar year in which the sampling occurs. If the commissioner has established an alternate monitoring period, then the end of the monitoring period will be the last day of that period.

3. The owner of any waterworks resuming a lead service line replacement program after the cessation of the lead service line
replacement program as allowed by subdivision C 7 of this section shall update the inventory of lead service lines to include those sites that were previously determined not to require replacement through the sampling provision under subdivision C 4 of this section. The owner shall then divide the updated number of remaining lead service lines by the number of remaining years in the program to determine the number of lines that must be replaced per year (7.0% lead service line replacement is based on a 15-year replacement program; so, for example, owners resuming lead service line replacement after previously conducting two years of replacement would divide the updated inventory by 13). For those owners that have completed a 15-year lead service line replacement program, the commissioner will determine a schedule for replacing or retesting lines that were previously tested out under the replacement program when the waterworks re-exceeds the lead action level.

4. An owner is not required to replace an individual lead service line if the lead concentration in all service line samples from that line, taken pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 2 c, is less than or equal to 0.015 mg/L.

5. An owner shall replace that portion of the lead service line that is owned by the waterworks. In cases where the waterworks owner does not own the entire lead service line, the waterworks owner shall notify the building owner, or the building owner’s authorized agent, that the waterworks owner will replace that portion of the service line that is owned by the waterworks and shall offer to replace the building owner's portion of the line. The waterworks owner is not required to bear the cost of replacing the building owner's portion of the service line, nor is the waterworks owner required to replace the building owner's portion where the waterworks owner chooses not to pay the cost of replacing the building owner's portion of the line, or where replacing the building owner's portion would be precluded by state, local, or common law. A waterworks owner that does not replace the entire length of the service line also shall complete the following tasks.

a. At least 45 days prior to commencing with the partial replacement of a lead service line, the waterworks owner shall provide notice to the resident or residents of all buildings served by the line explaining that they may experience a temporary increase of lead levels in their drinking water, along with guidance on measures consumers can take to minimize their exposure to lead. The commissioner may allow the waterworks owner to provide notice under the previous sentence less than 45 days prior to commencing partial lead service line replacement where such replacement is in conjunction with emergency repairs. In addition, the waterworks owner shall inform the resident or residents served by the line that the waterworks owner will, at the waterworks owner's expense, collect a sample from each partially-replaced lead service line that is representative of the water in the service line for analysis of lead content, as prescribed in 12VAC5-590-375 B 2 c, within 72 hours after the completion of the partial replacement of the lead service line. The waterworks owner shall collect the sample and report the results of the analysis to the building owner and resident or residents served by the line within three business days of receiving the results. Mailed notices post-marked within three business days of receiving the results shall be considered on time.

b. The waterworks owner shall provide the information required by subdivision C 5 a of this section to the residents of individual dwellings by mail or by other methods approved by the commissioner. In instances where multi-family dwellings are served by the line, the waterworks owner shall have the option to post the information at a conspicuous location.

6. The commissioner shall require an owner to replace lead service lines on a shorter schedule than that required by this subsection, taking into account the number of lead service lines in the waterworks, where such a shorter replacement schedule is feasible. The commissioner shall make this determination in writing and notify the owner of the findings within six months after the waterworks is triggered into lead service line replacement based on monitoring referenced in subdivision C 1 of this section.
7. Any owner may cease replacing lead service lines whenever first draw tap samples collected pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 2 b meet the lead action level during each of two consecutive monitoring periods and the owner submits the results to the district engineer. If the first draw tap samples collected in any such waterworks thereafter exceeds the lead action level, the owner shall recommence replacing lead service lines, pursuant to subdivision C 3 of this section.

8. To demonstrate compliance with subdivisions C 1 through C 5 of this section, an owner shall report to the district engineer the information specified in 12VAC5-590-530 D 5.

D. Lead public education requirements. The waterworks owner shall deliver a consumer notice of lead tap water monitoring results to all persons served by the water system at sites that are tested in accordance with subdivision D 4 of this section. The owner of a waterworks that exceeds the lead action level based on tap water samples collected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B shall deliver the public education materials contained in subdivisions D 1 of this section in accordance with the requirements in subdivision D 2 of this section. The owner of a waterworks that exceeds the lead action level shall sample the tap water of any customer who requests it in accordance with subdivision D 3 of this section.

1. Content of written materials. The owner shall include the following text in all of the printed materials distributed through the lead public education program.

   a. Community waterworks and nontransient noncommunity waterworks. Owners of community waterworks or nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall include the following elements in printed materials (e.g., brochures and pamphlets) in the same order as listed below. In addition, the language specified in subdivisions D 1 a (1) through D 1 a (2) and in subdivision D 1 a (6) of this section shall be included in materials, exactly as written, except for the text in brackets for which the waterworks owner shall include system-specific information. Any additional information presented by the owner shall be consistent with the information below and be in plain language that can be understood by the general public. The commissioner may require the waterworks owner to obtain approval of the content of written material prior to delivery.

      (1) IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER. [INSERT NAME OF WATERWORKS] found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Please read this information closely to see what you can do to reduce lead in your drinking water.

      (2) Health effects of lead. Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development.

      (3) Sources of lead.

         (a) Explain what lead is.

         (b) Explain possible sources of lead in drinking water and how lead enters drinking water. Include information on home/building materials and services lines that may contain lead.

         (c) Discuss other important sources of lead exposure in addition to drinking water (e.g., paint).
(4) Discuss the steps the consumer can take to reduce their exposure to lead in drinking water.

(a) Encourage running the water to flush out the lead.

(b) Explain concerns with using hot water from the tap and specifically caution against the use of hot water for preparing baby formula.

(c) Explain that boiling water does not reduce lead levels.

(d) Discuss other options consumers can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water, such as alternative sources or treatment of water.

(e) Suggest that parents have their child's blood tested for lead.

(5) Explain why there are elevated levels of lead in the waterworks’ drinking water (if known) and what the waterworks owner is doing to reduce the lead levels in homes/buildings.

(6) For more information call us at [INSERT WATERWORKS OWNER'S CONTACT PHONE NUMBER], or [IF APPLICABLE] visit our website at [INSERT WATERWORKS' WEBSITE HERE]. For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at http://www.epa.gov/lead or contact your health care provider.

b. In addition to including the elements specified in subdivision D 1 a of this section, the owners of community waterworks shall:

(1) Tell consumers how to get their water tested.

(2) Discuss lead in plumbing components and the difference between low lead and lead free.

2. Delivery of public education materials.

a. The owner of any waterworks serving a large proportion of non-English speaking consumers, as determined by the commissioner, shall include in all public education materials information in the appropriate language(s) regarding the importance of the notice or contain a telephone number or address where persons served may contact the water system to obtain a translated copy of the public education materials or to request assistance in the appropriate language.

b. The owner of a community waterworks that exceeds the lead action level on the basis of tap water samples collected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B, and that is not already conducting public education tasks shall conduct the public education tasks under this subdivision within 60 days after the end of the monitoring period in which the exceedance occurred. For waterworks that are required to conduct monitoring annually or less frequently, the end of the monitoring period is September 30 of the calendar year in which the sampling occurs, or, if the commissioner has established an alternate monitoring period, the last day of that period. These public education tasks include:

(1) Deliver printed materials meeting the content requirements of subdivision D 1 of this section to all bill paying customers.

(2) Contact customers who are most at risk by delivering education materials that meet the content requirements of subdivision D 1 of this section to the local health department even if they are not located within the water system's service area, along with an informational notice that encourages distribution to all the organization's potentially affected customers or community water system's users. The waterworks owner shall contact the local health department directly by phone or in person. The local health department may provide a specific list of additional community based organizations serving target
populations, which may include organizations outside the service area of the water system. If such lists are provided, the waterworks owner shall deliver education materials that meet the content requirements of subdivision D 1 of this section to all organizations on the provided lists.

(3) Contact customers who are most at risk by delivering materials that meet the content requirements of subdivision D 1 of this section to the following organizations that are located within the water system’s service area, along with an informational notice that encourages distribution to all the organization’s potentially affected customers or community water system’s users: (i) public and private schools or school boards; (ii) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Head Start programs; (iii) public and private hospitals and medical clinics; (iv) pediatricians; (v) family planning clinics; and (vi) local welfare agencies.

(4) Make a good faith effort to locate the following organizations within the service area and deliver materials that meet the content requirements of subdivision D 1 of this section to them, along with an informational notice that encourages distribution to all potentially affected customers or users. The good faith effort to contact at-risk customers may include requesting a specific contact list of these organizations from the local health department, even if the agencies are not located within the water system’s service area: (i) licensed childcare centers; (ii) public and private preschools; and (iii) obstetricians-gynecologists and midwives.

(5) No less often than quarterly, provide information on or in each water bill as long as the waterworks exceeds the action level for lead. The message on the water bill shall include the following statement exactly as written except for the text in brackets for which the owner shall include system-specific information: [INSERT NAME OF WATERWORKS] found high levels of lead in drinking water in some homes. Lead can cause serious health problems. For more information please call [INSERT NAME OF WATERWORKS] or visit [IF APPLICABLE INSERT WATERWORKS’ WEBSITE]. The message or delivery mechanism can be modified in consultation with the commissioner; specifically, the commissioner may allow a separate mailing of public education materials to customers if the waterworks owner cannot place the information on water bills.

(6) Post materials meeting the content requirements of subdivision D 1 of this section on the waterworks’ website if the waterworks serves a population greater than 100,000 persons.

(7) Submit a press release to newspapers, television, and radio stations.

(8) In addition to the delivery requirements contained in subdivisions D 2 b (1) through D 2 b (7) of this section, the owners of waterworks exceeding the lead action level shall implement at least three activities from one or more of the following categories: (i) public service announcements; (ii) paid advertisements; (iii) public area informational displays; (iv) e-mails to customers; (v) public meetings; (vi) household deliveries; (vii) targeted individual customer contact; (viii) direct material distribution to all multi-family homes and institutions; and (ix) other methods approved by the commissioner. The educational content and selection of these activities shall be determined in consultation with the district engineer.

(9) As long as a community water system exceeds the lead action level, the waterworks owner shall repeat the following public education activities:

(a) The community water system owner shall repeat the tasks contained in subdivisions D 2 b (1) through D 2 b (3), and D 2 b (8) of this section every 12 months.

(b) The community water system owner shall repeat tasks contained in subdivision D 2 b (5) of this section with each billing
cycle.

(c) The owner of a community water system serving a population greater than 100,000 shall post and retain material on a publicly accessible website pursuant to subdivision D 2 b (6) of this section.

(d) The community water system owner shall repeat the task in subdivision D 2 b (7) of this section twice every 12 months on a schedule agreed upon with the commissioner.

(10) The commissioner may allow the public education activities described in subdivision D 2 b of this section to extend beyond the 60-day requirement if needed for implementation purposes on a case-by-case basis; however, this extension must be approved in writing by the commissioner in advance of the 60-day deadline.

c. The owner of a nontransient noncommunity waterworks that exceeds the lead action level on the basis of tap water samples collected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B, and that is not already conducting public education tasks, shall conduct the public education tasks under this subdivision within 60 days after the end of the monitoring period in which the exceedance occurred. For waterworks that are required to conduct monitoring annually or less frequently, the end of the monitoring period is September 30 of the calendar year in which the sampling occurs, or, if the commissioner has established an alternate monitoring period, the last day of that period. These public education tasks include:

(1) Post informational posters containing all of the public education elements contained in subdivision D 1 of this section in a public place or common area in each of the buildings served by the waterworks; and

(2) Distribute informational pamphlets or brochures on lead in drinking water containing all of the public education elements in subdivision D 1 of this section to each person served by the nontransient noncommunity waterworks. The commissioner may allow the owner to utilize electronic transmission in lieu of or combined with printed materials as long as it achieves at least the same coverage.

(3) The owner of a nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall repeat the tasks contained in subdivisions D 2 c (1) through D 2 c (2) of this section at least once during each calendar year in which the waterworks exceeds the lead action level.

(4) The commissioner may allow the public education activities described in subdivision D 2 c of this section to extend beyond the 60-day requirement if needed for implementation purposes on a case-by-case basis; however, this extension must be approved in writing by the commissioner in advance of the 60-day deadline.

d. An owner may discontinue delivery of public education materials if the waterworks has met the lead action level during the most recent six-month monitoring period conducted pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B. The owner shall recommence public education in accordance with this subsection if the waterworks subsequently exceeds the lead action level during any monitoring period.

e. The owner of a community waterworks may apply to the district engineer, in writing, (unless the commissioner has waived the requirement for prior approval) to use only the text specified in subdivision D 1 a of this section in lieu of the text in subdivisions D 1 a through D 1 b of this section and to perform the tasks listed in subdivisions D 2 c (1) through D 2 c (2) of this section in lieu of the tasks in subdivisions D 2 b (1) through D 2 b (9) of this section if:

(1) The waterworks serves a facility, such as a prison or a hospital, where the population served is not capable of or is prevented from making improvements to plumbing or installing POU treatment devices; and

(2) The owner provides water as part of the cost of services provided and does not separately charge for water consumption.
f. The owner of a community waterworks serving 3,300 or fewer people may limit certain aspects their public education programs as follows:

(1) With respect to the requirements of subdivision D 2 b (8) of this section, the owner of a waterworks serving 3,300 or fewer people shall implement at least one of the activities listed in that subdivision.

(2) With respect to the requirements of subdivision D 2 b (2) of this section, the owner of a waterworks serving 3,300 or fewer people may limit the distribution of the public education materials required under that subdivision to facilities and organizations served by the waterworks that are most likely to be visited regularly by pregnant women and children.

(3) With respect to the requirements of subdivision D 2 b (7) of this section, the commissioner may waive this requirement for systems serving 3,300 or fewer persons as long as the owner distributes notices to every household served by the waterworks.

3. Supplemental monitoring and notification of results. The owner of a waterworks that fails to meet the lead action level on the basis of tap samples collected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 B shall offer to sample the tap water of any customer who requests it. The owner is not required to pay for collecting or analyzing the sample, nor is the owner required to collect and analyze the sample itself.

4. Notification of results. The owners of all community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks shall provide a notice of the individual tap results from lead tap water monitoring carried out under the requirements of 12VAC5-590-375 B to the persons served by the waterworks at the specific sampling site from which the sample was taken (e.g., the occupants of the residence or buildings where the tap was tested).

   a. Timing of notification. An owner shall provide this consumer notice as soon as practical, but no later than 30 days after the owner learns of the tap monitoring results.

   b. Content. The consumer notice shall include the results of lead tap water monitoring for the tap that was tested, an explanation of the health effects of lead, list steps consumers can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water, and contact information for the waterworks. The notice shall also provide the maximum contaminant level goal and the action level for lead and the definitions for these two terms from 12VAC5-590-10.

   c. Delivery. The consumer notice shall be provided to persons served at the tap that was tested, either by mail or by another method approved by the commissioner. For example, the owner of a nontransient noncommunity waterworks may post the results on a bulletin board in the facility to allow users to review the information. The owner shall provide the notice to customers at sample taps tested, including consumers who do not receive water bills.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

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12VAC5-590-410. Determination of compliance.

For the purposes of determining compliance with a PMCL or action level, the following criteria shall be used:

   A. Bacteriological results. Compliance with the PMCL for coliform bacteria shall be determined as specified in 12VAC5-590-380 C.
B. Inorganic chemicals.

1. Antimony, arsenic, asbestos, barium, beryllium, cadmium, cyanide (as free cyanide), chromium, fluoride, mercury, nickel, selenium, and thallium. Where the results of sampling for antimony, arsenic, asbestos, barium, beryllium, cadmium, cyanide (as free cyanide), chromium, fluoride, mercury, nickel, selenium, or thallium exceed the PMCL, the owner shall take a confirmation sample, at the same sampling point, within two weeks of notification of the analytical results of the first sample.

   a. The results of the initial and confirmation samples shall be averaged to determine compliance with subdivision B 1 c of this subsection. The commissioner has the discretion to delete results of obvious sampling errors.

   b. The commissioner may require more frequent monitoring.

   c. Compliance with antimony, arsenic, asbestos, barium, beryllium, cadmium, cyanide (as free cyanide), chromium, fluoride, mercury, nickel, selenium, and thallium in Table 2.2 of 12VAC5-590-440 shall be determined based on the analytical result(s) obtained at each sampling point.

      (1) Owners that are conducting monitoring more frequently than annually, compliance with the PMCL for antimony, arsenic, asbestos, barium, beryllium, cadmium, cyanide (as free cyanide), chromium, fluoride, mercury, nickel, selenium, and thallium is determined by a running annual average at each sampling point. If the average at any sampling point is greater than the PMCL, then the waterworks is out of compliance. If any one sample would cause the annual average to be exceeded, then the waterworks is out of compliance immediately. Any sample below the method detection limit shall be calculated at zero for the purpose of determining the annual average. If an owner fails to collect the required number of samples, compliance (average concentration) shall be based on the total number of samples collected.

      (2) Owners that are monitoring annually, or less frequently, the waterworks is not out of compliance with the PMCL for antimony, arsenic, asbestos, barium, beryllium, cadmium, cyanide (as free cyanide), chromium, fluoride, mercury, nickel, selenium, and thallium if the average of the original sample and a confirmation sample of a contaminant at any sampling point is greater than the PMCL. Owners of waterworks monitoring annually or less frequently whose sample result exceeds the PMCL shall begin quarterly sampling. The waterworks shall not be considered in violation of the PMCL until it has completed one year of quarterly sampling. However, if the confirmation sample is not collected, the waterworks is in violation of the PMCL for antimony, arsenic, asbestos, barium, beryllium, cadmium, cyanide (as free cyanide), chromium, fluoride, mercury, nickel, selenium, or thallium. If an owner fails to collect the required number of samples, compliance (average concentration) shall be based on the total number of samples collected.

2. Nitrate and nitrite. Compliance with the PMCL is determined based on one sample from each sampling point if the levels of these contaminants are below the PMCLs. Where nitrate or nitrite sample results exceed the PMCL, the owner shall take a confirmation sample from the same sampling point that exceeded the PMCL within 24 hours of the owner's receipt of the analytical results of the first sample. The results of the initial and confirmation sample shall be averaged to determine compliance with this subdivision. Owners unable to comply with the 24-hour sampling requirement shall immediately notify the consumers in the area served by the waterworks in accordance with 12VAC5-590-540. Owners exercising this option shall take and analyze a confirmation sample within two weeks of notification of the analytical results of the first sample. The commissioner may require more frequent monitoring. The commissioner has the discretion to delete results of obvious sampling errors.

C. Organic chemicals.
1. VOCs and SOCs. A confirmation sample shall be required for positive results for contaminants listed in Table 2.3. The commissioner has the discretion to delete results of obvious sampling errors from this calculation.

   a. The results of the initial and confirmation sample shall be averaged to determine the waterworks’ compliance in accordance with subdivision C 1 b of this subsection.

   b. Compliance with Table 2.3 shall be determined based on the analytical results obtained at each sampling point. Any samples below the detection limit shall be calculated as zero for the purposes of determining the annual average. (Note: Refer to detection definition at 12VAC5-590-370 B 2 h.) If an owner fails to collect the required number of samples, compliance (average concentration) will be based on the total number of samples collected.

   (1) Owners that are conducting monitoring more frequently than annually, compliance is determined by a running annual average of all samples taken at each sampling point. If the annual average of any sampling point is greater than the PMCL, then the waterworks is out of compliance. If the initial sample or a subsequent sample would cause the annual average to be exceeded, then the waterworks is out of compliance immediately. Any samples below the detection limit shall be calculated as zero for purposes of determining the annual average. (Note: Refer to detection definition at 12VAC5-590-370 B 2 h.)

   (2) If monitoring is conducted annually, or less frequently, the waterworks is not in violation if the average of the initial and confirmation sample is greater than the PMCL for that contaminant; however, the owner shall begin quarterly sampling. The waterworks will not be considered in violation of the PMCL until the owner has completed one year of quarterly sampling. If any sample will cause the running annual average to exceed the PMCL at any sampling point, the waterworks is immediately out of compliance with the PMCL.

2. Disinfectant residuals, disinfection byproducts and disinfection byproduct precursors. Compliance with 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 a through B 3 k is as follows:

   a. General requirements.

   (1) Where compliance is based on a running annual average of monthly or quarterly samples or averages and the owner fails to monitor for TTHM, HAA5, or bromate, this failure to monitor will be treated as a monitoring violation for the entire period covered by the annual average. Where compliance is based on a running annual average of monthly or quarterly samples or averages and the owner’s failure to monitor makes it impossible to determine compliance with MRDLs for chlorine and chloramines, this failure to monitor shall be treated as a monitoring violation for the entire period covered by the annual average.

   (2) All samples taken and analyzed under subdivision C 2 of this section shall be included in determining compliance, even if that number is greater than the minimum required.

   (3) If during the first year of monitoring under 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 b, any individual quarter’s average will cause the running annual average of that waterworks to exceed the PMCL in Table 2.12 and Table 2.13, the waterworks is out of compliance at the end of that quarter.

   b. Disinfection byproducts.

   (1) TTHMs and HAA5.

   (a) Running Annual Average. All waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water serving 10,000 or more persons shall comply with this section beginning January 1, 2002. All waterworks using surface water
or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water serving less than 10,000 persons and all waterworks using groundwater not under the direct influence of surface water shall comply with this section beginning January 1, 2004. All waterworks shall comply with this section until the dates listed in 12VAC5-590-370 B e (3) (c).

(i) For waterworks monitoring quarterly, compliance with PMCLs in Table 2.13 shall be based on a running annual arithmetic average, computed quarterly, of quarterly arithmetic averages of all samples collected by the owner as prescribed by 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 e (1).

(ii) For waterworks monitoring less frequently than quarterly, the owner demonstrates PMCL compliance if the average of samples taken that year under the provisions of 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 e (1) does not exceed the PMCLs in Table 2.13. If the average of these samples exceeds the PMCL, the owner shall increase monitoring to once per quarter per treatment plant and such a waterworks is not in violation of the PMCL until it has completed one year of quarterly monitoring, unless the result of fewer then four quarter of monitoring will cause the running annual average to exceed the PMCL, in which case the waterworks is in violation at the end of that quarter. Owners of waterworks required to increase monitoring frequency to quarterly monitoring shall calculate compliance by including the sample that triggered the increase monitoring plus the following three quarter of monitoring.

(iii) If the running annual arithmetic average of quarterly averages covering any consecutive four-quarter period exceeds the PMCL in Table 2.12 and Table 2.13, the waterworks is in violation of the PMCL and the owner shall notify the public pursuant to 12VAC5-590-540 in addition to reporting to the commissioner pursuant to 12VAC5-590-530.

(iv) If an owner fails to complete four consecutive quarters of monitoring, compliance with the PMCL in Table 2.13 for the last four-quarter compliance period shall be based on an average of the available data.

(b) Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA). All waterworks shall comply with this section beginning on the dates listed in 12VAC5-590-370 B e (3) (c).

(i) Owners of waterworks required to monitor quarterly shall calculate LRAAs for TTHM and HAA5 using monitoring results collected under 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 e (3) and determine that each LRAA does not exceed the PMCL in order to comply with PMCLs in Table 2.13. If the owner fails to complete four consecutive quarters of monitoring, the owner shall calculate compliance with the PMCL based on the average of the available data from the most recent four quarters. If the owner takes more than one sample per quarter at a monitoring location, the owner shall average all samples taken in the quarter at that location to determine a quarterly average to be used in the LRAA calculation.

(ii) Owners of waterworks required to monitor yearly or less frequently shall determine that each sample taken is less than the PMCL in order to determine compliance with PMCLs in Table 2.13. If any sample exceeds the PMCL, the owner shall comply with the requirements of 12VAC5–590-370 B 3 e (3) (g). If no sample exceeds the PMCL, the sample result for each monitoring location is considered the LRAA for that monitoring location.

(iii) Waterworks are in violation of the monitoring requirements for each quarter that a monitoring result would be used in calculating an LRAA if the owner fails to monitor.

(iv) Waterworks have exceeded the operational evaluation level at any monitoring location where the sum of the two previous quarters' TTHM results plus twice the current quarter's TTHM result, divided by four to determine an average, exceeds 0.080 mg/L, or where the sum of the two previous quarters' HAA5 results plus twice the current quarter's HAA5 result, divided by
four to determine an average, exceeds 0.060 mg/L.

((a)) Owners of waterworks that exceed the operational evaluation level shall conduct an operational evaluation and submit a written report of the evaluation to the commissioner no later than 90 days after being notified of the analytical result that causes the waterworks to exceed the operational evaluation level. The written report shall be made available to the public upon request.

((b)) The operational evaluation report shall include an examination of waterworks treatment and distribution operational practices, including storage tank operations, excess storage capacity, distribution system flushing, changes in sources or source water quality, and treatment changes or problems that may contribute to TTHM and HAA5 formation and what steps could be considered to minimize future exceedances.

((c)) The owner may request and the commissioner may allow waterworks to limit the scope of the evaluation if the owner is able to identify the cause of the operational evaluation level exceedance. The request to limit the scope of the evaluation does not extend the schedule in paragraph ((a)) of this section for submitting the written report. The commissioner shall approve this limited scope of evaluation in writing and the owner shall keep that approval with the completed report.

(2) Bromate. Compliance shall be based on a running annual arithmetic average, computed quarterly, of monthly samples (or, for months in which the waterworks takes more than one sample, the average of all samples taken during the month) collected by the owner as prescribed by 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 g. If the average of samples covering any consecutive four-quarter period exceeds the PMCL in Table 2.13, the waterworks is in violation of the PMCL and the owner shall notify the public pursuant to 12VAC5-590-540, in addition to reporting to the commissioner pursuant to 12VAC5-590-530. If an owner fails to complete 12 consecutive months' monitoring, compliance with the PMCL for the last four-quarter compliance period shall be based on an average of the available data.

(3) Chlorite. Compliance shall be based on an arithmetic average of each three sample set taken in the distribution system as prescribed by 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 f (1) (a), (b) and (c). If the arithmetic average of any three sample set exceeds the PMCL in Table 2.13, the waterworks is in violation of the PMCL and the owner shall notify the public pursuant to 12VAC5-590-540, in addition to reporting to the commissioner pursuant to 12VAC5-590-530.

c. Disinfectant residuals.

(1) Chlorine and chloramines.

(a) Compliance shall be based on a running annual arithmetic average, computed quarterly, of monthly averages of all samples collected by the waterworks under 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 h (1) (a). If the average covering any consecutive four-quarter period exceeds the MRDL in Table 2.12, the waterworks is in violation of the MRDL and the owner shall notify the public pursuant to 12VAC5-590-540, in addition to reporting to the commissioner pursuant to 12VAC5-590-530.

(b) In cases where waterworks switch between the use of chlorine and chloramines for residual disinfection during the year, compliance shall be determined by including together all monitoring results of both chlorine and chloramines in calculating compliance. Reports submitted pursuant to 12VAC5-590-530 shall clearly indicate which residual disinfectant was analyzed for each sample.

(2) Chlorine dioxide.

(a) Acute violations. Compliance shall be based on consecutive daily samples collected by the owner under 12VAC5-590-370
B 3 h (2) (a). If any daily sample taken at the entrance to the distribution system exceeds the MRDL in Table 2.12, and on the following day one (or more) of the three samples taken in the distribution system exceed the MRDL, the waterworks is in violation of the MRDL and the owner shall take immediate corrective action to lower the level of chlorine dioxide below the MRDL and the owner shall notify the public pursuant to the procedures for Tier 1 conditions in 12VAC5-590-540 in addition to reporting to the commissioner pursuant to 12VAC5-590-530. Failure to take samples in the distribution system the day following an exceedance of the chlorine dioxide MRDL at the entrance to the distribution system will also be considered an MRDL violation and the owner shall notify the public of the violation in accordance with the provisions for Tier 1 conditions in 12VAC5-590-540 in addition to reporting to the commissioner pursuant to 12VAC5-590-530.

(b) Nonacute violations. Compliance shall be based on consecutive daily samples collected by the owner under 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 h (2) (a). If any two consecutive daily samples taken at the entrance to the distribution system exceed the MRDL in Table 2.12 and all distribution system samples taken are below the MRDL, the waterworks is in violation of the MRDL and the owner shall take corrective action to lower the level of chlorine dioxide below the MRDL at the point of sampling and shall notify the public pursuant to the procedures for Tier 2 conditions in 12VAC5-590-540 in addition to reporting to the commissioner pursuant to 12VAC5-590-530. Failure to monitor at the entrance to the distribution system the day following an exceedance of the chlorine dioxide MRDL at the entrance to the distribution system is also an MRDL violation and the owner shall notify the public of the violation in accordance with the provisions for Tier 2 conditions in 12VAC5-590-540 in addition to reporting to the commissioner pursuant to 12VAC5-590-530.

d. Disinfection byproduct precursors (DBPP). Compliance shall be determined as specified by 12VAC5-590-420 H 3. Owners may begin monitoring to determine whether Step 1 TOC removals can be met 12 months prior to the compliance date for the waterworks. This monitoring is not required and failure to monitor during this period is not a violation. However, any owner that does not monitor during this period, and then determines in the first 12 months after the compliance date that it is not able to meet the Step 1 requirements in 12VAC5-590-420 H 2 b and shall therefore apply for alternate minimum TOC removal (Step 2) requirements, is not eligible for retroactive approval of alternate minimum TOC removal (Step 2) requirements as allowed pursuant to 12VAC5-590-420 H 2 c and is in violation. Owners may apply for alternate minimum TOC removal (Step 2) requirements any time after the compliance date. For waterworks required to meet Step 1 TOC removals, if the value calculated under 12VAC5-590-420 H 3 a (4) is less than 1.00, the waterworks is in violation of the treatment technique requirements and the owner shall notify the public pursuant to 12VAC5-590-540 in addition to reporting to the commissioner pursuant to 12VAC5-90-530.

D. Radiological results (gross alpha, combined radium-226 and radium-228, uranium and man-made radioactivity). Compliance with the radiological PMCLs shall be in accordance with 12VAC5-590-370 D 3 c. PMCLs are indicated in subsection B of Table 2.5. Sampling for radiological analysis shall be in compliance with 12VAC5-590-370 D 1 and D 2. Furthermore, compliance shall be determined by rounding off results to the same number of significant figures as the PMCL for the substance in question.

E. Reserved.

F. Turbidity. The requirements in this subsection apply to filtered waterworks until June 29, 1993. The requirements in this section apply to unfiltered waterworks with surface water sources or groundwater sources under the direct influence of surface water that are required to install filtration equipment until June 29, 1993, or until filtration is installed, whichever is later. When a sample exceeds the PMCL for turbidity a confirmation sample shall be collected for analysis as soon as possible. In cases where a turbidimeter is required
at the waterworks, the preferable resampling time is within one hour of the initial sampling. The repeat sample shall be the sample used for the purpose of calculating the monthly average. Compliance for public notification purposes shall be based on the monthly averages of the daily samples. However, public notification is also required if the average of samples taken on two consecutive days exceeds five NTU.

G. All analyses for PMCL and action level compliance determinations shall be consistent with current Environmental Protection Agency Regulations found at 40 CFR Part 141.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-420. Treatment technique requirement.

This section establishes treatment technique requirements in lieu of maximum contaminant levels for specified contaminants. Failure to meet any requirement of this section after the applicable date specified is a treatment technique violation.

A. The filtration and disinfection provisions of this section are required treatment techniques for any waterworks supplied by a surface water source and waterworks supplied by a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water. This section establishes treatment technique requirements in lieu of PMCL’s for the following contaminants: Giardia lamblia, viruses, heterotrophic bacteria (HPC), Legionella, Cryptosporidium and turbidity. Each waterworks with a surface water source or a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water shall provide treatment of that source water that complies with these treatment technique requirements. The treatment technique requirements consist of installing and properly operating water treatment processes which reliably achieve:

1. At least 99.9% (3-log) removal and/or inactivation of Giardia lamblia cysts between a point where the raw water is not subject to recontamination by surface water runoff and a point downstream before or at the first customer; and

2. At least 99.99% (4-log) removal and/or inactivation of viruses between a point where the raw water is not subject to recontamination by surface water runoff and a point downstream before or at the first customer; and

3. At least 99% (2-log) removal of Cryptosporidium between a point where the raw water is not subject to recontamination by surface water runoff and a point downstream before or at the first customer.

B. A waterworks using a surface water source or a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water is considered to be in compliance with the requirements of subsection A of this section if it meets the following disinfection filtration and enhanced filtration and disinfection for Cryptosporidium requirements:

1. Disinfection. Waterworks with a surface water source or a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water shall provide disinfection treatment in accordance with this section.

   a. The disinfection treatment shall be sufficient to ensure that the total treatment processes of that waterworks achieve at least 99.9% (3-log) inactivation and/or removal of Giardia lamblia cysts and at least 99.99% (4-log) inactivation and/or
removal of viruses.

b. The residual disinfectant concentration in the water entering the distribution system cannot be less than 0.2 mg/L for more than four hours.

c. The residual disinfectant concentration in the distribution system, measured as total chlorine, combined chlorine, or chlorine dioxide cannot be undetectable in more than 5.0% of the samples each month, for any two consecutive months that the waterworks serves water to the public. Water in the distribution system with a heterotrophic bacteria concentration less than or equal to 500/mL, measured as heterotrophic plate count (HPC) is deemed to have a detectable disinfectant residual for purposes of determining compliance with this requirement. Thus, the value “V” in percent in the following formula cannot exceed 5.0% in one month, for any two consecutive months.

\[ V = \frac{(c + d + e)}{(a + b)} \times 100 \]

- a = number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is measured;
- b = number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is not measured but HPC is measured;
- c = number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is measured but not detected and no HPC is measured;
- d = number of instances where no residual disinfectant concentration is detected and where the HPC is greater than 500/mL;
- e = number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is not measured and HPC is greater than 500/mL.

d. The commissioner may determine, based on site-specific considerations, that an owner has no means for having a sample transported and analyzed for HPC by a certified laboratory under the requisite time and temperature conditions and the waterworks is providing adequate disinfection in the distribution system, that the requirements of subdivision B 1 c of this section does not apply.

2. Filtration. (Also see 12VAC5-590-880.) All waterworks that use a surface water source or a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water shall provide filtration treatment by using one of the following methods:

a. Conventional filtration or direct filtration.

(1) Achieve a filtered water turbidity of less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in at least 95% of the measurements taken each month. Samples shall be representative of the waterworks’ filtered water.

(2) The turbidity level of representative samples of a system's filtered water shall at no time exceed 1 NTU, measured as specified in 12VAC5-590-440.

(3) A system that uses lime softening may acidify representative samples prior to analysis using a protocol approved by the commissioner.

b. Slow sand filtration.

(1) The turbidity level of representative samples of a waterworks' filtered water shall be less than or equal to one NTU in at least 95% of the measurements taken each month, except that if the commissioner determines there is no significant interference with disinfection at a higher turbidity level, the commissioner may substitute this higher turbidity limit for that waterworks.
(2) The turbidity level of representative samples of a waterworks' filtered water shall at no time exceed five NTU.

c. Diatomaceous earth filtration.

(1) The turbidity level of representative samples of a waterworks' filtered water shall be less than or equal to one NTU in at least 95% of the measurements taken each month.

(2) The turbidity level of representative samples of a waterworks' filtered water shall at no time exceed five NTU.

d. Other filtration technologies. An owner may use a filtration technology not listed in subdivisions 2 a through c of this subsection if the owner demonstrates to the commissioner (by pilot plant studies or other means) that the alternative filtration technology, in combination with disinfection treatment, achieves 99.9% removal (3-log) and/or inactivation of Giardia lamblia cysts, 99.99% removal (4-log) and/or inactivation of viruses, and 99% removal (2-log) of Cryptosporidium oocysts. For an owner that makes this demonstration, a turbidity limit of representative samples of a waterworks' filtered water, not to exceed 0.3 NTU, shall be established by the commissioner, which the waterworks must meet at least 95% of the time. In addition, the commissioner shall establish a maximum turbidity limit of representative samples of a waterworks' filtered water, not to exceed 1 NTU that the waterworks must not exceed at any time. These turbidity limits shall consistently achieve the removal rates and/or inactivation rates stated in this subdivision.

e. Each waterworks using a surface water source or groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water shall be operated by licensed operators of the appropriate classification as per the Virginia Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Regulations (18VAC155-20).

f. If the commissioner has determined that a waterworks has a surface water source or a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water, filtration is required. The waterworks shall provide disinfection during the interim before filtration is installed as follows:

(1) The residual disinfectant concentration in the distribution system shall not be less than 2.0 mg/L for more than four hours.

(2) The owner shall issue continuing boil water notices through the public notification procedure in 12VAC5-590-540 until such time as the required filtration equipment is installed.

(3) As an alternative to subdivisions B f 2 (1) and (2) of this section, the owner may demonstrate that the source can meet the appropriate C-T values shown in Appendix L and be considered to satisfy the requirements for 99.9% removal of Giardia cysts and virus, respectively. In addition, the waterworks owner shall comply with the following:

(a) Justify that other alternative sources of supply meeting these regulations are not immediately available.

(b) Analysis of the source is performed quarterly for the contaminants listed in Tables 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4. The primary maximum contaminant levels shall not be exceeded.

(c) Daily turbidity monitoring and maintenance of the turbidity level not to exceed five NTU.

(d) MPN analysis of the raw water based on the minimum sample frequency chart below:

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3. Enhanced filtration and disinfection for Cryptosporidium – All waterworks using a surface water source or a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water shall comply with the following requirements based on their population or if the waterworks is a wholesaler, based on the population of the largest waterworks in the combined distribution system:

   a. Owners shall conduct an initial and a second round of source water monitoring for each plant that treats a surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water source. This monitoring may include sampling for Cryptosporidium, E. coli, and turbidity to determine what level, if any, of additional Cryptosporidium treatment is required.

   (1) Initial round of source water monitoring. Owners shall conduct the following monitoring on the schedule in subdivision B 3 a (3) of this section unless they meet the monitoring avoidance criteria in subdivision B 3 a (4) of this section.

   (a) Owners of waterworks serving at least 10,000 people shall sample their source water for Cryptosporidium, E. coli, and turbidity at least monthly for 24 months.

   (b) Owners of waterworks serving fewer than 10,000 people:

      (i) shall sample their source water for E. coli at least once every two weeks for 12 months, or

      (ii) may avoid E. coli monitoring if the waterworks notifies the commissioner that it will monitor for Cryptosporidium as described in paragraph (c) of this section. The owner shall notify the commissioner no later than three months prior to the date the waterworks is otherwise required to start E. coli monitoring.

   (c) Owners of waterworks serving fewer than 10,000 people shall sample their source water for Cryptosporidium at least twice per month for 12 months or at least monthly for 24 months if they meet one of the following, based on monitoring conducted under subdivision B 3 a (1) (b) of this section:

      (i) For waterworks using lake/reservoir sources, the annual mean E. coli concentration is greater than 10 E. coli/100 mL.

      (ii) For waterworks using flowing stream sources, the annual mean E. coli concentration is greater than 50 E. coli/100 mL.

      (iii) The waterworks does not conduct E. coli monitoring as described in paragraph (1) (b) of this section.

      (iv) Waterworks using ground water under the direct influence of surface water shall comply with the requirements of subdivision B 3 a (1) (c) of this section based on the E. coli level that applies to the nearest surface water body. If no surface water body is nearby, the waterworks shall comply based on the requirements that apply to waterworks using lake/reservoir sources.

   (d) For waterworks serving fewer than 10,000 people, the commissioner may approve monitoring for an indicator other than E. coli under subdivision B 3 a (1) (b) (i) of this section. The commissioner also may approve an alternative to the E. coli concentration in subdivision B 3 a (1) (c) (i), (ii) or (iv) of this section to trigger Cryptosporidium monitoring. This approval by the commissioner shall be provided to the waterworks in writing and shall include the basis for the commissioner's determination that the alternative indicator and/or trigger level will provide a more accurate identification of whether a waterworks will exceed the Bin 1 Cryptosporidium level in subdivision B 3 c (1) (a) of this section.

   (e) Waterworks may sample more frequently than required under this section if the sampling frequency is evenly spaced throughout the monitoring period.
(2) Second round of source water monitoring: Owners shall conduct a second round of source water monitoring that meets the requirements for monitoring parameters, frequency, and duration described in subdivision B 3 a (1) of this section, unless they meet the monitoring exemption criteria in subdivision B 3 a (4) of this section. Owners shall conduct this monitoring on the schedule in subdivision B 3 a (3) of this section.

(3) Monitoring schedule. Owners shall begin the monitoring required in subdivisions B 3 a (1) and (2) of this section no later than the month beginning with the date listed in the following table:

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1Applies to waterworks that meet the conditions of subdivision B 3 a (1) (c) of this section.

(4) Monitoring avoidance.

(a) Owners are not required to conduct source water monitoring under subdivision C 3 a of this section if the waterworks will provide a total of at least 5.5-log of treatment for Cryptosporidium, equivalent to meeting the treatment requirements of Bin 4 in subdivision B 3 c (2) of this section.

(b) If an owner chooses to provide the level of treatment in subdivision B 3 a (4) (a) of this section, rather than start source water monitoring, the owners shall notify the commissioner in writing no later than the date the owner is otherwise required to submit a sampling schedule for monitoring under subdivision B 3 a (5) of this section. Alternatively, an owner may choose to stop sampling at any point after the owner has initiated monitoring if the owner notifies the commissioner in writing that it will provide this level of treatment. Owners shall install and operate technologies to provide this level of treatment by the applicable treatment compliance date in subdivision B 3 c (3).

(5) Sampling schedules.

(a) Owners of waterworks required to conduct source water monitoring in accordance with subdivision B 3 a shall submit a sampling schedule that specifies the calendar dates when the owner shall collect each required sample.

(i) Owners shall submit sampling schedules to the commissioner no later than three months prior to the applicable date listed in subdivision B 3 a (3) for each round of required monitoring.

(ii) If the commissioner does not respond to an owner regarding the sampling schedule, the owner shall sample at the reported schedule.

(b) Owners shall collect samples within two days before or two days after the dates indicated in their sampling schedule (i.e., within a five-day period around the schedule date) unless one of the conditions of the following paragraphs apply.

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(i) If an extreme condition or situation exists that may pose danger to the sample collector, or that cannot be avoided and causes the owner to be unable to sample in the scheduled five-day period, the owner shall sample as close to the scheduled date as is feasible unless the commissioner approves an alternative sampling date. The owner shall submit an explanation for the delayed sampling date to the commissioner concurrent with the shipment of the sample to the laboratory.

(ii) If an owner is unable to report a valid analytical result for a scheduled sampling date due to equipment failure, loss of or damage to the sample, failure to comply with the analytical method requirements, including the quality control requirements of 12VAC5-590-440, or the failure of an approved laboratory to analyze the sample, then the owner shall collect a replacement sample. The owner shall collect the replacement sample not later than 21 days after receiving information that an analytical result cannot be reported for the scheduled date unless the owner demonstrates that collecting a replacement sample within this time frame is not feasible or the commissioner approves an alternative resampling date. The owner shall submit an explanation for the delayed sampling date to the commissioner concurrent with the shipment of the sample to the laboratory.

(c) Owners of waterworks that fail to meet the criteria of subdivision B 3 a (5) (b) of this section for any source water sample required under subdivision B 3 a shall revise their sampling schedules to add dates for collecting all missed samples. Owners shall submit the revised schedule to the commissioner for approval prior to when the owner begins collecting the missed samples.

(6) Sampling locations.

(a) Owners of waterworks required to conduct source water monitoring under subdivision B 3 a shall collect samples for each plant that treats a surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water source. Where multiple plants draw water from the same influent, such as the same pipe or intake, the commissioner may approve one set of monitoring results to be used to satisfy the requirements subdivision B 3 a for all plants.

(b) Owners shall collect source water samples prior to chemical treatment, such as coagulants, oxidants and disinfectants. However, the commissioner may approve the collection of a source water sample after chemical treatment. To grant this approval, the commissioner shall determine that collecting a sample prior to chemical treatment is not feasible for the waterworks and that the chemical treatment is unlikely to have a significant adverse effect on the analysis of the sample.

(c) Owners of waterworks that recycle filter backwash water shall collect source water samples prior to the point of filter backwash water addition.

(d) Bank filtration.

(i) Waterworks that receive Cryptosporidium treatment credit for bank filtration under 12VAC5-590-420 B 2 d, shall collect source water samples in the surface water prior to bank filtration.

(ii) Waterworks that use bank filtration as pretreatment to a filtration plant shall collect source water samples from the well (i.e., after bank filtration). Use of bank filtration during monitoring shall be consistent with routine operational practice. Waterworks collecting samples after a bank filtration process may not receive treatment credit for the bank filtration under subdivision B 3 d (4) (c) of this section.

(e) Multiple sources. Owners of waterworks with plants that use multiple water sources, including multiple surface water sources and blended surface water and ground water sources shall collect samples as specified in subdivision B 3 a (6) (e) (i)
or (ii) of this section. The use of multiple sources during monitoring shall be consistent with routine operational practice.

(i) If a sampling tap is available where the sources are combined prior to treatment, waterworks shall collect samples from the tap.

(ii) If a sampling tap where the sources are combined prior to treatment is not available, owners shall collect samples at each source near the intake on the same day and shall follow either subdivision B 3 a (6) (e) (ii) ((a)) or ((b)) of this section for sample analysis.

((a)) Owners may composite samples from each source into one sample prior to analysis. The volume of sample from each source shall be weighted according to the proportion of the source in the total plant flow at the time the sample is collected.

((b)) Owners may analyze samples from each source separately and calculate a weighted average of the analysis results for each sampling date. The weighted average shall be calculated by multiplying the analysis result for each source by the fraction the source contributed to total plant flow at the time the sample was collected and then summing these values.

(f) Additional Requirements. Owners shall submit a description of their sampling location(s) to the commissioner at the same time as the sampling schedule required in subdivision B 3 a (3) of this section. This description shall address the position of the sampling location in relation to the waterworks water source(s) and treatment processes, including pretreatment, points of chemical treatment, and filter backwash recycle. If the commissioner does not respond to an owner regarding sampling location(s), the owner shall sample at the reported location(s).

(7) Analytical methods. All analytical methods shall be conducted in accordance with 12VAC5-590-440.

(8) Approved laboratories.

(a) Cryptosporidium. Owners shall have Cryptosporidium samples analyzed by a laboratory that is approved under EPA's Laboratory Quality Assurance Evaluation Program for Analysis of Cryptosporidium in Water or a laboratory that has been certified for Cryptosporidium analysis by an equivalent state laboratory certification program.

(b) E. coli. Any laboratory certified by the state for total coliform or fecal coliform analysis under 12VAC5-590-440 is approved for E. coli analysis when the laboratory uses the same technique for E. coli that the laboratory uses under 12VAC5-590-440. Laboratories shall use methods for enumeration of E. coli in source water approved in 12VAC5-590-440.

(c) Turbidity. Measurements of turbidity shall be made by a party approved by the commissioner.

(9) Reporting of the source water results shall be in accordance with 12VAC5-590-530.

(10) Plants operating only part of the year. Owners of waterworks treating surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water that operates for only part of the year shall conduct source water monitoring in accordance with this section, but with the following modifications:

(a) Owners shall sample their source water only during the months that the plant operates unless the commissioner specifies another monitoring period based on plant operating practices.

(b) Owners of waterworks with plants that operate less than six months per year and that monitor for Cryptosporidium shall collect at least six Cryptosporidium samples per year during each of two years of monitoring. Samples shall be evenly spaced throughout the period the plant operates.

(11) New sources;
(a) Owners of waterworks that begin using a new source of surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water after the waterworks is required to begin monitoring under subdivision B 3 a (3) of this section shall monitor the new source on a schedule the commissioner approves. Source water monitoring shall meet the requirements of this section. The owner shall also meet the bin classification and Cryptosporidium treatment requirements of subdivision B 3 c (1) and (2) of this section, for the new source on a schedule the commissioner approves.

(b) The requirements of this section apply to waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water that begin operation after the monitoring start date applicable to the waterworks size under subdivision B 3 a (3) of this section.

(c) The owner shall begin a second round of source water monitoring no later than six years following initial bin classification under subdivision B 3 c (1) of this section.

(12) Failure to collect any source water sample required under this section in accordance with the sampling schedule, sampling location, analytical method, approved laboratory, and reporting requirements of subdivision B 3 a (5), (6), (7), (8), or (9) of this section is a monitoring violation.

(13) Grandfathering monitoring data. Owners may use (grandfather) monitoring data collected prior to the applicable monitoring start date in subdivision B 3 a (3) of this section to meet the initial source water monitoring requirements in subdivision B 3 a (1) of this section. Grandfathered data may substitute for an equivalent number of months at the end of the monitoring period. All data submitted under this paragraph shall meet the requirements in (13) (a) through (h) listed below and be approved by the commissioner:

(a) An owner may grandfather Cryptosporidium samples to meet the requirements of this section when the owner does not have corresponding E. coli and turbidity samples. A waterworks that grandfathers Cryptosporidium samples without E. coli and turbidity samples is not required to collect E. coli and turbidity samples when the system completes the requirements for Cryptosporidium monitoring under this section.

(b) E. coli sample analysis. The analysis of E. coli samples shall meet the analytical method and approved laboratory requirements of subdivision B 3 a (7) and (8) of this section.

(c) Cryptosporidium sample analysis. The analysis of Cryptosporidium samples shall meet the requirements of subdivision B 3 a (8) of this section.

(d) Sampling location. The sampling location shall meet the conditions in subdivision B 3 a (6) of this section.

(e) Sampling frequency. Cryptosporidium samples were collected no less frequently than each calendar month on a regular schedule, beginning no earlier than January 1999. Sample collection intervals may vary for the conditions specified in subdivision B 3 a (5) (b) (i) and (ii) of this section, if the owner provides documentation of the condition when reporting monitoring results.

(i) The commissioner may approve grandfathering of previously collected data where there are time gaps in the sampling frequency if the owner conducts additional monitoring the commissioner specifies to ensure that the data used to comply with the initial source water monitoring requirements of subdivision B 3 a of this section are seasonally representative and unbiased.

(ii) Owners may grandfather previously collected data where the sampling frequency within each month varied. If the
Cryptosporidium sampling frequency varied, owners shall follow the monthly averaging procedure in subdivision B 3 c (1) (a) (v) of this section, when calculating the bin classification for filtered systems.

(f) Reporting monitoring results for grandfathering. Owners that request to grandfather previously collected monitoring results shall report the following information by the applicable dates listed in the following paragraphs. Owners shall report this information to the commissioner.

(i) Owners shall report that they intend to submit previously collected monitoring results for grandfathering. This report shall specify the number of previously collected results the owner shall submit, the dates of the first and last sample, and whether an owner shall conduct additional source water monitoring to meet the requirements in subdivision B 3 a of this section. Owners shall report this information no later than the date the sampling schedule listed in subdivision B 3 a (3) of this section is required.

(ii) Owners shall report previously collected monitoring results for grandfathering, along with the associated documentation listed in paragraphs ((a)) through ((d)) listed below, no later than two months after the applicable date listed in subdivision B 3 a (3) of this section.

((a)) For each sample result, owners shall report the applicable data elements in 12VAC5-590-530 C 1 c.

((b)) Owners shall certify that the reported monitoring results include all results the waterworks generated during the time period beginning with the first reported result and ending with the final reported result. This applies to samples that were collected from the sampling location specified for source water monitoring under subdivision B 3 a (13) (f) of this section, not spiked, and analyzed using the laboratory's routine process for the analytical methods listed in this section.

((c)) Owners shall certify that the samples were representative of a plant's source water(s) and the source water(s) have not changed. Owners shall report a description of the sampling location(s), which shall address the position of the sampling location in relation to the waterworks' water source(s) and treatment processes, including points of chemical addition and filter backwash recycle.

((d)) For Cryptosporidium samples, the laboratory or laboratories that analyzed the samples shall provide a letter certifying that the quality control criteria specified in the methods listed in subdivision B 3 a (8) of this section were met for each sample batch associated with the reported results. Alternatively, the laboratory may provide bench sheets and sample examination report forms for each field, matrix spike, IPR, OPR, and method blank sample associated with the reported results.

(g) If the commissioner determines that a previously collected data set submitted for grandfathering was generated during source water conditions that were not normal for the waterworks, such as a drought, the commissioner may disapprove the data. Alternatively, the commissioner may approve the previously collected data if the owner reports additional source water monitoring data, as determined by the commissioner, to ensure that the data set used under subdivision B 3 c (1) of this section represents average source water conditions for the waterworks.

(h) If an owner submits previously collected data that fully meets the number of samples required for initial source water monitoring under subdivision B 3 a (1) of this section and some of the data are rejected due to not meeting the requirements of this section, the owner shall conduct additional monitoring to replace rejected data on a schedule the commissioner approves. Owners are not required to begin this additional monitoring until two months after notification that data have been rejected and additional monitoring is necessary.
b. Owners of waterworks that plan to make a significant change to their disinfection practice shall develop disinfection profiles and calculate disinfection benchmarks, as described in subdivision B 3 a (1) and (2) below.

(1) Requirements when making a significant change in disinfection practice.

(a) Following the completion of initial source water monitoring under subdivision B 3 a (1) of this section, owners of waterworks that plan to make a significant change to its disinfection practice, as defined in subdivision B 3 b (1) (b) of this section, shall develop disinfection profiles and calculate disinfection benchmarks for Giardia lamblia and viruses as described in subdivision B 3 b (2) of this section. Prior to changing the disinfection practice, the owner shall notify the commissioner and shall include in this notice the information in subdivision B 3 b (1) a) (i) through (iii) of this section.

(i) A completed disinfection profile and disinfection benchmark for Giardia lamblia and viruses as described in subdivision B 3 b (2) of this section.

(ii) A description of the proposed change in disinfection practice.

(iii) An analysis of how the proposed change will affect the current level of disinfection.

(b) Significant changes to disinfection practice are defined as follows:

(i) Changes to the point of disinfection;

(ii) Changes to the disinfectant(s) used in the treatment plant;

(iii) Changes to the disinfection process; or

(iv) Any other modification identified by the commissioner as a significant change to disinfection practice.

(2) Developing the disinfection profile and benchmark.

(a) Owners of waterworks required to develop disinfection profiles in accordance with subdivision B 3 b (1) of this section shall follow the requirements of this section. Owners shall monitor at least weekly for a period of 12 consecutive months to determine the total log inactivation for Giardia lamblia and viruses. If owners monitor more frequently, the monitoring frequency shall be evenly spaced. Owners of waterworks that operate for fewer than 12 months per year shall monitor weekly during the period of operation. Owners shall determine log inactivation for Giardia lamblia through the entire plant, based on CT99.9 values in Appendix L. Owners shall determine log inactivation for viruses through the entire treatment plant based on a protocol approved by the commissioner.

(b) Owners of waterworks with a single point of disinfectant application prior to the entrance to the distribution system shall conduct the monitoring in subdivision B 3 b (2) (b) (i) through (iv) of this section. Owners of waterworks with more than one point of disinfectant application shall conduct the monitoring in subdivision B 3 b (2) (b) (i) through (iv) of this section for each disinfection segment. Owners shall monitor the parameters necessary to determine the total inactivation ratio, using analytical methods in Appendix L.

(i) For waterworks using a disinfectant other than UV, the temperature of the disinfected water shall be measured at each residual disinfectant concentration sampling point during peak hourly flow or at an alternative location approved by the commissioner.

(ii) For waterworks using chlorine, the pH of the disinfected water shall be measured at each chlorine residual disinfectant concentration sampling point during peak hourly flow or at an alternative location approved by the commissioner.

(iii) The disinfectant contact time(s) (t) shall be determined during peak hourly flow.
(iv) The residual disinfectant concentration(s) (C) of the water before or at the first customer and prior to each additional point of disinfectant application shall be measured during peak hourly flow.

(c) In lieu of conducting new monitoring under subdivision B 3 b (2) (b) of this section, owners may elect to meet the requirements of subdivision B 3 b (2) (c) (i) or (ii) of this section.

(i) Owners of waterworks that have at least one year of existing data that are substantially equivalent to data collected under the provisions of subdivision B 3 b (2) (b) of this section may use these data to develop disinfection profiles as specified in this section if the owner has neither made a significant change to its treatment practice nor changed sources since the data were collected. Owners may develop disinfection profiles using up to three years of existing data.

(ii) Owners may use disinfection profile(s) developed under 12VAC5-590-500 E 2 in lieu of developing a new profile if the owner has neither made a significant change to its treatment practice nor changed sources since the profile was developed. Owners that have not developed a virus profile under 12VAC5-590-500 E 2 shall develop a virus profile using the same monitoring data on which the Giardia lamblia profile is based.

(d) Owners of waterworks shall calculate the total inactivation ratio for Giardia lamblia as specified in subdivision B 3 b (2) (d) (i) through (iii) of this section.

(i) Owners of waterworks using only one point of disinfectant application may determine the total inactivation ratio for the disinfection segment based on either of the methods in subdivision B 3 b (2) (d) (i) ((a)) or ((b)) of this section.

((a)) Determine one inactivation ratio (CTcalc/CT99.9) before or at the first customer during peak hourly flow.

((b)) Determine successive CTcalc/CT99.9 values, representing sequential inactivation ratios, between the point of disinfectant application and a point before or at the first customer during peak hourly flow. The owner shall calculate the total inactivation ratio by determining (CTcalc/CT99.9) for each sequence and then adding the (CTcalc/CT99.9) values together to determine (Σ (CTcalc/CT99.9)).

(ii) Owners of waterworks using more than one point of disinfectant application before the first customer shall determine the CT value of each disinfection segment immediately prior to the next point of disinfectant application, or for the final segment, before or at the first customer, during peak hourly flow. The (CTcalc/CT99.9) value of each segment and (Σ (CTcalc/CT99.9)) shall be calculated using the method in paragraph (i) ((b)) of this section.

(iii) The owner shall determine the total logs of inactivation by multiplying the value calculated in subdivision B 3 b (2) (d) (i) or (ii) of this section by 3.0.

(iv) Owners shall calculate the log of inactivation for viruses using a protocol approved by the commissioner.

(e) Owners shall use the procedures specified in (i) and (ii) listed below to calculate a disinfection benchmark.

(i) For each year of profiling data collected and calculated under subdivision B 3 b (2) (a) through (d) of this section, owners shall determine the lowest mean monthly level of both Giardia lamblia and virus inactivation. Owners shall determine the mean Giardia lamblia and virus inactivation for each calendar month for each year of profiling data by dividing the sum of daily or weekly Giardia lamblia and virus log inactivation by the number of values calculated for that month.

(ii) The disinfection benchmark is the lowest monthly mean value (for waterworks with one year of profiling data) or the mean of the lowest monthly mean values (for waterworks with more than one year of profiling data) of Giardia lamblia and virus log inactivation.
inactivation in each year of profiling data.

c. Owners shall determine their Cryptosporidium treatment bin classification as described in subdivision B 3 c (1) and provide additional treatment for Cryptosporidium, if required, as described in subdivision B 3 c (2). Owners shall implement Cryptosporidium treatment according to the schedule in subdivision B 3 c (3).

(1) Bin classification for waterworks.

(a) Following completion of the initial round of source water monitoring required under subdivision B 3 a (1), owners shall calculate an initial Cryptosporidium bin concentration for each plant for which monitoring was required. Calculation of the bin concentration shall use the Cryptosporidium results reported under subdivision B 3 a (1) and shall follow these procedures:

(i) For waterworks that collect a total of at least 48 samples, the bin concentration is equal to the arithmetic mean of all sample concentrations.

(ii) For waterworks that collect a total of at least 24 samples, but not more than 47 samples, the bin concentration is equal to the highest arithmetic mean of all sample concentrations in any 12 consecutive months during which Cryptosporidium samples were collected.

(iii) For waterworks that serve fewer than 10,000 people and monitor for Cryptosporidium for only one year (i.e., collect 24 samples in 12 months), the bin concentration is equal to the arithmetic mean of all sample concentrations.

(iv) For waterworks with plants operating only part of the year that monitor fewer than 12 months per year under subdivision B 3 a (1), the bin concentration is equal to the highest arithmetic mean of all sample concentrations during any year of Cryptosporidium monitoring.

(v) If the monthly Cryptosporidium sampling frequency varies, owners shall first calculate a monthly average for each month of monitoring. Owners shall then use these monthly average concentrations, rather than individual sample concentrations, in the applicable calculation for bin classification in subdivision B 3 c (1) (a) (i) through (iv) of this section.

(b) Owners shall determine their initial bin classification from the following table and using the Cryptosporidium bin concentration calculated under subdivision B 3 c (1) (a) of this section:

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<th>Bin Classification Table for Filtered Systems</th>
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<td><strong>For owners of waterworks that are:</strong></td>
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<td>...required to monitor for Cryptosporidium under subdivision B 3 a (1)</td>
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<td>...serving fewer than 10,000 people and NOT required to monitor for Cryptosporidium under B 3 a (1)(c)</td>
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¹Based on calculations in subdivision B 3 c (1) (a) or (c) of this section, as applicable
(c) Following completion of the second round of source water monitoring required under subdivision B 3 a (2), owners shall recalculate their Cryptosporidium bin concentration using the Cryptosporidium results reported under subdivision B 3 a (2) and following the procedures in subdivision B 3 c (1) (a)(i) through (iv) of this section. Owners shall then redetermine their bin classification using this bin concentration and the table in subdivision B 3 c (1) (b) of this section.

(d) Reporting of bin classifications

(i) Owners shall report their initial bin classification under subdivision B 3 c (1) (b) of this section to the commissioner for approval no later than six months after the waterworks is required to complete initial source water monitoring based on the schedule in subdivision B 3 a (3).

(ii) Owners shall report their bin classification under subdivision B 3 c (1) (c) of this section to the commissioner for approval no later than six months after the owner is required to complete the second round of source water monitoring based on the schedule in subdivision B 3 c (1) 3 a (3) of this section.

(iii) The bin classification report to the commissioner shall include a summary of source water monitoring data and the calculation procedure used to determine bin classification.

(e) Failure to comply with the conditions of subdivision B 3 c (1) (d) of this section is a violation of the treatment technique requirement.

(2) Waterworks additional Cryptosporidium treatment requirements.

(a) Waterworks shall provide the level of additional treatment for Cryptosporidium specified in this paragraph based on their bin classification as determined under subdivision B 3 c (1) of this section and according to the schedule in subdivision B 3 c (3) (b) of this section.

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<th>If the waterworks bin classification is...</th>
<th>And the waterworks uses the following filtration treatment in full compliance with 12VAC5-590-420 A and B, then the additional Cryptosporidium treatment requirements are...</th>
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<td>Conventional filtration treatment (including softening)</td>
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<td>No additional treatment</td>
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<td>Bin 2</td>
<td>1-log treatment</td>
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<td>Bin 3</td>
<td>2-log treatment</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bin 4</td>
<td>2.5-log treatment</td>
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1As determined by the commissioner such that the total Cryptosporidium removal and inactivation is at least 4.0-log

2As determined by the commissioner such that the total Cryptosporidium removal and inactivation is at least 5.0-log

3As determined by the commissioner such that the total Cryptosporidium removal and inactivation is at least 5.5-log

(b) Additional treatment

(i) Owners shall use one or more of the treatment and management options listed in subdivision B 3 d, termed the microbial toolbox, to comply with the additional Cryptosporidium treatment required in subdivision B 3 c (2) (a) of this section.

(ii) Waterworks classified in Bin 3 and Bin 4 shall achieve at least 1-log of the additional Cryptosporidium treatment required under subdivision B 3 c (2) (a) of this section using either one or a combination of the following: bag filters, bank filtration,
cartridge filters, chlorine dioxide, membranes, ozone, or UV, as described in subdivision B 3 d (3) through (7) of this section.

(c) Failure by a waterworks in any month to achieve treatment credit by meeting criteria in subdivision B 3 d (3) through (7) of this section for microbial toolbox options that is at least equal to the level of treatment required in subdivision B 3 c (2) (a) of this section is a violation of the treatment technique requirement.

(d) If the commissioner determines during a sanitary survey or an equivalent source water assessment that after a waterworks completed the monitoring conducted under subdivision B 3 a (1) or (2) of this section, significant changes occurred in the waterworks' watershed that could lead to increased contamination of the source water by Cryptosporidium, the owner shall take actions specified by the commissioner to address the contamination. These actions may include additional source water monitoring and/or implementing microbial toolbox options listed in subdivision B 3 d (2) of this section.

(3) Schedule for compliance with Cryptosporidium treatment requirements.

(a) Following initial bin classification in accordance with subdivision B 3 c (1) (b) of this section, waterworks shall provide the level of treatment for Cryptosporidium required under subdivision B 3 c (2) of this section according to the schedule in subdivision B 3 c (3) (b) of this section.

(b) Cryptosporidium treatment compliance dates.

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<th>Waterworks that serve....</th>
<th>Shall comply with Cryptosporidium treatment requirements no later than^1...</th>
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<td>At least 100,000 people</td>
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<td>From 10,000 to 49,999 people</td>
<td>October 1, 2013</td>
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<td>Fewer than 10,000 people</td>
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^1The commissioner may allow up to an additional two years for complying with the treatment requirement for waterworks making capital improvements.

(c) If the bin classification for a filtered system changes following the second round of source water monitoring, as determined under subdivision B 3 c (1) (c) of this section, the waterworks shall provide the level of treatment for Cryptosporidium required under subdivision B 3 c (2) of this section on a schedule the commissioner approves.

d. Owners of waterworks required to provide additional treatment for Cryptosporidium shall implement microbial toolbox options that are designed and operated as described in subdivision B 3 d (1) through (7) of this section.

(1) Waterworks receive the treatment credits listed in the table in subdivision B 3 d (2) of this section by meeting the conditions for microbial toolbox options described in subdivision B 3 d (3) through (7) of this section. Waterworks apply these treatment credits to meet the treatment requirements in subdivision B 3 c (2) of this section.

(2) Microbial Toolbox Summary Table: Options, Treatment Credits and Criteria

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<td>Source Protection and Management Toolbox Options</td>
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<td>Alternative source/ intake management</td>
<td>No prescribed credit. Owners may conduct simultaneous monitoring for treatment bin classification at alternative intake locations or under alternative intake management strategies. Specific criteria are in subdivision B 3 d (3) (b).</td>
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Pre Filtration Toolbox Options

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| Presedimentation basin with coagulation | 0.5-log credit during any month that presedimentation basins achieve a monthly mean reduction of 0.5-log or greater in turbidity or alternative performance criteria approved by the commissioner. To be eligible, basins shall be operated continuously with coagulant addition and all plant flow shall pass through basins. Specific criteria are in subdivision B 3 d (4) (a). |
| Two-stage lime softening | 0.5-log credit for two-stage softening where chemical addition and hardness precipitation occur in both stages. All plant flow shall pass through both stages. Single-stage softening is credited as equivalent to conventional treatment. Specific criteria are in subdivision B 3 d (4) (b). |
| Bank filtration | 0.5-log credit for 25-foot setback; 1.0-log credit for 50-foot setback; aquifer shall be unconsolidated sand containing at least 10% fines; average turbidity in wells shall be less than 1 NTU. Waterworks using wells followed by filtration when conducting source water monitoring shall sample the well to determine bin classification and are not eligible for additional credit. Specific criteria are in subdivision B 3 d (4) (c). |
| Treatment Performance Toolbox Options | |
| Combined filter performance | 0.5-log credit for combined filter effluent turbidity less than or equal to 0.15 NTU in at least 95% of measurements each month. Specific criteria are in subdivision B 3 d (5) (a). |
| Individual filter performance | 0.5-log credit (in addition to 0.5-log combined filter performance credit) if individual filter effluent turbidity is less than or equal to 0.15 NTU in at least 95% of samples each month in each filter and is never greater than 0.3 NTU in two consecutive measurements in any filter. Specific criteria are in subdivision B 3 d (5) (b). |
| Additional Filtration Toolbox Options | |
| Bag or cartridge filters (individual filters) | Up to 2-log credit based on the removal efficiency demonstrated during challenge testing with a 1.0-log factor of safety. Specific criteria are in subdivision B 3 d (6) (a). |
| Bag or cartridge filters (in series) | Up to 2.5-log credit based on the removal efficiency demonstrated during challenge testing with a 0.5-log factor of safety. Specific criteria are in subdivision B 3 d (6) (a). |
| Membrane filtration | Log credit equivalent to removal efficiency demonstrated in challenge test for device if supported by direct integrity testing. Specific criteria are in subdivision B 3 d (6) (a). |
| Second stage filtration | 0.5-log credit for second separate granular media filtration stage if treatment train includes coagulation prior to first filter. Specific criteria are in subdivision B 3 d (6) (c). |
| Slow sand filters | 2.5-log credit as a secondary filtration step; 3.0-log credit as a primary filtration process. No prior chlorination for either option. Specific criteria are in subdivision B 3 d (6) (d). |
| Inactivation Toolbox Options | |
| Chlorine dioxide | Log credit based on measured CT in relation to CT table. Specific criteria in subdivision B 3 d (7) (b). |
| Ozone | Log credit based on measured CT in relation to CT table. Specific criteria in subdivision B 3 d (7) (b). |
| UV | Log credit based on validated UV dose in relation to UV dose table; reactor validation testing required to establish UV dose and associated operating conditions. Specific criteria in subdivision B 3 d (7) (d). |

(3) Source toolbox components.

(a) Reserved.

(b) Alternative source.

(i) An owner may conduct source water monitoring that reflects a different intake location (either in the same source or for an alternate source) or a different procedure for the timing or level of withdrawal from the source (alternative source monitoring). If the commissioner approves, an owner may determine the bin classification under subdivision B 3 c (1) of this section based on the alternative source monitoring results.

(ii) If an owner conducts alternative source monitoring under subdivision B 3 d (3) (b) (i) of this section, the owner shall also monitor their current plant intake concurrently as described in subdivision B 3 a of this section.

(iii) Alternative source monitoring under subdivision B 3 d (3) (b) (i) of this section shall meet the requirements for source monitoring to determine bin classification, as described in subdivision B 3 a (1) through (13) of this section. Owners shall report the alternative source monitoring results to the commissioner, along with supporting information documenting the
(iv) If an owner determines the bin classification under subdivision B 3 c (1) of this section using alternative source monitoring results that reflect a different intake location or a different procedure for managing the timing or level of withdrawal from the source, the owner shall relocate the intake or permanently adopt the withdrawal procedure, as applicable, no later than the applicable treatment compliance date in subdivision B 3 c (3) of this section.

(4) Pre-filtration treatment toolbox components.

(a) Presedimentation. Waterworks receive 0.5-log Cryptosporidium treatment credit for a presedimentation basin during any month the process meets the following criteria:

(i) The presedimentation basin shall be in continuous operation and shall treat the entire plant flow taken from a surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water source.

(ii) The waterworks shall continuously add a coagulant to the presedimentation basin.

(iii) The presedimentation basin shall achieve the performance criteria in either of the following.

((a)) Demonstrates at least 0.5-log mean reduction of influent turbidity. This reduction shall be determined using daily turbidity measurements in the presedimentation process influent and effluent and shall be calculated as follows: 

\[ \log_{10}(\text{monthly mean of daily influent turbidity}) - \log_{10}(\text{monthly mean of daily effluent turbidity}) \]

((b)) Complies with performance criteria approved by the commissioner that demonstrate at least 0.5-log mean removal of micron-sized particulate material through the presedimentation process.

(b) Two-stage lime softening. Waterworks receive an additional 0.5-log Cryptosporidium treatment credit for a two-stage lime softening plant if chemical addition and hardness precipitation occur in two separate and sequential softening stages prior to filtration. Both softening stages shall treat the entire plant flow taken from a surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water source.

(c) Bank filtration. Waterworks receive Cryptosporidium treatment credit for bank filtration that serves as pretreatment to a filtration plant by meeting the criteria in this paragraph. Waterworks using bank filtration when they begin source water monitoring under subdivision B 3 a (1) of this section shall collect samples as described in subdivision B 3 a (6) (d) of this section and are not eligible for this credit.

(i) Wells with a ground water flow path of at least 25 feet receive 0.5-log treatment credit; wells with a ground water flow path of at least 50 feet receive 1.0-log treatment credit. The ground water flow path shall be determined as specified in subdivision B 3 d (c) (iv) of this section.

(ii) Only wells in granular aquifers are eligible for treatment credit. Granular aquifers are those comprised of sand, clay, silt, rock fragments, pebbles or larger particles, and minor cement. A waterworks shall characterize the aquifer at the well site to determine aquifer properties. Owners shall extract a core from the aquifer and demonstrate that in at least 90% of the core length, grains less than 1.0 mm in diameter constitute at least 10% of the core material.

(iii) Only horizontal and vertical wells are eligible for treatment credit.

(iv) For vertical wells, the ground water flow path is the measured distance from the edge of the surface water body under high flow conditions (determined by the 100-year floodplain elevation boundary or by the floodway, as defined in Federal Emergency Management Agency flood hazard maps) to the well screen. For horizontal wells, the ground water flow path is...
the measured distance from the bed of the river under normal flow conditions to the closest horizontal well lateral screen.

(v) Owners shall monitor each wellhead for turbidity at least once every four hours while the bank filtration process is in operation. If monthly average turbidity levels, based on daily maximum values in the well, exceed 1 NTU, the owner shall report this result to the commissioner and conduct an assessment within 30 days to determine the cause of the high turbidity levels in the well. If the commissioner determines that microbial removal has been compromised, the commissioner may revoke treatment credit until the owner implements corrective actions approved by the commissioner to remediate the problem.

(vi) Springs and infiltration galleries are not eligible for treatment credit under this section.

(vii) Bank filtration demonstration of performance. The commissioner may approve Cryptosporidium treatment credit for bank filtration based on a demonstration of performance study that meets the criteria in this paragraph. This treatment credit may be greater than 1.0-log and may be awarded to bank filtration that does not meet the criteria in subdivision B 3 d (4) (c) (i) through (v) of this section.

((a)) The study shall follow a protocol approved by the commissioner and shall involve the collection of data on the removal of Cryptosporidium or a surrogate for Cryptosporidium and related hydrogeologic and water quality parameters during the full range of operating conditions.

((b)) The study shall include sampling both from the production well(s) and from monitoring wells that are screened and located along the shortest flow path between the surface water source and the production well(s).

(5) Treatment performance toolbox components.

(a) Combined filter performance. Waterworks using conventional filtration treatment or direct filtration treatment receive an additional 0.5-log Cryptosporidium treatment credit during any month the waterworks meets the criteria in this paragraph. Combined filter effluent (CFE) turbidity shall be less than or equal to 0.15 NTU in at least 95% of the measurements. Turbidity shall be measured as described in 12VAC5-590-370 B 7 b and 12VAC5-590-370 E.

(b) Individual filter performance. Waterworks using conventional filtration treatment or direct filtration treatment receive 0.5-log Cryptosporidium treatment credit, which can be in addition to the 0.5-log credit under subdivision B 3 d (5) (a) of this section, during any month the waterworks meets the criteria in this paragraph. Compliance with these criteria shall be based on individual filter turbidity monitoring as described in 12VAC5-590-370 B 7 b (1).

(i) The filtered water turbidity for each individual filter shall be less than or equal to 0.15 NTU in at least 95% of the measurements recorded each month.

(ii) No individual filter may have a measured turbidity greater than 0.3 NTU in two consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart.

(iii) Any waterworks that has received treatment credit for individual filter performance and fails to meet the requirements of subdivision B 3 d (5) (b) (i) or (ii) of this section during any month does not receive a treatment technique violation under subdivision B 3 c (2) (c) if the commissioner determines the following:

((a)) The failure was due to unusual and short-term circumstances that could not reasonably be prevented through optimizing treatment plant design, operation, and maintenance.

((b)) The waterworks has experienced no more than two such failures in any calendar year.
(6) Additional filtration toolbox components.

(a) Bag and cartridge filters. Waterworks receive Cryptosporidium treatment credit of up to 2.0-log for individual bag or cartridge filters and up to 2.5-log for bag or cartridge filters operated in series by meeting the criteria in subdivision B 3 d (6) (a) (i) through (x) of this section. To be eligible for this credit, owners shall report the results of challenge testing that meets the requirements of subdivision B 3 d (6) (a)(ii) through (ix) of this section to the commissioner. The filters shall treat the entire plant flow taken from a surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water source.

(i) The Cryptosporidium treatment credit awarded to bag or cartridge filters shall be based on the removal efficiency demonstrated during challenge testing that is conducted according to the criteria in subdivision B 3 d (6) (a) (ii) through (ix) of this section. A factor of safety equal to 1-log for individual bag or cartridge filters and 0.5-log for bag or cartridge filters in series shall be applied to challenge testing results to determine removal credit. Owners may use results from challenge testing conducted prior to January 5, 2006, if the prior testing was consistent with the criteria specified in subdivision B 3 d (6) (a) (ii) through (ix) of this section.

(ii) Challenge testing shall be performed on full-scale bag or cartridge filters, and the associated filter housing or pressure vessel, that are identical in material and construction to the filters and housings the waterworks will use for removal of Cryptosporidium. Bag or cartridge filters shall be challenge tested in the same configuration that the waterworks will use, either as individual filters or as a series configuration of filters.

(iii) Challenge testing shall be conducted using Cryptosporidium or a surrogate that is removed no more efficiently than Cryptosporidium. The microorganism or surrogate used during challenge testing is referred to as the challenge particulate. The concentration of the challenge particulate shall be determined using a method capable of discreetly quantifying the specific microorganism or surrogate used in the test; gross measurements such as turbidity shall not be used.

(iv) The maximum feed water concentration that can be used during a challenge test shall be based on the detection limit of the challenge particulate in the filtrate (i.e., filtrate detection limit) and shall be calculated using the following equation:

\[
\text{Maximum Feed Concentration} = 1 \times 10^4 \times \text{(Filtrate Detection Limit)}
\]

(v) Challenge testing shall be conducted at the maximum design flow rate for the filter as specified by the manufacturer.

(vi) Each filter evaluated shall be tested for a duration sufficient to reach 100% of the terminal pressure drop, which establishes the maximum pressure drop under which the filter may be used to comply with the requirements of subdivision B 3 d (6) (a) of this section.

(vii) Removal efficiency of a filter shall be determined from the results of the challenge test and expressed in terms of log removal values using the following equation:

\[
\text{LRV} = \log_{10}(C_f) - \log_{10}(C_p)
\]

where LRV = log removal value demonstrated during challenge testing; \(C_f\) = the feed concentration measured during the challenge test; and \(C_p\) = the filtrate concentration measured during the challenge test. In applying this equation, the same units shall be used for the feed and filtrate concentrations. If the challenge particulate is not detected in the filtrate, then the term \(C_p\) shall be set equal to the detection limit.

(viii) Each filter tested shall be challenged with the challenge particulate during three periods over the filtration cycle: within...
two hours of start-up of a new filter; when the pressure drop is between 45 and 55% of the terminal pressure drop; and at the end of the cycle after the pressure drop has reached 100% of the terminal pressure drop. An LRV shall be calculated for each of these challenge periods for each filter tested. The LRV for the filter (LRVfilter) shall be assigned the value of the minimum LRV observed during the three challenge periods for that filter.

(ix) If fewer than 20 filters are tested, the overall removal efficiency for the filter product line shall be set equal to the lowest LRV filter among the filters tested. If 20 or more filters are tested, the overall removal efficiency for the filter product line shall be set equal to the 10th percentile of the set of LRVfilter values for the various filters tested. The percentile is defined by \( \frac{i}{n+1} \) where \( i \) is the rank of \( n \) individual data points ordered lowest to highest. If necessary, the 10th percentile may be calculated using linear interpolation.

(x) If a previously tested filter is modified in a manner that could change the removal efficiency of the filter product line, challenge testing to demonstrate the removal efficiency of the modified filter shall be conducted and submitted to the commissioner.

(b) Membrane filtration.

(i) Waterworks receive Cryptosporidium treatment credit for membrane filtration that meets the criteria of this paragraph. Membrane cartridge filters that meet the definition of membrane filtration in 12VAC5-590-10 are eligible for this credit. The level of treatment credit a waterworks receives is equal to the lower of the values determined as follows:

((a)) The removal efficiency demonstrated during challenge testing conducted under the conditions in subdivision B 3 d (6) (b) (ii) of this section.

((b)) The maximum removal efficiency that can be verified through direct integrity testing used with the membrane filtration process under the conditions in subdivision B 3 d (6) (b) (iii) of this section.

(ii) Challenge Testing. The membrane used by the waterworks shall undergo challenge testing to evaluate removal efficiency, and the owner shall report the results of challenge testing to the commissioner. Challenge testing shall be conducted according to the criteria in paragraphs ((a)) through ((g)) of this section as follows (owners may use data from challenge testing conducted prior to January 5, 2006, if the prior testing was consistent with the criteria):

((a)) Challenge testing shall be conducted on either a full-scale membrane module, identical in material and construction to the membrane modules used in the waterworks’ treatment facility, or a smaller-scale membrane module, identical in material and similar in construction to the full-scale module. A module is defined as the smallest component of a membrane unit in which a specific membrane surface area is housed in a device with a filtrate outlet structure.

((b)) Challenge testing shall be conducted using Cryptosporidium oocysts or a surrogate that is removed no more efficiently than Cryptosporidium oocysts. The organism or surrogate used during challenge testing is referred to as the challenge particulate. The concentration of the challenge particulate, in both the feed and filtrate water, shall be determined using a method capable of discretely quantifying the specific challenge particulate used in the test; gross measurements such as turbidity shall not be used.

((c)) The maximum feed water concentration that can be used during a challenge test is based on the detection limit of the challenge particulate in the filtrate and shall be determined according to the following equation:

\[
\text{Maximum Feed Concentration} = 3.16 \times 10^6 \times (\text{Filtrate Detection Limit})
\]
((d)) Challenge testing shall be conducted under representative hydraulic conditions at the maximum design flux and maximum design process recovery specified by the manufacturer for the membrane module. Flux is defined as the throughput of a pressure driven membrane process expressed as flow per unit of membrane area. Recovery is defined as the volumetric percent of feed water that is converted to filtrate over the course of an operating cycle uninterrupted by events such as chemical cleaning or a solids removal process (i.e., backwashing).

((e)) Removal efficiency of a membrane module shall be calculated from the challenge test results and expressed as a log removal value according to the following equation:

\[ \text{LRV} = \log_{10}(C_f) - \log_{10}(C_p) \]

where LRV = log removal value demonstrated during the challenge test; \( C_f \) = the feed concentration measured during the challenge test; and \( C_p \) = the filtrate concentration measured during the challenge test. Equivalent units shall be used for the feed and filtrate concentrations. If the challenge particulate is not detected in the filtrate, the term \( C_p \) is set equal to the detection limit for the purpose of calculating the LRV. An LRV shall be calculated for each membrane module evaluated during the challenge test.

((f)) The removal efficiency of a membrane filtration process demonstrated during challenge testing shall be expressed as a log removal value (LRV \(_{C\text{-Test}}\)). If fewer than 20 modules are tested, then LRV \(_{C\text{-Test}}\) is equal to the lowest of the representative LRVs among the modules tested. If 20 or more modules are tested, then LRV \(_{C\text{-Test}}\) is equal to the 10th percentile of the representative LRVs among the modules tested. The percentile is defined by \( i/(n+1) \) where \( i \) is the rank of \( n \) individual data points ordered lowest to highest. If necessary, the 10th percentile may be calculated using linear interpolation.

((g)) The challenge test shall establish a quality control release value (QCRV) for a nondestructive performance test that demonstrates the Cryptosporidium removal capability of the membrane filtration module. This performance test shall be applied to each production membrane module used by the waterworks that was not directly challenge tested in order to verify Cryptosporidium removal capability. Production modules that do not meet the established QCRV are not eligible for the treatment credit demonstrated during the challenge test.

((h)) If a previously tested membrane is modified in a manner that could change the removal efficiency of the membrane or the applicability of the non-destructive performance test and associated QCRV, additional challenge testing to demonstrate the removal efficiency of, and determine a new QCRV for, the modified membrane shall be conducted and submitted to the commissioner.

(iii) Direct integrity testing. Owners shall conduct direct integrity testing in a manner that demonstrates a removal efficiency equal to or greater than the removal credit awarded to the membrane filtration process and meets the requirements described in subdivision B 3 d 6 (b) (iii) ((a)) through ((f)) of this section. A direct integrity test is defined as a physical test applied to a membrane unit in order to identify and isolate integrity breaches (i.e., one or more leaks that could result in contamination of the filtrate).

((a)) The direct integrity test shall be independently applied to each membrane unit in service. A membrane unit is defined as a group of membrane modules that share common valving that allows the unit to be isolated from the rest of the system for
the purpose of integrity testing or other maintenance.

((b)) The direct integrity method shall have a resolution of three micrometers or less, where resolution is defined as the size of the smallest integrity breach that contributes to a response from the direct integrity test.

((c)) The direct integrity test shall have a sensitivity sufficient to verify the log treatment credit awarded to the membrane filtration process by the commissioner, where sensitivity is defined as the maximum log removal value that can be reliably verified by a direct integrity test. Sensitivity shall be determined using the approach in either of the following as applicable to the type of direct integrity test the waterworks uses:

((i)) For direct integrity tests that use an applied pressure or vacuum, the direct integrity test sensitivity shall be calculated according to the following equation:

\[
LRV_{DIT} = \log_{10}(Q_p / (VCF \times Q_{\text{breach}}))
\]

where \(LRV_{DIT}\) = the sensitivity of the direct integrity test; 
\(Q_p\) = total design filtrate flow from the membrane unit; 
\(Q_{\text{breach}}\) = flow of water from an integrity breach associated with the smallest integrity test response that can be reliably measured, and 
\(VCF\) = volumetric concentration factor. The volumetric concentration factor is the ratio of the suspended solids concentration on the high pressure side of the membrane relative to that in the feed water.

((ii)) For direct integrity tests that use a particulate or molecular marker, the direct integrity test sensitivity shall be calculated according to the following equation:

\[
LRV_{DIT} = \log_{10}(C_f) - \log_{10}(C_p)
\]

where \(LRV_{DIT}\) = the sensitivity of the direct integrity test; 
\(C_f\) = the typical feed concentration of the marker used in the test; and 
\(C_p\) = the filtrate concentration of the marker from an integral membrane unit.

((d)) Owners shall establish a control limit within the sensitivity limits of the direct integrity test that is indicative of an integral membrane unit capable of meeting the removal credit awarded by the commissioner.

((e)) If the result of a direct integrity test exceeds the control limit established under subdivision B 3 d (6) (b) (iii) ((d)) of this section, the owners shall remove the membrane unit from service. Owners shall conduct a direct integrity test to verify any repairs, and may return the membrane unit to service only if the direct integrity test is within the established control limit.

((f)) Owners shall conduct direct integrity testing on each membrane unit at a frequency of not less than once each day that the membrane unit is in operation. The commissioner may approve less frequent testing, based on demonstrated process reliability, the use of multiple barriers effective for Cryptosporidium, or reliable process safeguards.

(iv) Indirect integrity monitoring. Owners shall conduct continuous indirect integrity monitoring on each membrane unit according to the criteria in ((a)) through ((e)). Indirect integrity monitoring is defined as monitoring some aspect of filtrate water quality that is indicative of the removal of particulate matter. A waterworks that implements continuous direct integrity testing of membrane units in accordance with the criteria in B 3 d (6) (b) (iv) ((a)) through ((f)) of this section is not subject
to the requirements for continuous indirect integrity monitoring. Owners shall submit a monthly report to the commissioner summarizing all continuous indirect integrity monitoring results triggering direct integrity testing and the corrective action that was taken in each case.

((a)) Unless the commissioner approves an alternative parameter, continuous indirect integrity monitoring shall include continuous filtrate turbidity monitoring.

(((b)) Continuous monitoring shall be conducted at a frequency of no less than once every 15 minutes.

((c)) Continuous monitoring shall be separately conducted on each membrane unit.

((d)) If indirect integrity monitoring includes turbidity and if the filtrate turbidity readings are above 0.15 NTU for a period greater than 15 minutes (i.e., two consecutive 15-minute readings above 0.15 NTU), direct integrity testing shall immediately be performed on the associated membrane unit as specified in subdivision B 3 d (6) (b) (iii) ((a)) through ((f)) of this section.

((e)) If indirect integrity monitoring includes a alternative parameter approved by the commissioner and if the alternative parameter exceeds a control limit approved by the commissioner for a period greater than 15 minutes, direct integrity testing shall immediately be performed on the associated membrane units as specified in subdivision B 3 d (6) (b) (iii) ((a)) through ((f)) of this section.

(c) Second stage filtration. Waterworks receive 0.5-log Cryptosporidium treatment credit for a separate second stage of filtration that consists of sand, dual media, GAC, or other fine grain media following granular media filtration if the commissioner approves. To be eligible for this credit, the first stage of filtration shall be preceded by a coagulation step and both filtration stages shall treat the entire plant flow taken from a surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water source. A cap, such as GAC, on a single stage of filtration is not eligible for this credit. The commissioner shall approve the treatment credit based on an assessment of the design characteristics of the filtration process.

(d) Slow sand filtration (as secondary filter). Waterworks are eligible to receive 2.5-log Cryptosporidium treatment credit for a slow sand filtration process that follows a separate stage of filtration if both filtration stages treat entire plant flow taken from a surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water source and no disinfectant residual is present in the influent water to the slow sand filtration process. The commissioner shall approve the treatment credit based on an assessment of the design characteristics of the filtration process. This paragraph does not apply to treatment credit awarded to slow sand filtration used as a primary filtration process.

(7) Inactivation toolbox components.

(a) Calculation of CT values

(i) CT is the product of the disinfectant contact time (T, in minutes) and disinfectant concentration (C, in milligrams per liter). Owners of waterworks with treatment credit for chlorine dioxide or ozone under subdivision B 3 d (7) (b) of this section shall calculate CT at least once each day, with both C and T measured during peak hourly flow in accordance with the procedure listed in Appendix L.

(ii) Waterworks with several disinfection segments in sequence may calculate CT for each segment, where a disinfection segment is defined as a treatment unit process with a measurable disinfectant residual level and a liquid volume. Under this approach, owners shall add the Cryptosporidium CT values in each segment to determine the total CT for the treatment plant.
(b) CT values for chlorine dioxide and ozone.

(i) Waterworks receive the Cryptosporidium treatment credit listed in the following table by meeting the corresponding chlorine dioxide CT value for the applicable water temperature, as described in subdivision B 3 d (7) (a) of this section.

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<th>Log credit</th>
<th>Water Temperature, °C</th>
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<td>Less than or equal to 0.5</td>
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<td>0.25</td>
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Waterworks may use this equation to determine log credit between the indicated values:

$$\text{Log credit} = (0.001506 \times (1.09116)^{\text{Temp}}) \times \text{CT}$$

(ii) Waterworks receive the Cryptosporidium treatment credit listed in the following table by meeting the corresponding ozone CT values for the applicable water temperature, as described in subdivision B 3 d (7) (a) of this section.

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Waterworks may use this equation to determine log credit between the indicated values:

$$\text{Log credit} = (0.0397 \times (1.09757)^{\text{Temp}}) \times \text{CT}$$

(c) Ultraviolet light. Waterworks receive Cryptosporidium, Giardia lamblia, and virus treatment credits for ultraviolet (UV) light reactors by achieving the corresponding UV dose values shown in subdivision B 3 d (7) (c) (i) of this section. Waterworks shall validate and monitor UV reactors as described in subdivision B 3 d (7) (c) (ii) and (iii) of this section to demonstrate that they are achieving a particular UV dose value for treatment credit.

(i) UV dose table. The treatment credits listed in this table are for UV light at a wavelength of 254 nm as produced by a low pressure mercury vapor lamp. To receive treatment credit for other lamp types, waterworks shall demonstrate an equivalent germicidal dose through reactor validation testing, as described in subdivision B 3 d (7) (c) (ii) of this section. The UV dose values in this table are applicable only to post-filter applications of UV in filtered systems.

| UV dose table for Cryptosporidium, Giardia lamblia, and virus inactivation credit |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cryptosporidium | Giardia lamblia | Virus UV dose |

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<th>Log credit</th>
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(ii) Reactor validation testing. Waterworks shall use UV reactors that have undergone validation testing to determine the operating conditions under which the reactor delivers the UV dose required in subdivision B 3 d (7) (c) (i) of this section (i.e., validated operating conditions). These operating conditions shall include flow rate, UV intensity as measured by a UV sensor, and UV lamp status.

((a)) When determining validated operating conditions, owners shall account for the following factors: UV absorbance of the water; lamp fouling and aging; measurement uncertainty of online sensors; UV dose distributions arising from the velocity profiles through the reactor; failure of UV lamps or other critical waterworks components; and inlet and outlet piping or channel configurations of the UV reactor.

((b)) Validation testing shall include the following: full scale testing of a reactor that conforms uniformly to the UV reactors used by the waterworks and inactivation of a test microorganism whose dose response characteristics have been quantified with a low pressure mercury vapor lamp.

(iii) Reactor monitoring.

((a)) Owners shall monitor their UV reactors to determine if the reactors are operating within validated conditions, as determined under subdivision B 3 d (7) (c) (ii) of this section. This monitoring shall include UV intensity as measured by a UV sensor, flow rate, lamp status, and other parameters the commissioner designates based on UV reactor operation. Owners shall verify the calibration of UV sensors and shall recalibrate sensors in accordance with a protocol the commissioner approves.

((b)) To receive treatment credit for UV light, waterworks shall treat at least 95% of the water delivered to the public during each month by UV reactors operating within validated conditions for the required UV dose, as described in subdivision B 3 d (7) (c) (i) and (ii) of this section. Owners shall demonstrate compliance with this condition by the monitoring required under subdivision B 3 d (7) (c) ((iii)((a)) of this section.

e. Owners shall comply with the applicable recordkeeping and reporting requirements described in 12VAC5-590-530 and 12VAC5-590-550.

C. Reserved.

D. Reserved.

E. Reserved.

F. Reserved.
G. Beginning January 1, 1993, each owner shall certify annually in writing to the commissioner (using third party or manufacturer's certification) that, when polymers containing acrylamide or epichlorohydrin are used by the waterworks in drinking water systems, the combination (or product) of dose and monomer level does not exceed the following specified levels: Acrylamide = 0.05% dosed at 1 ppm (or equivalent) of polymer. Epichlorohydrin = 0.01% dosed at 20 ppm (or equivalent) of polymer. Certifications may rely on manufacturers or third parties, as approved by the commissioner.

H. Treatment technique for control of disinfection byproduct (DBPP) precursors.

1. Applicability.

   a. Waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water using conventional filtration treatment shall operate with enhanced coagulation or enhanced softening to achieve the TOC percent removal levels specified in subdivision H 2 of this section unless the waterworks meets at least one of the alternative compliance criteria listed in subdivision H 1 b or c of this section.

   b. Alternative compliance criteria for enhanced coagulation and enhanced softening waterworks. Owners of waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water provided with conventional filtration treatment may use the alternative compliance criteria in subdivisions H 1 b (1) through (6) of this section to comply with this section in lieu of complying with subdivision H 2 of this section. Owners shall still comply with monitoring requirements in 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 i.

   (1) The waterworks' source water TOC level, measured according to 12VAC5-590-440, is less than 2.0 mg/L, calculated quarterly as a running annual average.

   (2) The waterworks' treated water TOC level, measured according to 12VAC5-590-440, is less than 2.0 mg/L, calculated quarterly as a running annual average.

   (3) The waterworks' source water TOC level, measured according to 12VAC5-590-440, is less than 4.0 mg/L, calculated quarterly as a running annual average; the source water alkalinity, measured according to 12VAC5-590-440, is greater than 60 mg/L (as CaCO₃), calculated quarterly as a running annual average; and either the TTHM and HAA5 running annual averages are no greater than 0.040 mg/L and 0.030 mg/L, respectively; or prior to the effective date for compliance in 12VAC590-370 B 3 a, the owner has made a clear and irrevocable financial commitment not later than the effective date for compliance in 12VAC590-370 B 3 a to use of technologies that will limit the levels of TTHMs and HAA5 to no more than 0.040 mg/L and 0.030 mg/L, respectively. Owners shall submit evidence of a clear and irrevocable financial commitment, in addition to a schedule containing milestones and periodic progress reports for installation and operation of appropriate technologies, to the commissioner for approval not later than the effective date for compliance in 12VAC590-370 B 3 a. These technologies shall be installed and operating not later than June 30, 2005. Failure to install and operate these technologies by the date in the approved schedule will constitute a violation of these regulations.

   (4) The TTHM and HAA5 running annual averages are no greater than 0.040 mg/L and 0.030 mg/L, respectively, and the waterworks uses only chlorine for primary disinfection and maintenance of a residual in the distribution system.

   (5) The waterworks' source water SUVA, prior to any treatment and measured monthly according to 12VAC5-590-440, is less than or equal to 2.0 L/mg-m, calculated quarterly as a running annual average.

   (6) The waterworks' finished water SUVA, measured monthly according to 12VAC5-590-440, is less than or equal to 2.0
L/mg-m, calculated quarterly as a running annual average.

c. Additional alternative compliance criteria for softening waterworks. Waterworks practicing enhanced softening that cannot achieve the TOC removals required by subdivision H 2 b of this section may use the alternative compliance criteria in subdivisions H 1 c (1) and (2) of this section in lieu of complying with subdivision H 2 of this section. Owners shall still comply with monitoring requirements in 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 i.

(1) Softening that results in lowering the treated water alkalinity to less than 60 mg/L (as CaCO₃), measured monthly according to 12VAC5-590-440 and calculated quarterly as a running annual average.

(2) Softening that results in removing at least 10 mg/L of magnesium hardness (as CaCO₃), measured monthly according to 12VAC5-590-440 and calculated quarterly as a running annual average.

2. Enhanced coagulation and enhanced softening performance requirements.

a. Waterworks shall achieve the percent reduction of TOC specified in subdivision H 2 b of this section between the source water and the combined filter effluent, unless the commissioner approves a waterworks’ request for alternate minimum TOC removal (Step 2) requirements under subdivision H 2 c of this section.

b. Required Step 1 TOC reductions, indicated in the following table, are based upon specified source water parameters measured in accordance with 12VAC5-590-440. Waterworks practicing softening are required to meet the Step 1 TOC reductions in the far-right column (Source water alkalinity greater than 120 mg/L) for the specified source water TOC:

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<th>Source-water TOC mg/L</th>
<th>Source-water alkalinity, mg/L as CaCO₃</th>
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<tr>
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<td>0-60</td>
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<tr>
<td>greater than 2.0 - 4.0</td>
<td>35.0%</td>
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<td>greater than 4.0 - 8.0</td>
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<td>greater than 8.0</td>
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1Waterworks meeting at least one of the conditions in subdivisions H 1 b (1) through (6) of this section are not required to operate with enhanced coagulation.

2Softening waterworks meeting one of the alternative compliance criteria in subdivision H 1 c of this section are not required to operate with enhanced softening.

3Waterworks practicing softening shall meet the TOC removal requirements in this column.

c. Waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water with conventional treatment systems that cannot achieve the Step 1 TOC removals required by subdivision H 2 b of this section due to water quality parameters or operational constraints shall apply to the commissioner, within three months of failure to achieve the TOC removals required by subdivision H 2 b of this section, for approval of alternative minimum TOC (Step 2) removal requirements submitted by the waterworks. If the commissioner approves the alternative minimum TOC removal (Step 2) requirements, the commissioner may make those requirements retroactive for the purposes of determining compliance. Until the commissioner approves the alternate minimum TOC removal (Step 2) requirements, the owner shall meet the Step 1 TOC removals contained in subdivision H 2 b of this section.
d. Alternate minimum TOC removal (Step 2) requirements. Applications, made to the commissioner by waterworks using enhanced coagulation, for approval of alternative minimum TOC removal (Step 2) requirements under subdivision H 2 c of this section shall include, at a minimum, results of bench- or pilot-scale testing conducted under subdivision H 2 d (1) of this section. The submitted bench- or pilot-scale testing shall be used to determine the alternate enhanced coagulation level.

(1) Alternate enhanced coagulation level is defined as coagulation at a coagulant dose and pH as determined by the method described in subdivisions H 2 d (1) through (5) of this section such that an incremental addition of 10 mg/L of alum (or equivalent amount of ferric salt) results in a TOC removal of equal to or less than 0.3 mg/L. The percent removal of TOC at this point on the "TOC removal versus coagulant dose" curve is then defined as the minimum TOC removal required for the waterworks. Once approved by the commissioner, this minimum requirement supersedes the minimum TOC removal required by the table in subdivision H 2 b of this section. This requirement will be effective until such time as the commissioner approves a new value based on the results of a new bench- and pilot-scale test. Failure to achieve the alternative minimum TOC removal levels set by the commissioner is a violation of these regulations.

(2) Bench- or pilot-scale testing of enhanced coagulation shall be conducted by using representative water samples and adding 10 mg/L increments of alum (or equivalent amounts of ferric salt) until the pH is reduced to a level less than or equal to the enhanced coagulation Step 2 target pH shown in the following table:

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<th>Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO₃)</th>
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<td>0-60</td>
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<td>7.0</td>
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(3) For waters with alkalinities of less than 60 mg/L for which addition of small amounts of alum or equivalent addition of iron coagulant drives the pH below 5.5 before significant TOC removal occurs, the owner shall add necessary chemicals to maintain the pH between 5.3 and 5.7 in samples until the TOC removal of 0.3 mg/L per 10 mg/L alum added (or equivalent addition of iron coagulant) is reached.

(4) The owner may operate at any coagulant dose or pH necessary (consistent with other sections of these regulations) to achieve the minimum TOC percent removal approved under subdivision H 2 c of this section.

(5) If the TOC removal is consistently less than 0.3 mg/L of TOC per 10 mg/L of incremental alum dose at all dosages of alum (or equivalent addition of iron coagulant), the water is deemed to contain TOC not amenable to enhanced coagulation. The waterworks may then apply to the commissioner for a waiver of enhanced coagulation requirements.

3. Compliance calculations.

a. Owners of waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water other than those identified in subdivision H 1 b or H 1 c of this section shall comply with requirements contained in subdivision H 2 b or H 2 c of this section. Owners shall calculate compliance quarterly, beginning after the waterworks has collected 12 months of data, by determining an annual average using the following method:

(1) Determine actual monthly TOC percent removal, equal to:

\[ \text{TOC percent removal} = 100 \times \left(1 - \frac{\text{treated water TOC}}{\text{source water TOC}}\right) \]

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(2) Determine the required monthly TOC percent removal (from either the table in subdivision H 2 b of this section or from subdivision H 2 c of this section).

(3) Divide the value in subdivision H 3 a (1) of this section by the value in subdivision H 3 a (2) of this section.

(4) Add together the results of subdivision H 3 a (3) of this section for the last 12 months and divide by 12.

(5) If the value calculated in subdivision H 3 a (4) of this section is less than 1.00, the waterworks is not in compliance with the TOC percent removal requirements.

b. Owners may use the provisions in subdivisions H 3 b (1) through (5) of this section in lieu of the calculations in subdivisions H 3 a (1) through (5) of this section to determine compliance with TOC percent removal requirements.

(1) In any month that the waterworks' treated or source water TOC level, measured according to 12VAC5-590-440, is less than 2.0 mg/L, the owner may assign a monthly value of 1.0 (in lieu of the value calculated in subdivision H 3 a (3) of this section) when calculating compliance under the provisions of subdivision H 3 a of this section.

(2) In any month that a waterworks practicing softening removes at least 10 mg/L of magnesium hardness (as CaCO₃), the waterworks may assign a monthly value of 1.0 (in lieu of the value calculated in subdivision H 3 a (3) of this section) when calculating compliance under the provisions of subdivision H 3 a of this section.

(3) In any month that the waterworks' source water SUVA, prior to any treatment and measured according to 12VAC5-590-440, is equal to or less than 2.0 L/mg-m, the owner may assign a monthly value of 1.0 (in lieu of the value calculated in subdivision H 3 a (3) of this section) when calculating compliance under the provisions of subdivision H 3 a of this section.

(4) In any month that the waterworks’ finished water SUVA, measured according to 12VAC5-590-440, is equal to or less than 2.0 L/mg-m, the owner may assign a monthly value of 1.0 (in lieu of the value calculated in subdivision H 3 a (3) of this section) when calculating compliance under the provisions of subdivision H 3 a of this section.

(5) In any month that a waterworks practicing enhanced softening lowers alkalinity below 60 mg/L (as CaCO₃), the owner may assign a monthly value of 1.0 (in lieu of the value calculated in subdivision H 3 a (3) of this section) when calculating compliance under the provisions of subdivision H 3 a of this section.

c. Waterworks that use surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water and using conventional treatment may also comply with the requirements of this section by meeting the criteria in subdivision H 1 b or c of this section.

4. Enhanced coagulation or enhanced softening is the treatment technique required to control the level of DBP precursors in drinking water treatment and distribution systems for waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water and using conventional treatment.

I. The best technology, treatment techniques, or other means available for achieving compliance with the maximum contaminant levels for disinfection byproducts show in Table 2.13 are listed below:

1. The best technology, treatment techniques, or other means available for achieving compliance with the maximum contaminant levels for bromate and chlorite:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Disinfection byproduct</th>
<th>Best available technology</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bromate</td>
<td>Control of ozone treatment process to reduce production of bromate.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chlorite</td>
<td>Control of treatment processes to reduce disinfectant demand and control of</td>
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disinfection treatment processes to reduce disinfectant levels

2. The best technology, treatment techniques, or other means available for achieving compliance with the running annual average maximum contaminant levels for TTHM and HAA5:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Disinfection byproduct</th>
<th>Best available technology</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic acids (five) (HAA5)</td>
<td>Enhanced coagulation or enhanced softening or GAC10, with chlorine as the primary and residual disinfectant</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3. The best technology, treatment techniques, or other means available for achieving compliance with the locational running annual average maximum contaminant levels for TTHM and HAA5 for all systems that disinfect their source water:

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<th>Disinfection byproduct</th>
<th>Best available technology</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic acids (five) (HAA5)</td>
<td>Enhanced coagulation or enhanced softening, plus GAC10; or nanofiltration with a molecular weight cutoff less than or equal to 1000 Daltons; or GAC20</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

4. The best technology, treatment techniques, or other means available for achieving compliance with the locational running annual average maximum contaminant levels for TTHM and HAA5 for consecutive waterworks and applies only to the disinfected water that consecutive waterworks buy or otherwise receive:

<table>
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<th>Best available technology</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic acids (five) (HAA5)</td>
<td>Waterworks serving equal to or greater than 10,000: Improved distribution system and storage tank management to reduce residence time, plus the use of chloramines for disinfectant residual maintenance. Waterworks serving less than 10,000: Improved distribution system and storage tank management to reduce residence time</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

J. The best technology, treatment techniques, or other means available for achieving compliance with the maximum residual disinfectant levels identified in Table 2.12 is the control of treatment processes to reduce disinfectant demand and control of disinfection treatment processes to reduce disinfectant levels.

K. If spent filter backwash water, thickener supernatant, or liquids from dewatering processes are recycled, in any waterworks supplied by a surface water source and waterworks supplied by a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water that employ conventional filtration or direct filtration treatment, then they are subject to the recycle treatment technique requirement. Under this requirement recycle flows shall be returned through all the processes of the treatment system, or an alternative location approved by the state, by June 8, 2004.

L. Waterworks with uncovered finished water storage facilities shall comply with the requirements to cover the facility or treat the discharge from the facility as described in this paragraph.

1. Waterworks using uncovered finished water storage facilities shall comply with the conditions of this section.

2. Owners shall notify the commissioner of the use of each uncovered finished water storage facility no later than April 1, 2008.

3. Owners shall meet the conditions of subdivision L 3 a or b of this section for each uncovered finished water storage facility or be in compliance with a State-approved schedule to meet these conditions no later than April 1, 2009.

   a. All uncovered finished water storage facilities shall be covered.

   b. Waterworks shall treat the discharge from the uncovered finished water storage facility to the distribution system to achieve inactivation and/or removal of at least 4-log virus, 3-log Giardia lamblia, and 2-log Cryptosporidium using a protocol approved by the commissioner.
4. Failure to comply with the requirements of this section is a violation of the treatment technique requirement.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-421. Groundwater system treatment techniques.

A. Owners of groundwater systems that (i) have confirmed E. coli contamination as described in 12VAC5-590-379 B or (ii) have been notified in writing of a significant deficiency as described in 12VAC5-590-350 D shall meet the requirements of this section. Failure to meet any requirement of this section after the applicable time period specified is a treatment technique violation.

1. Owners of groundwater systems meeting either one of the conditions in clause (i) or (ii) above shall implement one or more of the following corrective actions:
   a. Correct all significant deficiencies;
   b. Provide an alternate source of water;
   c. Eliminate the source of contamination; or
   d. Provide treatment of the groundwater source that reliably achieves at least 4-log treatment of viruses before or at the first consumer.

2. Unless the ODW directs the groundwater system owner to implement a specific corrective action, the groundwater system owner shall consult with the ODW regarding the appropriate corrective action within 30 days of receiving written notification from the commissioner or the laboratory. This consultation may take the form of a telephone conversation, electronic mail, meeting, or other mechanism agreed to by the ODW.

3. Within 45 days of receiving this notification, the groundwater system owner shall submit a written Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to the commissioner that satisfactorily addresses the deficiency. The CAP shall include a schedule for completing individual actions, and shall include one or more of the corrective actions in subdivision A 1 of this section. Approval of the CAP by the commissioner constitutes an approved CAP.

4. Within 120 days of receiving written notification from the commissioner or the laboratory, the groundwater system owner shall either:
   a. Have a completed corrective action in accordance with the commissioner-approved CAP including commissioner-specified interim measures; or
   b. Be in compliance with a commissioner-approved CAP and schedule subject to the conditions specified in subdivisions 4 b 1 and 2 of this subsection.

(1) Any subsequent modifications to a commissioner-approved CAP and schedule shall also be approved by the commissioner.
(2) If the commissioner specifies interim measures for protection of the public health pending the commissioner’s approval of the CAP and schedule or pending completion of the CAP, the groundwater system owner shall comply with these interim measures as well as with any schedule specified by the commissioner.

5. When a significant deficiency is identified at a waterworks that uses both groundwater and surface water or a GUDI source, the owner shall comply with this section unless the commissioner has determined that the significant deficiency is in a portion of the distribution system that is served solely by surface water or a GUDI.

B. Owners of groundwater systems that provide at least 4-log treatment of viruses before or at the first customer shall conduct compliance monitoring to demonstrate treatment effectiveness.

1. Existing groundwater sources. A groundwater system that is not required to meet the source water monitoring requirements of 12VAC5-590-379 for any groundwater source(s) because the owner has been notified by the ODW that the groundwater system provides at least 4-log treatment of viruses before or at the first customer for any groundwater source(s) shall comply with the following:

   a. The groundwater system owner shall have written approval from the ODW that the groundwater system provides at least 4-log treatment of viruses before or at the first customer served by the groundwater source.

   b. The groundwater system owner shall conduct compliance monitoring as required by subsection C of this section within 30 days of placing the source in service.

2. New groundwater sources. A groundwater system owner that places a new groundwater source into service shall meet the requirements of subdivisions 1 a and b of this subsection and conduct raw water monitoring in accordance with 12VAC5-590-425. The groundwater system owner shall provide engineering, operational, or other information as required by the ODW.

C. The owner of a groundwater system subject to the requirements of subsection B of this section shall monitor the effectiveness and reliability of treatment for that groundwater source before or at the first customer as follows:

1. Chemical disinfection.

   a. The owner of a groundwater system that serves greater than 3,300 people shall continuously monitor and record the residual disinfectant concentration using analytical methods specified in 40 CFR 141.74 (a)(2) at a location approved by the ODW and shall record the lowest residual disinfectant concentration each day that water from the groundwater source is served to the public. The groundwater system owner shall maintain the ODW-determined residual disinfectant concentration every day the groundwater system serves water from the groundwater source to the public. If there is a failure in the continuous monitoring equipment, the groundwater system owner shall conduct grab sampling every four hours until the continuous monitoring equipment is returned to service. The system shall resume continuous residual disinfectant monitoring within 14 days.

   b. The owner of a groundwater system that serves 3,300 or fewer people shall monitor the residual disinfectant concentration using analytical methods specified in 40 CFR 141.74 (a)(2) at a location approved by the ODW and record the residual disinfection concentration each day that water from the groundwater source is served to the public. The groundwater system owner shall maintain the ODW-determined residual disinfectant concentration every day the groundwater system serves water from the groundwater source to the public. The groundwater system owner shall take a daily grab sample during the hour of peak flow or at another time specified by the ODW. If any daily grab sample measurement falls below the ODW-
determined residual disinfectant concentration, the groundwater system owner shall take follow-up samples every four hours until the residual disinfectant concentration is restored to the ODW-determined level. A groundwater system that serves 3,300 or fewer people may monitor continuously to meet the requirements of this subsection.

c. Failure to maintain the ODW-specified minimum residual disinfectant concentration for a period of more than four hours is a violation of the treatment technique requirement.

2. A groundwater system owner that uses an ODW-approved alternative treatment to meet the requirements of this section by providing at least 4-log treatment of viruses before or at the first customer shall:

   a. Monitor the alternative treatment in accordance with all ODW-specified monitoring requirements; and

   b. Operate the alternative treatment in accordance with all ODW-specified compliance requirements necessary to achieve at least 4-log treatment of viruses.

3. Failure to meet the monitoring requirements of subsection C of this section is a violation and requires the groundwater system owner to provide public notification as required in 12VAC5-590-540.

D. Discontinuing compliance monitoring or treatment.

1. A groundwater system owner may discontinue compliance monitoring if the ODW determines and documents in writing that compliance monitoring is no longer necessary for that groundwater source. Owners of groundwater systems that have ODW approval to discontinue compliance monitoring shall be subject to the triggered source water monitoring requirements of 12VAC5-590-379.

2. A groundwater system owner discontinuing compliance monitoring is still subject to the requirements of 12VAC5-590-380 H.

3. Owners of waterworks with groundwater sources that have been required by the commissioner to provide at least 4-log treatment of viruses shall not discontinue treatment or monitoring.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from Virginia Register Volume 28, Issue 5, eff. December 7, 2011.

12VAC5-590-425. Raw water monitoring requirements for groundwater sources.

A. The owner of any groundwater source utilizing chlorine disinfection or any other treatment or chemical addition that may alter or affect the bacteriological quality of the raw water shall collect source samples for bacteriological analysis in accordance with this section.

B. All bacteriological samples under this section shall be collected from the raw water prior to any treatment or chemical addition.

   1. The owner shall provide a suitable raw water sample tap at each groundwater source.

   2. If conditions are such that it is not possible to install a raw water sample tap, an alternate sample location acceptable to the commissioner may be utilized for this monitoring.

C. All samples shall be analyzed in accordance with 12VAC5-590-440 by the DCLS or by a laboratory certified by DCLS for drinking water samples and by a test method that will yield a Most Probable Number (MPN) result for both total coliforms and E. coli.

D. Number of samples.
1. The number of routine raw water samples to be collected and the frequency of sampling shall be determined by the district engineer. The district engineer will notify the waterworks owner of the raw water sampling requirements.

2. As a minimum, the owner shall collect raw water samples in accordance with the following table:

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<tr>
<th>Source Type</th>
<th>Minimum Routine Raw Water Monitoring Frequency</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Well located in non-karst geology</td>
<td>One sample per year</td>
<td>Total coliforms MPN and E coli MPN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Well located in karst geology</td>
<td>One sample per calendar quarter</td>
<td>Total coliforms MPN and E coli MPN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spring</td>
<td>One sample per month</td>
<td>Total coliforms MPN and E coli MPN</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3. When a single sample result from any groundwater source that requires a routine raw water monitoring frequency of less than monthly indicates total coliforms in excess of 50 colonies per 100 mL or the presence of E. coli, the owner shall collect one confirmation sample within 10 calendar days of notification of the results. The district engineer may require that additional samples be collected and will establish the specific number of samples and the monitoring frequency.

E. If the results of the raw water monitoring required by this section indicate total coliforms in excess of 50 colonies per 100 ml in two or more samples collected during any running six-month period or the presence of E. coli in two or more samples collected during any running six-month period, the waterworks owner shall provide all necessary information required in 12VAC5-590-430 to the district engineer and the commissioner will make a GUDI determination for the groundwater source.

F. If the results of the raw water monitoring required by this section indicate the presence of E. coli in two or more samples collected during any running six-month period, the waterworks owner shall:

1. Issue a Tier 1 public notice in accordance with 12VAC5-590-540 A 1.
2. Provide disinfection treatment to achieve a 4-log virus inactivation as specified in 12VAC5-590-421 A 1 d.
3. Conduct compliance monitoring as specified in 12VAC5-590-421 C 1.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from Virginia Register Volume 28, Issue 5, eff. December 7, 2011.

12VAC5-590-430. Determination of surface water influence of groundwater sources.

All waterworks’ groundwater sources utilized by waterworks such as wells, springs, and infiltration galleries shall be evaluated by the division to determine surface water influence. The waterworks owner shall provide to the division all necessary information to make this determination in accordance with the following three-step procedure. The source shall be subjected to all criteria in a stepwise fashion. Once a determination with regard to surface water influence has been made it is not necessary to continue to the next step:

1. Step one - source history.
   a. The source is not surface influenced if the division has previously determined that disinfection treatment is not required (see 12VAC5-590-380 H).
   b. The source is surface influenced if it has been directly associated with a biological waterborn disease outbreak such as Giardisiasis, or if it has been directly associated with chemical contamination from the surface.
   c. For all sources consisting of a spring, infiltration gallery, wells located in Karstian geology, or not classified as either
12VAC5-590-430 A 1 or 2 the determination shall proceed to step two.

2. Step two - source physiology and geology.
   a. The source is not surface influenced if it consists of a properly constructed Class I or Class II well in non-Karstain geologic provinces of the state, with no history of turbidity fluctuations, and that have been determined by the division to be adequately treated by disinfection alone (12VAC5-590-380 H).
   b. The source is surface influenced if a sanitary survey reveals that surface water may directly enter the source either through structural defects or through nearby surface water bodies, sinkholes, troughs, drainage ways, or other suspect geological features.
   c. The determination for sources consisting of a spring, infiltration gallery, wells located in Karstian geology or otherwise not classified under 12VAC5-590-430 B 1 or 2 shall proceed to step three.

3. Step three - water quality.
   a. The source is not surface influenced if the total coliform concentrations of the raw water as measured by the multiple-portion decimal-dilution (MPN) method is less than 100 organisms/100 mL based on a geometric mean of 20 or more samples over a period of six months with no more than 10% of these samples exceeding 100 organisms/100 mL; and having no record or confirmed fecal coliform contamination.
   b. The source is surface influenced if:
      (1) The source turbidity, temperature, pH, or conductivity fluctuate following climatic events or fluctuate relative to nearby surface bodies of water, or
      (2) The source exhibits the presence of diatoms, rotifers, coccidia, plant debris, insect parts, or Giardia cysts as identified by particulate analysis.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-440. Analytical methods.

All drinking water analyses for compliance purposes shall have been performed by analytical methods that are consistent with current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations found at 40 CFR Part 141 and 40 CFR Part 143. Laboratories seeking certification to perform drinking water analyses shall comply with all applicable regulations promulgated by the Department of General Services, Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services.

Testing for alkalinity, calcium, conductivity, disinfectant residual, orthophosphate, pH, silica, temperature, and turbidity for compliance purposes may be performed by any person or party acceptable to the commissioner.

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<tr>
<th>Substance</th>
<th>Primary Maximum Contaminant Level (mg/L)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Antimony</td>
<td>0.006</td>
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<tr>
<td>Arsenic (As)</td>
<td>0.010***</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asbestos</td>
<td>7 Million Fibers/Liter (longer than 10 um)</td>
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<td>Barium (Ba)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Beryllium</td>
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<td>Cadmium (Cd)</td>
<td>0.005</td>
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<td>Chromium (Cr)</td>
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<td>Cyanide (as free Cyanide)</td>
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<td>4.0 #</td>
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<td>Mercury (Hg)</td>
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<td>Nickel</td>
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<td>Nitrate (as N)</td>
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<td>Corrosivity</td>
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<td>Foaming Agents</td>
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<td>Copper (Cu)</td>
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# Note. For artificially fluoridated waterworks the minimum concentration of fluoride should be 0.8 mg/L and the maximum should be 1.0 mg/L. The optimum control limit is 0.9 mg/L. (See Appendix B)

*Note. Concentration reported in terms of Methylene Blue Active Substances.

**Note. See Appendix B for Exception Regarding Noncommunity Waterworks.

***Note. The PMCL for arsenic is 0.010 mg/L for community and nontransient noncommunity waterworks effective January 23, 2006. Arsenic sampling results shall be reported to the nearest 0.001 mg/L.

Table 2.3 — Organic Chemicals.

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<td>VOC</td>
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<tr>
<td>1. Vinyl Chloride</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Benzene</td>
<td>0.005</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Carbon Tetrachloride</td>
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<td>4. 1,2 Dichloroethane</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Trichloroethylene (TCE)</td>
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<td>6. 1,1 Dichloroethylene</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Atrazine</td>
<td>0.003</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Carbofuran</td>
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<td>Chlordane</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Heptachlor</td>
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<td>Heptachlor epoxide</td>
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</tr>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Ethylene dibromide (EDB)</td>
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<td>Lindane</td>
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<td>Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid (2,4 D)</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>2,4,5 Trichlorophenoxypropionic Acid (2,4,5 TP or Silvex)</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>Pentachlorphenol</td>
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<td>Benzo(a)pyrene</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>Dalapon</td>
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<td>Di(2 ethylhexy)adipate</td>
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<td>Diquat</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>Endothall</td>
<td>0.1</td>
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<td>26</td>
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### Table 2.4 — Physical Quality.

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<td>Secondary</td>
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<td>3 Threshold odor numbers</td>
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<tr>
<td>pH</td>
<td>Secondary</td>
<td>6.5 – 8.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Dissolved</td>
<td>Secondary</td>
<td>500 mg/L Solids (TDS)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Turbidity</td>
<td>Primary</td>
<td>*1 Turbidity Unit</td>
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* See Appendix B for operational requirements.

### Table 2.5 — Radiological Quality.

#### A. Maximum Contaminant Level Goals for Radionuclides

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<tr>
<th>Substance</th>
<th>MCLG</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Combined radium-226 and radium-228</td>
<td>Zero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Gross alpha particle activity (excluding Radon and uranium)</td>
<td>Zero</td>
</tr>
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<td>3. Beta particle and photon radioactivity</td>
<td>Zero</td>
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<td>4. Uranium</td>
<td>Zero</td>
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#### B. Primary Maximum Contaminant Levels for Radionuclides

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<td>1. Combined radium-226 and radium-228</td>
<td>5 pCi/L</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Gross Alpha Activity (excluding Radon and Uranium)</td>
<td>15 pCi/L</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Uranium</td>
<td>30 μg/L</td>
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Primary Maximum Contaminant Levels for Beta Particle and Photon Radioactivity from Man-Made Radionuclides

1. The average annual concentration of Beta particle and Photon radioactivity from man-made radionuclides in drinking water shall not produce an annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ greater than 4 millirem/year.

2. Except for the radionuclides listed in Schedule I, the concentration of man-made radionuclides causing 4 MREM total body or organ dose equivalents shall be calculated on the basis of a 2 liter per day drinking water intake using the 168-hour data listed in "Maximum Permissible Body Burdens and Maximum Permissible Concentrations of Radionuclides in Air and Water for Occupational Exposure," MBS Handbook 69 as amended August 1963, U.S. Department of Commerce. If two or more radionuclides are present, the sum of their annual dose equivalent to the total body or to any organ exceed 4 millirem/year.

#### Schedule 1

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<tr>
<th>Radionuclide</th>
<th>Critical Organ</th>
<th>pCi/liter</th>
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<td>Tritium</td>
<td>Total Body</td>
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<td>Strontium 90</td>
<td>Bone Marrow</td>
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* See Appendix B.
Table 2.6 — Unregulated Contaminant Organics to be Monitored.

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<td>1. Chloroform</td>
<td>1. Aldrin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Bromodichloromethane</td>
<td>2. Butachlor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Chlorodibromomethane</td>
<td>3. Carbaryl</td>
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<td>4. Bromoform</td>
<td>4. Dicamba</td>
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<td>5. Chlorobenzene</td>
<td>5. Dieldrin</td>
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<td>6. m Dichlorobenzene</td>
<td>6. Methomyl</td>
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<td>7. Dibromomethane</td>
<td>7. 3 Hyposcarbofuran</td>
</tr>
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<td>8. 1,1 Dichloropropene</td>
<td>8. Metoachlor</td>
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<td>9. 1,1 Dichloroethane</td>
<td>9. Metribuzin</td>
</tr>
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<td>10. 1,1,2,2 Tetrachloroethane</td>
<td>10. Propachlor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. 1,3 Dichloropropene</td>
<td>11. Aldicarb</td>
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<td>12. Aldicarb sulfone</td>
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<td>13. Aldicarb sulfoxide</td>
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Table 2.7 — Reserved

Table 2.8 — Organic Chemical Monitoring Implementation Schedule.

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<tr>
<th>Number of Persons Served</th>
<th>Monitoring to Begin During the Quarter that Begins</th>
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<tr>
<td>Over 10,000</td>
<td>January 1, 1988</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3,300 to 10,000</td>
<td>January 1, 1989</td>
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<tr>
<td>less than 3,300</td>
<td>January 1, 1991</td>
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Table 2.9 — PMCL Effective Dates.

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<th>Table 2.3, Organics Chemicals, VOC 1 through 8 (Phase I)</th>
<th>January 9, 1989</th>
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<td>Table 2.3, Organics Chemicals, VOC 9 through 18 and SOC 1 through 14 (Phase II VOCs and SOCs)</td>
<td>July 1, 1991</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asbestos, Cadmium, Chromium, Mercury, Nitrate, Nitrile, Total Nitrate+Nitrite, Selenium (Phase II IOCs)</td>
<td>July 30, 1992</td>
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<td>Table 2.3, Organics Chemicals, SOC 15 through 18 and Table 2.2, Inorganic Chemicals, Barium (Phase II SOCs and IOCs)</td>
<td>January 1, 1993</td>
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<tr>
<td>Table 2.3, Organics Chemicals, VOC 19 through 21, SOC 19 through 33 and Table 2.2, Inorganic Chemicals; antimony, beryllium, cyanide (as free cyanide), nickel, and thallium</td>
<td>January 17, 1994</td>
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### Table 2.10 — Maximum Contaminant Level Goals for Microbiological Contaminants.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Contaminant</th>
<th>MCLG</th>
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<tr>
<td>Giardia lamblia</td>
<td>Zero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Viruses</td>
<td>Zero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legionella</td>
<td>Zero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total coliforms (including fecal coliforms and Escherichia coli)</td>
<td>Zero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cryptosporidium</td>
<td>Zero</td>
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</tbody>
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### Table 2.11 — Maximum Contaminant Level Goals for Disinfection Byproducts.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Disinfection byproduct</th>
<th>MCLG (mg/L)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bromate</td>
<td>Zero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bromodichloromethane</td>
<td>Zero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bromoform</td>
<td>Zero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chlorite</td>
<td>0.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chloroform</td>
<td>0.07</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dibromochloromethane</td>
<td>0.06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dichloroacetic acid</td>
<td>Zero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monochloroacetic acid</td>
<td>0.07</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trichloroacetic acid</td>
<td>0.02</td>
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### Table 2.12 — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goals (MRDLG) and Maximum Residual Disinfectant Levels (MRDL) for Disinfectants

<table>
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<th>Disinfectant residual</th>
<th>MRDLG (mg/L)</th>
<th>MRDL (mg/L)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Chlorine</td>
<td>4 (as Cl₂)</td>
<td>4.0 (as Cl₂)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chloramines</td>
<td>4 (as Cl₂)</td>
<td>4.0 (as Cl₂)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chlorine dioxide</td>
<td>0.8 (as ClO₂)</td>
<td>0.8 (as ClO₂)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notwithstanding the MRDLs in Table 2.12, owners may increase residual disinfectant levels in the distribution system of chlorine or chloramines (but not chlorine dioxide) to a level and for a time necessary to protect public health, to address specific microbiological contamination problems caused by circumstances such as, but not limited to, distribution line breaks, storm run-off events, source water contamination events, or cross-connection events.

### Table 2.13 — Primary Maximum Contaminant Levels (PMCL) for Disinfection Byproducts

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Disinfection byproduct</th>
<th>PMCL (mg/L)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total trihalomethanes (TTHM)</td>
<td>0.080</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5)</td>
<td>0.060</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bromate</td>
<td>0.010</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chlorite</td>
<td>1.0</td>
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Statutory Authority

12VAC5-590-450. General.

Waterworks operation comprises the constant operation and management of facilities and personnel. Consideration must be given to such factors as competent personnel, standards of water quality, plant maintenance and cleanliness, analytical laboratory control, operation and maintenance of plant equipment, plant records and safety. As the degree of complexity of water treatment increases, the expertise and skill required to produce a high quality water also increases.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

12VAC5-590-460. Personnel.

The operation of waterworks, both small and large, must rest in the hands of qualified persons. The number of such employees in a waterworks system depends principally upon the size, the quality of the raw water, and the type of treatment processes used.

A. Waterworks operators designated by the waterworks owner to be in responsible charge must possess a valid waterworks operator license issued by the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage Professionals, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, in accordance with that board's regulations (18VAC160-20-10 et seq.) and Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 23 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia. The license must be of a classification equal to or higher than that of the waterworks. Additional operating personnel at the waterworks must also be licensed as specified below.

B. The number and class of operators in attendance and additional operating personnel are a minimum to meet the requirements of protection of the public health of the consumer and safety of the operating personnel. The classification of operators and additional operating personnel in attendance must conform with Table 2.9.

1. The owner shall designate one or more properly licensed operators to be in responsible charge of the waterworks at all times. When no designated operator is on duty or in communication with the operating personnel in attendance at the waterworks, a substitute operator shall be designated by the owner. The substitute operator shall possess a valid operator license of a classification equal to or greater than that of the waterworks.

2. All waterworks having design capacity of 2.0 mgd or higher and employing filtration must have a minimum of two operating personnel on duty whenever the plant is in operation. All other waterworks employing filtration must have a minimum of one operating person on duty whenever the plant is in operation.

3. Waterworks designed for softening only and utilizing chemical precipitation:

   a. Waterworks having a design capacity of 2.0 mgd or higher must have a minimum of two operating personnel in attendance.
at all times the plant is in operation; and

b. All other waterworks must have a minimum of one operator operating person in attendance at all times the treatment plant is in operation.

4. Waterworks utilizing iron and manganese removal by precipitation and having a design capacity of 0.5 mgd or higher must have a minimum of one operating person on duty at all times the treatment plant is in operation.

5. Waterworks providing treatment or no treatment and serving 400 or more persons and not previously covered will require daily attendance at each treatment facility by an operating person for sufficient time to insure proper operation of the facility and protection of the public health, as determined by the division.

### TABLE 2.9

**MINIMUM CLASSIFICATION FOR WATERWORKS OPERATIONS**

**ADDITIONAL OPERATING PERSONNEL**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PLANT CLASSIFICATION</th>
<th>PLANT CAPACITY (MGC)</th>
<th>EQUIVALENT POPULATION SERVED</th>
<th>TREATMENT</th>
<th>OPERATOR IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE (CLASS)</th>
<th>SHIFT SUPERVISOR (CLASS)</th>
<th>OTHERS</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CLASS I</td>
<td>15.0 or more</td>
<td>150,000</td>
<td>Conventional filtration or filter rate more than 2 gpm/ft²</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>II,III,IV Trainee*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLASS I</td>
<td>5.0 but less than 15.0</td>
<td>50,000 but less than 150,000</td>
<td>Conventional filtration filter rate more than 2 gpm/ft²</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>II,III,IV Trainee*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLASS II</td>
<td>Less than 5.0</td>
<td>Less than 50,000</td>
<td>Filtering rate greater than 2 gpm/ft²</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>III, IV Trainee*</td>
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<tr>
<td>CLASS II</td>
<td>0.5 but less than 5.0</td>
<td>5,000 but less than 50,000</td>
<td>Conventional filtration</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>III, IV Trainee*</td>
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<tr>
<td>CLASS III</td>
<td>Less than 0.5</td>
<td>Less than 5,000</td>
<td>Conventional filtration</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>IV or Trainee*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLASS III</td>
<td>5,000 or more</td>
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<td>Approved treatment other than conventional filtration and fluoridation</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>IV or Trainee*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLASS III</td>
<td>Sufficient persons or connections to be classified as a Public Water supply</td>
<td></td>
<td>Not under higher classifications but using fluoridation</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>Trainee*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLASS IV</td>
<td>Less than 5,000</td>
<td></td>
<td>Approved treatment other than conventional filtration and fluoridation or no treatment serving 400 or more persons</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>Trainee*</td>
</tr>
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* Trainees should meet basic prerequisites for operators with the exception of experience and have potential for licensing wherever listed in these guidelines. Owner must provide a qualified substitute operator when only one operator is normally employed. The substitute must have the same class license as the operator.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Last Amended: Oct. 10, 2014
12VAC5-590-470. Waterworks appearance.

The general appearance and state of cleanliness of a waterworks can greatly influence the attitude of the public toward a utility and can actually promote public health. A community without confidence in its public water supply with often resort to the use of water from questionable or polluted sources; therefore, the waterworks must be maintained in a clean and orderly condition to achieve this goal.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

12VAC5-590-480. Analytical laboratory control.

A. Analyses and tests at waterworks are made for four main purposes: to control plant operation, to record plant performance, to improve plant performance, and to undertake fundamental research of value to the plant and to the profession in general. Tests designed to control operation should present evidence that:

1. The water has been properly prepared for each major key step in the treatment process;

2. Each key process such as mixing, coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, softening, iron and manganese removal, disinfection, and taste and odor control has proceeded according to plan; and

3. The finished product is clean, free from taste or odor, free from undesirable chemical characteristics, and safe for human consumption.

B. Laboratory analyses shall conform with the most current edition available of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater published by the American Public Health Association, the American Water Works Association, and the Water Pollution Control Federation, or analytical methods approved by the division. Ample laboratory space shall be provided.

1. Chemical. The analyses listed below are the minimum required. Additional testing may be required by the division.

   a. Waterworks utilizing treatment for turbidity removal shall provide equipment for the analysis of pH, alkalinity, hardness, turbidity, water temperature and coagulation dosage. An electric pH meter must be provided; however, a color comparator may be used as a back-up unit. Turbidities must be determined by the use of a nephelometer. Minimum equipment for coagulation control shall be a multiple jar stirring machine.

   b. Waterworks providing softening only and utilizing chemical precipitation shall provide equipment for analysis of pH utilizing an electric pH meter, alkalinity, hardness, water temperature, and chemical dosage for precipitation utilizing a multiple jar stirring machine.

   c. Waterworks providing iron and manganese removal by chemical precipitation shall provide equipment for analysis of pH, alkalinity, iron, manganese, and water temperature.

   d. Waterworks providing fluoridation shall provide equipment for analysis of the fluoride ion concentration and water temperature.
e. Waterworks providing chlorination or rechlorination shall provide equipment for the analysis of chlorine residual and temperature.

f. Waterworks providing iron and manganese removal by ion exchange and or softening by ion exchange shall provide equipment for the analysis of iron and manganese, or hardness.

2. Bacteriological. Only results of bacteriological analyses performed by the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, or by laboratories and laboratory personnel certified by the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services will be acceptable.

   a. The number and frequency of bacteriological sampling shall comply with Article 1 of Part II. Additional analyses may be necessary when deemed so by the division.

   b. Waterworks having a rated capacity of 3.0 mgd or more or serving an equivalent of 30,000 persons or more shall provide laboratory space and equipment for routine bacteriological analysis.

   c. Bacteriological sampling in accordance with Article 1 of Part II is required by all waterworks.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


A. Adequate treatment is any one or any combination of the controlled processes of coagulation, sedimentation, absorption, filtration, disinfection, or other processes that produce a water consistently meeting the requirements of this chapter. The concept of adequate treatment also includes processes that are appropriate to the source of supply; waterworks that are of adequate capacity to meet maximum demands without creating health hazards, and that are located, designed, and constructed to eliminate or prevent cross connections; and conscientious operation by well-trained and competent personnel whose qualifications are commensurate with the responsibilities of the position and acceptable to the division.

B. All waterworks shall provide adequate treatment and pure water.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-005.05 § 2.16, eff. August 1, 1991; amended, Virginia Register Volume 9, Issue 17, eff. June 23, 1993.

12VAC5-590-500. Disinfection by chlorination.

A. All water supplies derived from surface water sources in whole or in part shall be disinfected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-1000 until June 29, 1993. It is recommended that a chlorine residual be maintained. Beginning June 29, 1993, every owner of a waterworks shall comply with the disinfection requirements of 12VAC5-590-420.

B. Owners of waterworks utilizing surface waters as a water supply shall practice prechlorination. The requirement for prechlorination may be waived by the commissioner when warranted.

C. Owners of waterworks utilizing groundwater as a water supply that has been determined by the commissioner to be under the direct influence of surface water, as provided in 12VAC5-590-430, will be required to disinfect. If the commissioner determines that the
groundwater supply is surface influenced, the owner shall provide disinfection during the interim before filtration is installed in accordance with 12VAC5-590-420 B 2 f. If filtration is installed prior to June 29, 1993, the owner shall comply with the disinfection requirements of 12VAC5-590-1000 until June 29, 1993. By June 29, 1993, all owners of waterworks using a groundwater source determined to be under the direct influence of surface water shall comply with the disinfection requirements of 12VAC5-590-420.

D. Owners of groundwater systems subject to the requirements of 12VAC5-590-421 A 1 d shall provide a disinfectant residual concentration (C) and contact time (T) to achieve a 4-log inactivation of viruses. CT shall be calculated in accordance with Appendix L, which contains information on calculation methods and contact tank baffling factors.

E. Disinfection profile data and disinfection benchmark data.

1. The owner of any waterworks that has disinfection profile data shall retain this data in graphic form, as a spreadsheet, or in some other format acceptable to the commissioner for review as part of sanitary surveys conducted by the commissioner. Appendix L lists the procedure for developing a disinfection profile.

2. Disinfection benchmarking.

   a. The owner of any waterworks that has developed a disinfection profile and that decides to make a significant change to its disinfection practice shall consult with the commissioner prior to making such change. Significant changes to disinfection practice are:

      (1) Changes to the point of disinfection;

      (2) Changes to the disinfectants used in the treatment plant;

      (3) Changes to the disinfection process; and

      (4) Any other modification identified by the commissioner.

   b. The owner of any waterworks that is modifying its disinfection practice shall calculate its disinfection benchmark using the following procedure:

      (1) For each year of profiling data collected, the owner shall determine the lowest average monthly Giardia lamblia inactivation in each year of profiling data. The owner shall determine the average Giardia lamblia inactivation for each calendar month for each year of profiling data by dividing the sum of daily (or weekly) Giardia lamblia inactivation by the number of values calculated for that month.

      (2) The disinfection benchmark is the lowest monthly average value (for waterworks with one year of profiling data) or average of lowest monthly average values (for waterworks with more than one year of profiling data) of the monthly logs of Giardia lamblia inactivation in each year of profiling data.

      (3) The owner of a waterworks that uses either chloramines or ozone for primary disinfection shall also calculate the disinfection benchmark for viruses using a method approved by the commissioner.

   c. The owner shall submit the following information to the commissioner as part of the waterworks' consultation process.

      (1) A description of the proposed change;

      (2) The disinfection profile for Giardia lamblia (and, if necessary, viruses) and benchmark listed in subdivision E 2 b of this section;

      (3) An analysis of how the proposed change will affect the current levels of disinfection; and

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12VAC5-590-505. Emergency management plan for extended power outages.

A. Each community waterworks (including consecutive waterworks) shall develop and maintain an emergency management plan for extended power outages.

B. Each plan shall be kept current and shall be kept at a location that is readily accessible in the event of an extended power outage.

C. Each community waterworks shall certify in writing to the appropriate field office of the Office of Drinking Water in the Department of Health that the waterworks has completed such plan.

D. Each plan shall address the following where applicable:

1. Identification of the criteria (events, duration of power outage, etc.) that will initiate activation of the plan.

2. How the community waterworks will respond to an extended power outage for a minimum of five days.

3. Procedures for obtaining and distributing potable water in the event that primary source(s) becomes unavailable.

4. Notification procedures and example notices to the public and media (local radio stations, television stations, local newspapers, etc.) including conservation and boil water advisories.

5. Emergency disinfection procedures for distribution system(s) and storage tank(s).

6. The telephone number of the appropriate field office of the Office of Drinking Water in the Virginia Department of Health.

7. The names and telephone numbers of the waterworks personnel who should be notified.

8. The name and telephone number of the Local Emergency Coordinator designated by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

9. The names and telephone numbers of the electric power, natural gas, and propane distributors, or other energy supplier to the waterworks.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from Virginia Register Volume 23, Issue 1, eff. October 18, 2006.

12VAC5-590-510. Acceptable operating practices.

A. This section is not intended to be all inclusive but reflects the concern for the public health significance of certain practices related to treatment plant operation.
B. Waterworks designed for bacteria and turbidity removal shall not be operated without adequate chemical coagulation as determined by the division.

C. Waterworks utilizing filtration in the treatment process shall not vary the rate of filtration through any single filtering unit above its design capacity unless approved by the division.

D. Filtering units equipped with rewash facilities shall not be returned to service after backwashing until being thoroughly rewashed.

E. All waterworks shall provide a minimum working pressure of 20 psi at all service connections.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-520. Waterworks expansion.

A. At such time as the water production of a community waterworks reaches 80% of the rated capacity of the waterworks for any consecutive three-month period, the owner shall cause plans and specifications to be developed for expansion of the waterworks to include a schedule for construction; however, if it can be shown by the owner that growth within the service area is limited and will not exceed the rated capacity of the waterworks or if unusual transient conditions caused production to reach the 80% level, preparation of plans and specifications for expansion will no longer be required.

B. All waterworks shall provide metering of total water production.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-530. Reporting.

A. The results of any required monitoring activity shall be reported by the owner (or their authorized agent) to the ODW no later than (i) the 10th day of the month following the month during which the test results were received, or (ii) the 10th day following the end of the monitoring period, whichever is shorter, unless stipulated otherwise by the commissioner. The results of any required monitoring activity shall be reported by the owner in a format prescribed by the commissioner.

B. It shall be the duty and responsibility of an owner to report to the ODW in the most expeditious manner (usually by telephone) under the following circumstances. If it is done by telephone a confirming report shall be mailed as soon as practical.

1. When a bacteriological examination shows a repeat sample is required (see 12VAC5-590-380 D), a report shall be made within 48 hours. An owner shall report a total coliform PMCL violation to the district engineer no later than the end of the next business day.

2. When the daily average of turbidity testing exceeds 5 NTU a report shall be made within 48 hours.

3. When a PMCL of an inorganic or organic chemical is exceeded for a single sample the owner shall report same within seven days. If any one sample result would cause the compliance average to be exceeded the owner shall report same in 48 hours.

4. When the average value of samples collected pursuant to 12VAC5-590-410 exceeds the PMCL of any organic or inorganic
chemical the owner shall report same within 48 hours.

5. When the maximum contaminant level for radionuclides has been exceeded as determined by Table 2.5 the results shall be reported within 48 hours.

6. The owner shall report to the district engineer within 48 hours the failure to comply with the monitoring and sanitary survey requirements of this chapter.

7. The owner shall report to the district engineer within 48 hours the failure to comply with the requirements of any schedule prescribed pursuant to a variance or exemption.

8. The owner shall report a Tier 1 violation or situation, as described in 12VAC5-590-540 A 1, to the district engineer as soon as practical, but no later than 24 hours after the owner learns of the Tier 1 violation or situation. At the same time the report is made, the owner shall consult with the field office to determine the need for any additional actions to address the violation or situation.

9. The owner shall report a violation of treatment technique requirement resulting from a single exceedance of the maximum allowable turbidity limit, as described in 12VAC5-590-420 B 2 a (2), B 2 a (3) (b), B 2 b (2), B 2 c (2), and B 2 d, to the district engineer as soon as practical, but no later than 24 hours after the owner learns of the violation. At the same time the report is made, the owner shall consult with the field office to determine the need for any additional actions to address the violation or situation.

C. Reporting requirements for filtration treatment and disinfection treatment.

1. The owner of a waterworks that provides filtration treatment shall report monthly to the commissioner the following specified information beginning June 29, 1993, or when filtration is installed, whichever is later.

   a. Turbidity measurements as required by 12VAC5-590-370 B 7 a shall be reported within 10 days after the end of each month the waterworks serves water to the public. Information that shall be reported includes:

      (1) The total number of filtered water turbidity measurements taken during the month.

      (2) The number and percentage of filtered water turbidity measurements taken during the month which are less than or equal to the turbidity limits specified in 12VAC5-590-420 B 2 for the filtration technology being used.

      (3) The date and value of any turbidity measurements taken during the month which exceed 5 NTU.

   b. The owner of a waterworks using surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water that provides conventional filtration treatment or direct filtration shall report monthly to the commissioner the information specified in subdivisions C 1 a (1) and (2) of this section. Also, the owner of a waterworks that provides filtration approved under 12VAC5-590-420 B 2 d shall report monthly to the commissioner the information specified in subdivision C 1 a (1) of this section.

      (1) Turbidity measurements as required by 12VAC5-590-420 B 2 a (3) shall be reported within 10 days after the end of each month the system serves water to the public. Information that shall be reported includes:

          (a) The total number of filtered water turbidity measurements taken during the month.

          (b) The number and percentage of filtered water turbidity measurements taken during the month that are less than or equal to the turbidity limits specified in 12VAC5-590-420 B 2 a (3) or 12VAC5-590-420 B 2 d.
(c) The date and value of any turbidity measurements taken during the month that exceed 1 NTU for systems using conventional filtration treatment or direct filtration, or that exceed the maximum level set by the commissioner under 12VAC590-420 B 2 d.

(2) The owner shall maintain the results of individual filter monitoring taken under 12VAC5-590-370 B 7 b (1) for at least three years. The owner shall report that he has conducted individual filter turbidity monitoring under 12VAC5-590-370 B 7 b (1) within 10 days after the end of each month the waterworks serves water to the public. Owners shall report individual filter turbidity measurement results taken under 12VAC5-590-370 B 7 b (1) within 10 days after the end of each month the waterworks serves water to the public only if measurements demonstrate one or more of the conditions in subdivisions C 1 b (2) (a) or (b) of this section. The owners of waterworks that use lime softening may apply to the commissioner for alternative exceedance levels for the levels specified in subdivisions C 1 b (2) (a) or (b) of this section if they can demonstrate that higher turbidity levels in individual filters are due to lime carryover only and not due to degraded filter performance.

(a) For waterworks serving 10,000 or more people:

(i) For any individual filter that has a measured turbidity level of greater than 1.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart, the owner shall report the filter number, the turbidity measurement, and the date, or dates, on which the exceedance occurred. In addition, the owner shall either produce a filter profile for the filter within seven days of the exceedance (if the owner is not able to identify an obvious reason for the abnormal filter performance) and report that the profile has been produced or report the obvious reason for the exceedance.

(ii) For any individual filter that has a measured turbidity level of greater than 0.5 NTU in two consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart at the end of the first four hours of continuous filter operation after the filter has been backwashed or otherwise taken offline, the owner shall report the filter number, the turbidity, and the date, or dates, on which the exceedance occurred. In addition, the owner shall either produce a filter profile for the filter within seven days of the exceedance (if the owner is not able to identify an obvious reason for the abnormal filter performance) and report that the profile has been produced or report the obvious reason for the exceedance.

(iii) For any individual filter that has a measured turbidity level of greater than 1.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart at any time in each of three consecutive months, the owner shall report the filter number, the turbidity measurement, and the date, or dates, on which the exceedance occurred. In addition, the owner shall conduct a self-assessment of the filter within 14 days of the exceedance and report that the self-assessment was conducted. The self-assessment shall consist of at least the following components: assessment of filter performance; development of a filter profile; identification and prioritization of factors limiting filter performance; assessment of the applicability of corrections; and preparation of a filter self-assessment report.

(iv) For any individual filter that has a measured turbidity level of greater than 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart at any time in each of two consecutive months, the owner shall report the filter number, the turbidity measurement, and the date, or dates, on which the exceedance occurred. In addition, the owner shall arrange for the conduct of a comprehensive performance evaluation by the commissioner or a third party approved by the commissioner no later than 30 days following the exceedance and have the evaluation completed and submitted to the commissioner no later than 90 days following the exceedance.

(b) For waterworks serving less than 10,000 people:
(i) For any individual filter (or the turbidity of combined filter effluent for systems with two filters that monitor combined filter effluent in lieu of individual filters) that has a measured turbidity level of greater than 1.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart, the owner shall report the filter number(s), the turbidity measurement(s), and the date, or dates, on which the exceedance occurred and the cause (if known) for the exceedance(s).

(ii) For any individual filter (or the turbidity of combined filter effluent for systems with two filters that monitor combined filter effluent in lieu of individual filters) that has a measured turbidity level of greater than 1.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart at any time in each of three consecutive months, the owner shall conduct a self-assessment of the filter(s) within 14 days of the day the filter exceeded 1.0 NTU unless a comprehensive performance evaluation as specified in paragraph (iii) of this section was required. Owners of waterworks with two filters that monitor the combined filter effluent in lieu of individual filters shall conduct a self assessment on both filters. The self-assessment shall be reported to the commissioner and consist of at least the following components: date self-assessment was triggered; date the self-assessment was completed; assessment of filter performance; development of a filter profile; identification and prioritization of factors limiting filter performance; assessment of the applicability of corrections; and preparation of a filter self-assessment report. The self assessment shall be submitted within 10 days after the end of the month or 14 days after the self assessment was triggered only if it was triggered during the last four days of the month.

(iii) For any individual filter (or the turbidity of combined filter effluent for systems with two filters that monitor combined filter effluent in lieu of individual filters) that has a measured turbidity level of greater than 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart at any time in each of two consecutive months, the owner shall arrange for a comprehensive performance evaluation by the commissioner or a third party approved by the commissioner no later than 60 days following the day the filter exceeded 2.0 NTU in two consecutive months. The owner shall report within 10 days after the end of the month that a comprehensive performance evaluation is required and the date that it was triggered. If a comprehensive performance evaluation has been completed by the commissioner or a third party approved by the commissioner within the 12 prior months or the owner and the commissioner are jointly participating in an ongoing Comprehensive Technical Assistance project at the waterworks, a new comprehensive performance evaluation is not required. If conducted, a comprehensive performance evaluation shall be completed and submitted to the commissioner no later than 120 days following the day the filter exceeded 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the second straight month.

c. Reporting source water monitoring results.

(1) Owners shall report results from the source water monitoring required in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 a no later than 10 days after the end of the first month following the month when the sample is collected.

(2) Owners shall report the applicable information in (a) and (b) as follows for the source water monitoring required in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 a.

(a) Owners shall report the following data elements for each Cryptosporidium analysis:

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(i) For matrix spike samples, the owner shall also report the sample volume spiked and estimated number of oocysts spiked. These data are not required for field samples.

(ii) For samples in which less than 10 L is filtered or less than 100% of the sample volume is examined, the owner shall also report the number of filters used and the packed pellet volume.

(iii) For samples in which less than 100% of sample volume is examined, the owner shall also report the volume of resuspended concentrate and volume of this resuspension processed through immunomagnetic separation.

(b) Owners shall report the following data elements for each E. coli analysis:

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<sup>a</sup>Owners of waterworks serving fewer than 10,000 people that are not required to monitor for turbidity under in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 a are not required to report turbidity with their E. coli results.

2. Disinfection information specified below shall be reported to the district engineer within 10 days after the end of each month the waterworks serves water to the public. Information that shall be reported includes:

   a. For each day, the lowest measurement of residual disinfectant concentration in mg/L in water entering the distribution system.

   b. The date and duration of each period when the residual disinfectant concentration in water entering the distribution system fell below 0.2 mg/L and when the district engineer was notified of the occurrence.

   c. The following information on the samples taken in the distribution system in conjunction with total coliform monitoring pursuant to 12VAC5-590-420 B.

      (1) Number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is measured;

      (2) Number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is not measured but HPC is measured;

      (3) Number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is measured but not detected and no HPC is measured;

      (4) Number of instances where no residual disinfectant concentration is detected and where HPC is greater than 500/mL;
(5) Number of instances where the residual disinfectant concentration is not measured and HPC is greater than 500/mL;

(6) For the current and previous month the system serves water to the public, the value of "V" in percent in the following formula:

\[ V = \frac{c + d + e}{a + b} \times 100 \]

a = the value in subdivision C 2 c (1) of this section
b = the value in subdivision C 2 c (2) of this section
c = the value in subdivision C 2 c (3) of this section
d = the value in subdivision C 2 c (4) of this section
e = the value in subdivision C 2 c (5) of this section

(7) If the division determines, based on site specific considerations, that a waterworks owner has no means for having a sample transported and analyzed for HPC by a certified laboratory within the requisite time and temperature conditions and that the waterworks is providing adequate disinfection in the distribution system, the requirements of subdivision C 2 c (1) through (6) of this section do not apply.

d. An owner need not report the data listed in subdivision C 2 a of this section if all data listed in subdivisions C 2 a through c of this section remain on file at the waterworks and the commissioner determines that the owner has submitted all of the information required by subdivisions C 2 a through c of this section for the last 12 months.

3. If at any time the chlorine residual falls below 0.2 mg/L in the water entering the distribution system, the owner shall notify the district engineer as soon as possible, but no later than by the end of the next business day. The owner also shall notify the district engineer by the end of the next business day whether or not the residual was restored to at least 0.2 mg/L within four hours.

D. Reporting requirements for lead and copper. All owners shall report all of the following information to the district engineer in accordance with this subsection.

1. Reporting requirements for tap water monitoring for lead and copper and for water quality parameter monitoring.

   a. Except as provided in subdivision D 1 a (7) of this section, an owner shall report the information specified below for all tap water samples specified in 12VAC5-590-375 B and for all water quality parameter samples specified in 12VAC5-590-375 C within the first 10 days following the end of each applicable monitoring period specified in 12VAC5-590-375 B and 12VAC5-590-375 C (i.e., every six months, annually, every three years, or every nine years). For monitoring periods with a duration less than six months, the end of the monitoring period is the last date samples can be collected during the period as specified in 12VAC5-590-375 B and 12VAC5-590-375 C.

   (1) The results of all tap samples for lead and copper including location or a location site code and the criteria under 12VAC5-590-375 B 1 c through 12VAC5-590-375 B 1 f or 12VAC5-590-375 C under which the site was selected for the waterworks’ sampling pool.

   (2) Documentation for each tap water lead or copper sample for which the owner requests invalidation pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 6.

   (3) The 90th percentile lead and copper concentrations measured from among all lead and copper tap water samples
collected during each monitoring period (calculated in accordance with 12VAC5-590-385 C) unless the district engineer
calculates the 90th percentile lead and copper levels under subdivision D 8 of this section.

(4) With the exception of initial tap sampling conducted pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 4 a, the owner shall designate any
site that was not sampled during previous monitoring periods, and include an explanation of why sampling sites have
changed;

(5) The results of all tap samples for pH, and where applicable, alkalinity, calcium, conductivity, temperature, and
orthophosphate or silica collected under 12VAC5-590-375 C 2 through 12VAC5-590-375 C 5.

(6) The results of all samples collected at the entry point(s) to the distribution system for applicable water quality parameters
under 12VAC5-590-375 C 2 through 12VAC5-590-375 C 5.

(7) The owner shall report the results of all water quality parameter samples collected under 12VAC5-590-375 C 3 through
12VAC5-590-375 C 6 during each six month monitoring period specified in 12VAC5-590-375 C 4 within the first ten days
following the end of the monitoring period unless the commissioner has specified a more frequent reporting requirement.

b. The owner of a nontransient noncommunity waterworks, or a community waterworks meeting the criteria of 12VAC5-590-
405 D 2 e, that does not have enough taps that can provide first-draw samples, must either:

(1) Provide written documentation to the commissioner identifying standing times and locations for enough non-first-draw
samples to make up the sampling pool under 12VAC5-590-375 B 2 e by the start of the first applicable monitoring period
under 12VAC5-590-375 B 4, unless the commissioner has waived prior approval of non-first-draw sample sites selected by
the owner pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 2 e; or

(2) If the commissioner has waived prior approval of non-first-draw sample sites selected by the owner, identify, in writing,
each site that did not meet the six hour minimum standing time and the length of standing time for that particular substitute
sample collected pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 2 e and include this information with the lead and copper sample results
required to be submitted pursuant to subdivision D 1 a (1) of this section.

c. At a time specified by the commissioner, or if no specific time is designated by the commissioner, then as early as possible
prior to the addition of a new source or any long-term change in water treatment, an owner deemed to have optimized
corrosion control under 12VAC5-590-405 A 2 b (3); an owner subject to reduced monitoring pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B
4 d; or an owner subject to a monitoring waiver pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 7, shall submit written documentation to the
district engineer describing the change or addition. The district engineer must review and the commissioner must approve the
addition of a new source or a long-term change in treatment before it is implemented by the owner. Examples of long-term
treatment changes include the addition of a new treatment process or modification of an existing treatment process.
Examples of modification include switching secondary disinfectants, switching coagulants (e.g., alum to ferric chloride),
switching corrosion inhibitor products (e.g., orthophosphate to blended phosphate). Long-term changes can include dose
changes to existing chemicals if the waterworks is planning long-term changes to its finished water pH or residual inhibitor
concentration. Long-term treatment changes would not include chemical dose fluctuations associated with daily raw water
quality changes.

d. The owner of any small waterworks applying for a monitoring waiver under 12VAC5-590-375 B 7 or subject to a waiver
granted pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 7 c, shall provide the following information to the commissioner in writing by the
specified deadline:

(1) By the start of the first applicable monitoring period in 12VAC5-590-375 B 4, the owner of any small waterworks applying for a monitoring waiver shall provide the documentation required to demonstrate that it meets the waiver criteria of 12VAC5-590-375 B 7 a and 12VAC5-590-375 B 7 b.

(2) No later than nine years after the monitoring previously conducted pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 7 b or 12VAC5-590-375 B 7 d (1), the owner of each small waterworks desiring to maintain its monitoring waiver shall provide the information required by 12VAC5-590-375 B 7 d (1) and 12VAC5-590-375 B 7 d (2).

(3) No later than 60 days after becoming aware that it is no longer free of lead-containing or copper-containing material, the owner of each small waterworks with a monitoring waiver shall provide written notification to the district engineer, setting forth the circumstances resulting in the lead-containing or copper-containing materials being introduced into the waterworks and what corrective action, if any, the owner plans to take to remove these materials.

e. The owner of each groundwater-source waterworks that limits water quality parameter monitoring to a subset of entry points under 12VAC5-590-375 C 3 c shall provide, by the commencement of such monitoring, written correspondence to the district engineer that identifies the selected entry points and includes information sufficient to demonstrate that the sites are representative of water quality and treatment conditions throughout the waterworks.

2. Water supply (source water) monitoring reporting requirements.

a. An owner shall report the sampling results for all source water samples collected in accordance with 12VAC5-590-375 D within the first 10 days following the end of each source water monitoring period (i.e., annually, per compliance period, per compliance cycle) specified in 12VAC5-590-375 D.

b. With the exception of the first round of source water sampling conducted pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 D 2, the owner shall specify any site which was not sampled during previous monitoring periods, and include an explanation of why the sampling point has changed.

3. Corrosion control treatment reporting requirements. By the applicable dates under 12VAC5-590-405 A 2 (a), owners shall report the following information:

a. For owners demonstrating that they have already optimized corrosion control, information required in 12VAC5-590-405 A 2 b (2) or 12VAC5-590-405 A 2 b (3).

b. For owners required to optimize corrosion control, the owner's recommendation regarding optimal corrosion control treatment under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 a.

c. For owners required to evaluate the effectiveness of corrosion control treatments under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 c, the information required by that subdivision.

d. For owners required to install optimal corrosion control designated by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 d, a letter certifying that the owner has completed installing that treatment.

4. Water supply source water treatment reporting requirements. By the applicable dates in 12VAC5-590-405 B, owners shall provide the following information to the district engineer:

a. If required under 12VAC5-590-405 B 2 a, the owner's recommendation regarding source water treatment;

b. For owners required to install source water treatment under 12VAC5-590-405 B 2 b, a letter certifying that the owner has
completed installing the treatment designated by the commissioner within 24 months after the commissioner designated the
treatment.

5. Lead service line replacement reporting requirements. Owners shall report the following information to the district engineer to
demonstrate compliance with the requirements of 12VAC5-590-405 C:

a. No later than 12 months after the end of a monitoring period in which a waterworks exceeds the lead action level in
sampling referred to in 12VAC5-590-405 C 1, the owner shall submit written documentation to the district engineer of the
materials evaluation conducted as required in 12VAC5-590-375 B 1, to identify the initial number of lead service lines in the
distribution system at the time the waterworks exceeds the lead action level, and provide the owner's schedule for annually
replacing at least 7.0% of the initial number of lead service lines in its distribution system.

b. No later than 12 months after the end of a monitoring period in which a waterworks exceeds the lead action level in
sampling referred to in 12VAC5-590-405 C 1, and every 12 months thereafter, the owner shall demonstrate to the district
engineer in writing that the owner has either:

(1) Replaced in the previous 12 months at least 7.0% of the initial lead service lines (or a greater number of lines specified by
the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 C 6) in the distribution system, or

(2) Conducted sampling that demonstrates that the lead concentration in all service line samples from an individual line(s),
taken pursuant to 12VAC5-590-375 B 2 c, is less than or equal to 0.015 mg/L. In such cases, the total number of lines
replaced and/or which meet the criteria in 12VAC5-590-405 C 4 shall equal at least 7.0% of the initial number of lead lines
identified under subdivision D 5 a of this section (or the percentage specified by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-405 C
6).

c. The annual letter submitted to the district engineer under subdivision D 5 b of this section shall contain the following
information:

(1) The number of lead service lines scheduled to be replaced during the previous year of the waterworks' replacement
schedule;

(2) The number and location of each lead service line replaced during the previous year of the waterworks' replacement
schedule;

(3) If measured, the water lead concentration and location of each lead service line sampled, the sampling method, and the
date of sampling.

d. The owner of any waterworks that collects lead service line samples following partial lead service line replacement required
by 12VAC5-590-405 C shall report the results to the district engineer within the first ten days of the month following the
month in which the owner receives the laboratory results, or as specified by the commissioner. Owners shall also report any
additional information as specified by the commissioner, and in a time and manner prescribed by the commissioner, to verify
that all partial lead service line replacement activities have taken place.

6. Public education program reporting requirements. Owners shall report the following information to the district engineer to
demonstrate compliance with the requirements of 12VAC5-590-405 D.

a. The owner of any waterworks that is subject to the public education requirements in 12VAC5-590-405 D shall, within 10 days
after the end of each period in which the owner is required to perform public education tasks in accordance with 12VAC5-590-
405 D 2, send written notice to the district engineer that contains:

(1) A demonstration that the owner has delivered the public education materials that meet the content requirements of 12VAC5-590-405 D 1 and the delivery requirements of 12VAC5-590-405 D 2, and

(2) A list of all the newspapers, radio stations, television stations, and facilities and organizations to which the owner delivered public education materials during the period in which the owner was required to perform public education tasks.

b. Unless required by the commissioner, an owner who previously has submitted the information required by subdivision D 6 a (2) of this section need not resubmit the information required by subdivision D 6 a (2) of this section, as long as there has been no changes in the distribution list and the owner certifies that the public education materials were distributed to the same list submitted previously.

c. No later than three months following the end of the monitoring period, the owner shall mail a sample copy of the consumer notification of tap results to the district engineer along with a certification that the notification has been distributed in a manner consistent with the requirements of 12VAC5-590-405 D 4.

7. Reporting of additional monitoring data. The owner of any waterworks which collects sampling data in addition to that required by 12VAC5-590-375 shall report the results to the district engineer within the first 10 days following the end of the applicable monitoring period under 12VAC5-590-375 B, 12VAC5-590-375 C, and 12VAC5-590-375 D during which the samples are collected.

8. Reporting of the 90th percentile lead and copper concentrations where the district engineer calculates a waterworks' 90th percentile concentrations. An owner is not required to report the 90th percentile lead and copper concentrations measured from among all lead and copper tap samples collected during each monitoring period, as required by subdivision D 1 a (4) of this section if:

a. The commissioner has previously notified the owner that the district engineer will calculate the waterworks' 90th percentile lead and copper concentrations, based on the lead and copper tap results submitted pursuant to subdivision D 8 b (1) of this section, and has specified a date before the end of the applicable monitoring period by which the owner shall provide the results of the lead and copper tap water samples;

b. The owner has provided the following information to the district engineer by the date specified in subdivision D 8 a of this section:

(1) The results of all tap samples for lead and copper including the location of each site and the criteria under 12VAC5-590-375 B 1 c through 12VAC5-590-375 B 1 f or 12VAC5-590-375 B 1 g under which the site was selected for the waterworks sampling pool, pursuant to subdivision D 1 a (1) of this section;

(2) An identification of sampling sites utilized during the current monitoring period that were not sampled during the previous monitoring periods, and an explanation why sampling sites have changed; and

(3) The district engineer has provided the results of the 90th percentile lead and copper calculations, in writing, to the owner before the end of the monitoring period.

E. Reporting requirements for disinfection byproducts. Owners shall report the following information in accordance with subsection A of this section. (The district engineer may choose to perform calculations and determine whether the PMCL was violated, in lieu of having the owner report that information):
1. Running Annual Average Reporting:

   a. The owner of a waterworks monitoring for TTHM and HAA5 under the requirements of 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 e (1) on a quarterly or more frequent basis shall report:

      (1) The number of samples taken during the last quarter.

      (2) The location, date, and result of each sample taken during the last quarter.

      (3) The arithmetic average of all samples taken in the last quarter.

      (4) The annual arithmetic average of the quarterly arithmetic averages of this section for the last four quarters.

      (5) Whether, based on 12VAC5-590-410 C 2 b (1) (a), the PMCL was violated.

   b. The owner of a waterworks monitoring for TTHMs and HAA5 under the requirements of 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 e (1) less frequently than quarterly (but at least annually) shall report:

      (1) The number of samples taken during the last year.

      (2) The location, date, and result of each sample taken during the last monitoring period.

      (3) The arithmetic average of all samples taken over the last year.

      (4) Whether, based on 12VAC5-590-410 C 2 b (1) (a) the PMCL was violated.

   c. The owner of a waterworks monitoring for TTHMs and HAA5 under the requirements of 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 e (1) less frequently than annually shall report:

      (1) The location, date, and result of the last sample taken.

      (2) Whether, based on 12VAC5-590-410 C 2 b (1) (a), the PMCL was violated.

2. Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) Reporting:

   a. Owners shall report the following information for each monitoring location to the commissioner:

      (1) Number of samples taken during the last quarter.

      (2) Date and results of each sample taken during the last quarter.

      (3) Arithmetic average of quarterly results for the last four quarters for each LRAA, beginning at the end of the fourth calendar quarter that follows the compliance date and at the end of each subsequent quarter. If the LRAA calculated based on fewer than four quarters of data would cause the PMCL to be exceeded regardless of the monitoring results of subsequent quarters, the owner shall report this information to the commissioner as part of the first report due following the compliance date or anytime thereafter that this determination is made. If the owner is required to conduct monitoring at a frequency that is less than quarterly, the owner shall make compliance calculations beginning with the first compliance sample taken after the compliance date, unless the owner is required to conduct increased monitoring under 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 e (3) (g).

      (4) Whether, based on Table 2.13, the PMCL was violated at any monitoring location.

      (5) Any operational evaluation levels, under 12VAC5-590-410 C 2 b (1) (b) (iv), that were exceeded during the quarter and, if so, the location and date, and the calculated TTHM and HAA5 levels.

   b. Owners of waterworks using surface water or GUDI seeking to qualify for or remain on reduced TTHM/HAA5 monitoring shall report the following source water TOC information for each treatment plant that treats surface water or ground water
under the direct influence of surface water to the commissioner within 10 days of the end of any quarter in which monitoring is required:

(1) The number of source water TOC samples taken each month during last quarter.
(2) The date and result of each sample taken during last quarter.
(3) The quarterly average of monthly samples taken during last quarter or the result of the quarterly sample.
(4) The running annual average (RAA) of quarterly averages from the past four quarters.
(5) Whether the RAA exceeded 4.0 mg/L.

3. The owner of a waterworks monitoring for chlorite under the requirements of 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 f shall report:
   a. The number of entry point samples taken each month for the last three months.
   b. The location, date, and result of each sample (both entry point and distribution system) taken during the last quarter.
   c. For each month in the reporting period, the arithmetic average of all samples taken in each three sample set taken in the distribution system.
   d. Whether, based on 12VAC5-590-410 C 2 b, the PMCL was violated, in which month and how many times it was violated each month.

4. The owner of a waterworks monitoring for bromate under the requirements of 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 g shall report:
   a. The number of samples taken during the last quarter.
   b. The location, date, and result of each sample taken during the last quarter.
   c. The arithmetic average of the monthly arithmetic averages of all samples taken in the last year.
   d. Whether, based on 12VAC5-590-410 C 2 b, the PMCL was violated.

F. Reporting requirements for disinfectants. Owners shall report the information specified below in accordance with subsection A of this section. (The district engineer may choose to perform calculations and determine whether the MRDL was violated, in lieu of having the owner report that information):

1. The owner of a waterworks monitoring for chlorine or chloramines under the requirements of 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 h shall report:
   a. The number of samples taken during each month of the last quarter.
   b. The monthly arithmetic average of all samples taken in each month for the last 12 months.
   c. The arithmetic average of all monthly averages for the last 12 months.
   d. Whether, based on 12VAC5-590-410 C 2 c, the MRDL was violated.

2. The owner of a waterworks monitoring for chlorine dioxide under the requirements of 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 h shall report:
   a. The dates, results, and locations of samples taken during the last quarter.
   b. Whether, based on 12VAC5-590-410 C 2 c, the MRDL was violated.
   c. Whether the MRDL was exceeded in any two consecutive daily samples and whether the resulting violation was acute or nonacute.

G. Reporting requirements for disinfection byproduct precursors and enhanced coagulation or enhanced softening. Owners shall
report the following information in accordance with subsection A of this section. (The district engineer may choose to perform calculations and determine whether the treatment technique was met, in lieu of having the owner report that information):

1. The owner of a waterworks monitoring monthly or quarterly for TOC under the requirements of 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 i and required to meet the enhanced coagulation or enhanced softening requirements in 12VAC5-590-420 H 2 b or c shall report:
   a. The number of paired (source water and treated water) samples taken during the last quarter.
   b. The location, date, and results of each paired sample and associated alkalinity taken during the last quarter.
   c. For each month in the reporting period that paired samples were taken, the arithmetic average of the percent reduction of TOC for each paired sample and the required TOC percent removal.
   d. Calculations for determining compliance with the TOC percent removal requirements, as provided in 12VAC5-590-420 H 3 a.
   e. Whether the system is in compliance with the enhanced coagulation or enhanced softening percent removal requirements in 12VAC5-590-420 H 2 a for the last four quarters.

2. The owner of a waterworks monitoring monthly or quarterly for TOC under the requirements of 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 i and meeting one or more of the alternative compliance criteria in 12VAC5-590-420 H 1 b or c shall report:
   a. The alternative compliance criterion that the system is using.
   b. The number of paired samples taken during the last quarter.
   c. The location, date, and result of each paired sample and associated alkalinity taken during the last quarter.
   d. The running annual arithmetic average based on monthly averages (or quarterly samples) of source water TOC for systems meeting a criterion in 12VAC5-590-420 H 1 b (1) or (3) or of treated water TOC for systems meeting the criterion in 12VAC5-590-420 H 1 b (2).
   e. The running annual arithmetic average based on monthly averages (or quarterly samples) of source water SUVA for systems meeting the criterion in 12VAC5-590-420 H 1 b (5) or of treated water SUVA for systems meeting the criterion in 12VAC5-590-420 H 1 b (6).
   f. The running annual average of source water alkalinity for systems meeting the criterion in 12VAC5-590-420 H 1 b (3) and of treated water alkalinity for systems meeting the criterion in 12VAC5-590-420 H 1 c (1).
   g. The running annual average for both TTHM and HAA5 for systems meeting the criterion in 12VAC5-590-420 H 1 b (3) or (4).
   h. The running annual average of the amount of magnesium hardness removal (as CaCO₃, in mg/L) for systems meeting the criterion in 12VAC5-590-420 H 1 c (2).
   i. Whether the system is in compliance with the particular alternative compliance criterion in 12VAC5-590-420 H 1 b or c.

H. Reporting of analytical results to the district engineer will not be required in instances where the state laboratory performs the analysis and reports same to the district engineer.

I. Recycle flow reporting requirements. The owner of any waterworks supplied by a surface water source and waterworks supplied by a groundwater source under the direct influence of surface water that employs conventional filtration or direct filtration treatment shall notify the commissioner in writing by December 8, 2003, if the system recycles spent filter backwash water, thickener supernatant,
or liquids from dewatering processes. This notification shall include, as a minimum:

1. A plant schematic showing the origin of all flows that are recycled, including but not limited to spent filter backwash water, thickener supernatant, and liquids from dewatering processes. The schematic shall also specify the hydraulic conveyance used to transport all recycle flows and the location where recycle flows are reintroduced back into the treatment plant.

2. Typical recycle flow in gallons per minute (gpm), the highest observed plant flow experienced in the previous year (gpm), design flow for the treatment plant (gpm), and state-approved operating capacity for the plant.

J. Reporting of requirements for enhanced treatment for cryptosporidium.

1. Owners shall report sampling schedules under 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 a (5) and source water monitoring results under 12VAC5-590-530 C 1 c unless they notify the commissioner that they will not conduct source water monitoring due to meeting the criteria of 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 a (4).

2. Owners shall report the use of uncovered finished water storage facilities to the commissioner as described in 12VAC5-590-420 L.

3. Owners of waterworks that provide filtration shall report their Cryptosporidium bin classification as described in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c.

4. Owners shall report disinfection profiles and benchmarks to the commissioner as described in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 b (1) through (2) prior to making a significant change in disinfection practice.

5. Owners shall report to the commissioner in accordance with the following table for any microbial toolbox options used to comply with treatment requirements under 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (2). Alternatively, the commissioner may approve a waterworks to certify operation within required parameters for treatment credit rather than reporting monthly operational data for toolbox options.

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<th>Toolbox option</th>
<th>Owners shall submit the following information</th>
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<td>Alternative source/intake management</td>
<td>Verification that waterworks has relocated the intake or adopted the intake withdrawal procedure reflected in monitoring results</td>
<td>No later than the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Presedimentation</td>
<td>Monthly verification of the following: (i) Continuous basin operation (ii) Treatment of 100% of the flow (iii) Continuous addition of a coagulant (iv) At least 0.5-log mean reduction of influent turbidity or compliance with alternative performance criteria approved by the commissioner</td>
<td>Monthly reporting within 10 days following the month in which the monitoring was conducted, beginning on the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Two-stage lime softening</td>
<td>Monthly verification of the following: (i) Chemical addition and hardness precipitation occurred in two separate and sequential softening stages prior to filtration (ii) Both stages treated 100% of the plant flow</td>
<td>Monthly reporting within 10 days following the month in which the monitoring was conducted, beginning on the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Bank filtration</td>
<td>Initial demonstration of the following: (i) Unconsolidated, predominantly sandy aquifer (ii) Setback distance of at least 25 ft. (0.5-log credit) or 50 ft. (1.0-log credit)</td>
<td>No later than the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>If monthly average of daily max turbidity is greater than 1 NTU then system shall report result and submit an assessment of the cause</td>
<td>Report within 30 days following the month in which the monitoring was conducted, beginning on the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Combined filter performance</td>
<td>Monthly verification of combined filter effluent (CFE) turbidity levels less than or equal to 0.15 NTU in at least 95% of the four-hour CFE measurements taken each month</td>
<td>Monthly reporting within 10 days following the month in which the monitoring was conducted, beginning on the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Individual filter performance</td>
<td>Monthly verification of the following: (i) Individual filter effluent (IFE) turbidity levels less than or equal to 0.15 NTU in at least 95% of samples each month in each filter (ii) No individual filter greater than 0.3 NTU in two consecutive readings 15 minutes apart</td>
<td>Monthly reporting within 10 days following the month in which the monitoring was conducted, beginning on the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Demonstration of performance</td>
<td>Results from testing following a protocol approved by the commissioner (ii) As required by the commissioner, monthly verification of operation within conditions of commissioner approval for demonstration of performance credit</td>
<td>No later than the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Bag filters and cartridge filters</td>
<td>Demonstration that the following criteria are met: (i) Process meets the definition of bag or cartridge filtration (ii) Removal efficiency established through challenge testing that meets criteria in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 d (6) (a)</td>
<td>No later than the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Membrane filtration</td>
<td>Results of verification testing demonstrating the following: (i) Removal efficiency established through challenge testing that meets criteria in subsection J of this section (ii) Integrity test method and parameters, including resolution, sensitivity, test frequency, control limits, and associated baseline</td>
<td>No later than the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Second stage filtration</td>
<td>Monthly report summarizing the following: (i) All direct integrity tests above the control limit (ii) If applicable, any turbidity or alternative indirect integrity monitoring approved by the commissioner results triggering direct integrity testing and the corrective action that was taken</td>
<td>Within 10 days following the month in which monitoring was conducted, beginning on the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Slow sand filtration (as secondary filter)</td>
<td>Monthly verification that both a slow sand filter and a preceding separate stage of filtration treated 100% of flow from surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water sources</td>
<td>Within 10 days following the month in which monitoring was conducted, beginning on the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Chlorine dioxide</td>
<td>Summary of CT values for each day as described in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 d (7)(b)(i)</td>
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<td>Ozone</td>
<td>Summary of CT values for each day as described in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 d (7)(b)(ii)</td>
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<td>UV</td>
<td>Validation test results demonstrating operating conditions that achieve required UV dose</td>
<td>No later than the applicable treatment compliance date in 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (3).</td>
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<td>Monthly report summarizing the percentage of water entering the distribution system that was not treated by UV</td>
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K. Reporting requirements for groundwater systems. Owners of groundwater systems shall report the following information in accordance with subsection A of this section.

1. Owners of groundwater systems conducting compliance monitoring as required by 12VAC5-590-421 C shall notify the ODW as soon as possible any time the groundwater system fails to meet the ODW specified minimum residual disinfectant concentration for more than four hours, but no later than the next business day.

2. Owners of groundwater systems that are required to conduct corrective action as described in 12VAC5-590-421 A shall notify the ODW within 30 days of completion of corrective action.

3. Owners of groundwater systems subject to the source monitoring requirements of 12VAC5-590-379 that do not conduct this monitoring under the provision of 12VAC5-590-380 E, shall provide documentation to the ODW within 30 days of the collection that the sample met the criteria defined in 12VAC5-590-380 E.

L. Information to be included on the operation monthly report shall be determined by the commissioner for each waterworks on an individual basis. Appendix G contains suggested monthly operation report requirements.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-540. Public notices.

A. All owners shall give public notice to (i) persons served by the waterworks and (ii) the owner of any consecutive waterworks to which it sells or otherwise provides water under the following circumstances:

1. Tier 1.
   a. Violation of the PMCL for total coliforms when fecal coliform or E. coli are present in the distribution system;
   b. Failure to test for fecal coliforms or E. coli when any repeat sample tests positive for coliform;
   c. Violation of the PMCL for nitrate, nitrite, or total nitrate and nitrite;
   d. Failure to take a confirmation sample within 24 hours of the waterworks receipt of the first sample showing an exceedance of the nitrate or nitrite PMCL;
   e. Exceedance of the nitrate PMCL by noncommunity waterworks, where permitted to exceed the PMCL by the commissioner;
   f. Violation of the MRDL for chlorine dioxide when one or more samples taken in the distribution system the day following an exceedance of the MRDL at the entry point of the distribution system exceed the MRDL;
   g. Failure to monitor chlorine dioxide residuals in the distribution system the day following an exceedance of the chlorine
dioxide MRDL at the entrance to the distribution system;

h. Violation of the treatment technique requirements for filtration and disinfection resulting from a single exceedance of the maximum allowable turbidity limit, where the commissioner determines after consultation that a Tier 1 notice is required;

i. Failure to consult with the commissioner within 24 hours after the owner learns of the violation of the treatment technique requirements for filtration and disinfection resulting from a single exceedance of the maximum allowable turbidity limit;

j. Occurrence of a waterborne disease outbreak or other waterborne emergency (such as a failure or significant interruption in key water treatment processes, a natural disaster that disrupts the water supply or distribution system, or a chemical spill or unexpected loading of possible pathogens into the source water that significantly increases the potential for drinking water contamination);

k. Detection of E. coli in groundwater source samples; or

l. Other violations or situations with significant potential to have serious adverse effects on human health as a result of short-term exposure, as determined by the commissioner on a case-by-case basis.

2. Tier 2.

   a. All violations of the PMCL, MRDL, and treatment technique requirements, except where a Tier 1 public notice is required or where the commissioner determines that a Tier 1 notice is required per subdivision A 1 l of this subsection;

   b. Violations of the monitoring and testing procedure requirements, where the commissioner determines that a Tier 2 rather than a Tier 3 public notice is required, taking into account potential health impacts and persistence of the violation;

   c. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of any variance or exemption in place;

   d. Failure to take corrective action or failure to maintain at least four-log treatment of viruses (using inactivation, removal, or an approved combination of four-log virus inactivation and removal) before or at the first customer under the treatment technique requirements for waterworks with groundwater sources.

3. Tier 3.

   a. Monitoring violations, except where a Tier 1 public notice is required per subdivisions 1 d and 1 g of this subsection, or where the commissioner determines that a Tier 2 public notice is required per subdivision 2 b of this subsection;

   b. Failure to comply with a testing procedure, except where a Tier 1 notice is required per subdivision 1 b of this subsection or where the commissioner determines that a Tier 2 notice is required per subdivision 2 b of this subsection;

   c. Operation under a variance or an exemption to a PMCL or treatment technique requirement;

   d. Availability of unregulated contaminant monitoring results; and

   e. Exceedance of the fluoride secondary maximum contaminant level (SMCL).

B. If a waterworks has a violation, failure, exceedance, or situation in a portion of the distribution system that is physically or hydraulically isolated from other parts of the distribution system, the commissioner may allow the owner to limit distribution of the public notice to only those persons served by that portion of the waterworks which is out of compliance. The decision granting limited distribution of the public notice shall be issued in writing.

C. Public notice distribution requirements.

   1. For Tier 1 violations, exceedances, or situations, the owner shall:
a. Provide a public notice as soon as practical but no later than 24 hours after the owner learns of the violation, exceedance, or situation;

b. Initiate consultation with the commissioner as soon as practical, but no later than 24 hours after the owner learns of the violation or situation, to determine additional public notice requirements;

c. Comply with any additional public notice requirements, including any repeat notices or direction on the duration of the posted notices, that are established as a result of the consultation with the commissioner. Such requirements may include the timing, form, manner, frequency, and content of repeat notices (if any) and other actions designed to reach all persons served; and

d. Provide the public notice in a form and manner reasonably calculated to reach all persons served. The form and manner shall fit the specific situation, and shall be designed to reach residential, transient, and non-transient users of the waterworks. In order to reach all persons served, owners shall use, at a minimum, one or more of the following forms of delivery:

   (1) Appropriate broadcast media (such as radio and television);

   (2) Posting of the public notice in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the waterworks;

   (3) Hand delivery of the public notice to persons served by the water system; or

   (4) Another delivery method approved in writing by the commissioner.

2. For Tier 2 violations, exceedances, or situations the owner shall:

a. Provide the public notice as soon as practical, but no later than 30 days after the owner learns of the violation, exceedance, or situation. The commissioner may allow, on a case-by-case determination, additional time for the initial notice of up to three months from the date the owner learns of the violation, exceedance, or situation; however, the commissioner shall not grant an extension to the 30-day deadline for any unresolved violation.

b. Repeat the public notice every three months as long as the violation, exceedance, or situation persists, unless the commissioner determines that appropriate circumstances warrant a different repeat notice frequency. In no circumstance shall the repeat notice be given less frequently than once per year. Repeat notice frequency less than every three months shall not be allowed for (i) a PMCL violation total coliforms; (ii) a treatment technique violation for filtration and disinfection; and (iii) other ongoing violations, exceedances, or situations.

c. Consult with the commissioner as soon as practical but no later than 24 hours after the owner learns of a violation of the treatment technique requirements for filtration and disinfection resulting from a single exceedance of the maximum allowable turbidity limit to determine whether a Tier 1 public notice is required to protect public health. If consultation does not take place within the 24-hour period, the owner shall distribute a Tier 1 public notice of the violation within the next 24 hours (i.e., no later than 48 hours after the owner learns of the violation).

d. Provide the initial public notice and any repeat notices in a form and manner that is reasonably calculated to reach persons served in the required time period.

   (1) For community waterworks, the owner shall:

      (a) Mail or otherwise directly deliver the public notice to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the waterworks; and
(b) Use any other distribution method reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the waterworks, if they would not normally be reached by the notice required in subdivision 2 d (1) (a) of this subsection. Such persons may include those who do not pay water bills or do not have service connection addresses (e.g., house renters, apartment dwellers, university students, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.). Other methods may include: Publication in a local newspaper; delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others (e.g., apartment building owners or large private employers); posting in public places served by the system or on the Internet; or delivery to community organizations.

(2) For noncommunity waterworks, the owner shall:

(a) Post the public notice in conspicuous locations throughout the distribution system frequented by persons served by the waterworks, or by mail or direct delivery to each customer and service connection (where known); and

(b) Use any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons served by the system if they would not normally be reached by the notice required in subdivision 2 d (2) (a) of this subsection. Such persons may include those served who may not see a posted notice because the posted notice is not in a location they routinely pass by.

Other methods may include publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to customers, use of e-mail to notify employees or students, or delivery of multiple copies in central locations (e.g., community centers).

e. Maintain a posted public notice in place for as long as the violation, exceedance, or situation persists, but in no case for less than seven days, even if the violation, exceedance, or situation is resolved.

3. For Tier 3 violations, exceedances, or situations the owner shall:

a. Provide the public notice not later than one year after the owner learns of the violation, exceedance, or situation or begins operating under a variance or exemption.

b. Repeat the public notice annually for as long as the violation, exceedance, variance, exemption, or other situation persists.

c. Maintain a posted public notice in place for as long as the violation, exceedance, variance, exemption, or other situation persists, but in no case less than seven days even if the violation or situation is resolved.

d. Instead of individual Tier 3 public notices, the owner may use an annual report detailing all violations, exceedances, and situations that occurred during the previous twelve months, as long as the timing requirements of subdivision 3 a of this subsection are met. For community waterworks the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) may be used as a vehicle for the initial Tier 3 public notice and all required repeat notices, provided:

(1) The CCR is provided to persons served by the waterworks no later than 12 months after the owner learns of the violation, exceedance, or other situation;

(2) The Tier 3 public notice contained in the CCR meets the content requirements in subsection E of this section.

(3) The CCR is distributed in a manner meeting the delivery requirements in subdivision D 3 e of this section.

e. For community waterworks the owner shall:

(1) Mail or otherwise directly deliver the public notice to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the waterworks; and

(2) Use any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the system, if they would not normally be reached by the notice required in subdivision 3 e (1) of this subsection. Such persons may include those who do
not pay water bills or do not have service connection addresses (e.g., house renters, apartment dwellers, university students, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.). Other methods may include publication in a local newspaper, delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others (e.g., apartment building owners or large private employers), posting in public places or on the Internet, or delivery to community organizations.

f. For noncommunity waterworks the owner shall:

(1) Post the public notice in conspicuous locations throughout the distribution system frequented by persons served by the waterworks, or by mail or direct delivery to each customer and service connection (where known); and

(2) Use any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons served by the system, if they would not normally be reached by the notice required in subdivision 3 f (1) of this subsection. Such persons may include those who may not see a posted notice because the notice is not in a location they routinely pass by. Other methods may include: Publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to customers; use of E-mail to notify employees or students; or, delivery of multiple copies in central locations (e.g., community centers).

D. Public notice contents.

1. Each public notice for PMCL, MRDL, and TT violations and other situations requiring a public notice shall include the following elements:

a. A description of the violation, exceedance, or situation, including the contaminant(s) of concern, and (as applicable) the contaminant level(s);

b. When the violation or situation occurred;

c. Any potential adverse health effects from the violation, exceedance, or situation, including the standard language under subdivision 5 a or 5 b of this subsection, whichever is applicable;

d. The population at risk, including subpopulations particularly vulnerable if exposed to the contaminant in their drinking water;

e. Whether alternative water supplies should be used;

f. What actions consumers should take, including when they should seek medical help, if known;

g. What the owner is doing to correct the violation, exceedance, or situation;

h. When the owner expects the waterworks to return to compliance or resolve the situation;

i. The name, business address, and phone number of the owner, operator, or designee as a source of additional information concerning the notice; and

j. A statement to encourage the notice recipient to distribute the public notice to other persons served, using the standard language under subdivision 5 c of this subsection, where applicable.

2. Each public notice for a waterworks that has been granted a variance or exemption shall include the following elements:

a. An explanation of the reasons for the variance or exemption;

b. The date on which the variance or exemption was issued;

c. A brief status report on the steps the owner is taking to install treatment, find alternative sources of water, or otherwise comply with the terms and schedules of the variance or exemption; and
d. A notice of any opportunity for public input in the review of the variance or exemption.

3. Each public notice for a waterworks that violates the conditions of a variance or exemption shall contain the ten elements listed in subdivision 1 of this subsection.

4. Each public notice shall:
   a. Be displayed in a conspicuous way when printed or posted;
   b. Not contain overly technical language or very small print;
   c. Not be formatted in a way that defeats the purpose of the notice;
   d. Not contain language which nullifies the purpose of the notice.
   e. Contain information in the appropriate language(s), for waterworks serving a large proportion of non-English speaking consumers, regarding the importance of the notice or contain a telephone number or address where persons served may contact the owner to obtain a translated copy of the notice or to request assistance in the appropriate language.

5. The public notice shall include the following standard language:
   a. For PMCL or MRDL violations, treatment technique violations, and violations of the condition of a variance or exemption--standard health effects language as specified in Appendix O corresponding to each PMCL, MRDL, and treatment technique violation and for each violation of a condition of a variance or exemption.
   b. For monitoring and testing procedure violations--standard language as specified below, including the language necessary to fill in the blanks:

   We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During (compliance period), we (did not monitor or test or did not complete all monitoring or testing) for (contaminant(s)), and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

   c. For all public notices--standard language (where applicable), as specified below:

   Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

E. Public notice to new billing units or customers.

1. For community waterworks the owner shall give a copy of the most recent public notice for any continuing violation, variance or exemption, or other ongoing situations requiring a public notice to all new billing units or new customers prior to or at the time service begins.

2. For noncommunity waterworks the owner shall continuously post the public notice in conspicuous locations in order to inform new consumers of any continuing violation, variance or exemption, or other situation requiring a public notice for as long as the violation, variance, exemption, or other situation persists.

F. Special notice of the availability of unregulated contaminant monitoring results.

1. The owner of a community waterworks or non-transient, noncommunity waterworks shall notify persons served by the system of the availability of the results of such sampling no later than 12 months after the monitoring results are known.
2. The special notice shall meet the requirements for a Tier 3 public notice and shall identify a person and telephone number to contact for information on the monitoring results.

G. Special notice for exceedance of the SMCL for fluoride.

1. Community waterworks that exceed the SMCL of 2 mg/L, but do not exceed the PMCL of 4 mg/L for fluoride, shall provide public notice to persons served as soon as practical but no later than 12 months from the day the owner learns of the exceedance.

2. A copy of the notice shall be sent to all new billing units and new customers at the time service begins and to the district engineer.

3. The owner shall repeat the notice at least annually for as long as the SMCL is exceeded.

4. If the public notice is posted, the notice shall remain in place for as long as the SMCL is exceeded, but in no case less than seven days even if the exceedance is eliminated.

5. On a case-by-case basis, the commissioner may require an initial notice sooner than 12 months and repeat notices more frequently than annually.

6. The form and manner of the public notice (including repeat notices) shall meet the requirements for a Tier 3 public notice.

7. The public notice shall contain the following language, including the language necessary to fill in the blanks:

   This is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine years of age. At low levels, fluoride can help prevent cavities, but children drinking water containing more than 2 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of fluoride may develop cosmetic discoloration of their permanent teeth (dental fluorosis). The drinking water provided by your community waterworks (name) has a fluoride concentration of (insert value) mg/L. Dental fluorosis, in its moderate or severe forms, may result in a brown staining and/or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should be provided with alternative sources of drinking water or water that has been treated to remove the excess fluoride to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting of their permanent teeth. You may also want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products by young children. Older children and adults may safely drink the water. Drinking water containing more than 4 mg/L of fluoride (the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standard) can increase your risk of developing bone disease. Your drinking water does not contain more than 4 mg/L of fluoride, but we are required to notify you when we discover that the fluoride levels in your drinking water exceed 2 mg/L because of this cosmetic dental problem. For more information, please call (name of water system contact) of (name of community waterworks) at (phone number). Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. To learn more about available home water treatment units, you may call NSF International at 1-877-NSF-HELP.

H. Special notice for nitrate exceedances above PMCL by noncommunity waterworks.

1. The owner of a noncommunity waterworks granted permission by the commissioner to exceed the nitrate PMCL shall provide public notice to persons served meeting the requirements for a Tier 1 notice.

2. The public notice shall be posted continuously and shall indicate the fact that nitrate levels exceed 10 mg/L and the potential health effects of exposure, meeting the requirements for Tier 1 public notice delivery and content.

I. Special notice for repeated failure to conduct sampling of the source water for Cryptosporidium.

1. An owner who is required to sample source water shall provide public notice to persons served when he has failed to collect...
any three months of required samples. The form and manner of the public notice shall satisfy the requirements of a Tier 2 notice, and the notice shall be repeated in accordance with the requirements of a Tier 2 notice.

2. The notice shall contain the following language, including the language to fill in the blanks:

We are required to monitor the source of your drinking water for Cryptosporidium. Results of the monitoring are to be used to determine whether water treatment at the [blank – fill in treatment plant name] is sufficient to adequately remove Cryptosporidium from your drinking water. We are required to complete this monitoring and make this determination by [blank – fill in required bin determination date]. We "did not monitor" or "did not complete all monitoring or testing" on schedule and, therefore, we may not be able to determine by the required date what treatment modifications, if any, shall be made to ensure adequate Cryptosporidium removal. Missing this deadline may, in turn, jeopardize our ability to have the required treatment modifications, if any, completed by the deadline required, [blank – fill in date].

For more information, please call [blank – fill in name of waterworks contact] of [blank – fill in name of waterworks] at [blank – fill in phone number].

3. The notice shall contain a description of what the owner is doing to correct the violation and when the owner expects the waterworks to return to compliance or resolve the situation.

J. Special notice for failure to determine bin classification or mean Cryptosporidium level.

1. An owner who is required to determine a bin classification or to determine mean Cryptosporidium level shall provide public notice to persons served when the determination has not been made as required. The form and manner of the public notice shall satisfy the requirements of a Tier 2 notice, and the notice shall be repeated in accordance with the requirements of a Tier 2 notice. However, a public notice is not required if the owner is complying with a schedule to address the violation approved by the ODW.

2. The notice shall contain the following language, including the language to fill in the blanks:

We are required to monitor the source of your drinking water for Cryptosporidium in order to determine by [blank – fill in date] whether water treatment at the [blank – fill in treatment plant name] is sufficient to adequately remove Cryptosporidium from your drinking water. We have not made this determination by the required date. Our failure to do this may jeopardize our ability to have the required treatment modifications, if any, completed by the required deadline of [blank – fill in date]. For more information, please call [blank – fill in name of waterworks contact] of [blank – fill in name of waterworks] at [blank – fill in telephone number].

3. The notice shall contain a description of what the owner is doing to correct the violation and when the owner expects the waterworks to return to compliance or resolve the situation.

K. Special notice for significant deficiencies by noncommunity groundwater systems.

1. Any owner of a noncommunity groundwater system who has not corrected a significant deficiency within one year of being notified by the ODW shall provide public notice to the consumers.

2. The form and manner of the public notice shall satisfy the requirements of a Tier 2 notice.

3. The owner shall continue to notify the public annually until the requirements of 12VAC5-590-421 have been satisfied. The notice shall include:
a. The nature of the significant deficiency and the date it was identified by the ODW; and

b. The ODW approved plan and schedule for correcting the significant deficiency including interim measures, progress to date, and which of the interim measures have been completed.

4. For noncommunity groundwater systems with a large proportion of non-English speaking consumers, the notice shall contain information in the appropriate language or languages regarding the importance of the notice or contain a telephone number or address where the consumers may contact the owner to obtain a translated copy of the notice or assistance with the appropriate language.

5. If directed by the ODW, the owner of a noncommunity groundwater system with significant deficiencies that have been corrected shall inform the consumers of the significant deficiencies, how the deficiencies were corrected, and the date or dates of correction.

L. The district engineer may give notice to the public required by this section on behalf of the owner if the district engineer complies with the requirements of this section. However, the owner remains legally responsible for ensuring that the requirements of this section are met.

M. Within 10 days of completion of each initial and repeat public notice, the owner shall provide the district engineer:

1. A certification that he has fully complied with the public notice requirements; and

2. A representative copy of each type of notice distributed, published, posted and made available to the persons served by the waterworks and to the media.

N. The owner shall maintain copies of each public notice and certification for at least three years after issuance.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-545. Consumer confidence reports.

A. Purpose and applicability.

1. Each community waterworks owner shall deliver to his customers an annual report that contains information on the quality of the water delivered by the waterworks and characterizes the risks, if any, from exposure to contaminants detected in the drinking water.

2. For the purpose of this section, customers are defined as billing units or service connections to which water is delivered by a community waterworks.

3. For the purpose of this section, a contaminant is detected when the laboratory reports the contaminant level as a measured level and not as nondetected (ND) or less than (<) a certain level. The owner shall utilize a laboratory that complies with 12VAC5-590-340, and the laboratory's analytical and reporting procedures shall have been in accordance with 12VAC5-590-
laboratory certification requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services, Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services; and consistent with current U. S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations found at 40 CFR Part 141.

B. Effective dates.

1. Each existing community waterworks owner shall deliver his report by July 1 annually.

2. The owner of a new community waterworks shall deliver his first report by July 1 of the year after its first full calendar year in operation and annually thereafter.

3. The owner of a community waterworks that sells water to a consecutive waterworks shall deliver the applicable information necessary to comply with the requirements contained in this section to the consecutive waterworks by April 1 annually, or on a date mutually agreed upon by the seller and the purchaser and specifically included in a contract between the parties.

C. Content.

1. Each community waterworks owner shall provide his customers an annual report that contains the information on the source of the water delivered as follows:

   a. Each report shall identify the source or sources of the water delivered by the community waterworks by providing information on:

      (1) The type of the water (e.g., surface water, ground water); and

      (2) The commonly used name, if any, and location of the body or bodies of water.

   b. Where a source water assessment has been completed, the report shall:

      (1) Notify consumers of the availability of the assessment;

      (2) Describe the means to obtain the assessment; and

      (3) Include a brief summary of the waterworks’ susceptibility to potential sources of contamination.

   c. The owner should highlight in the report significant sources of contamination in the source water area if such information is readily available.

2. For the purpose of compliance with this section, each report shall include the following definitions:

   a. "Maximum contaminant level goal" or "MCLG" means the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

   b. "Maximum contaminant level" or "MCL" means the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

   c. A report for a community waterworks operating under a variance or an exemption issued by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-140 and 12VAC5-590-150 shall include the following definition: "Variances and exemptions" means state or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

   d. A report that contains data on contaminants that EPA regulates using any of the following terms shall include the applicable definitions:

      (1) "Treatment technique" means a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

      (2) "Action level" means the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that an
owner shall follow.

(3) "Maximum residual disinfectant level goal" or "MRDLG" means the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

(4) "Maximum residual disinfectant level" or "MRDL" means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

3. Information on detected contaminants.

a. This section specifies the requirements for information to be included in each report for the following contaminants:

(1) Contaminants subject to a PMCL, action level, maximum residual disinfectant level, or treatment technique as specified in 12VAC5-590-370;

(2) Unregulated contaminants subject to monitoring as specified in 12VAC5-590-370; and

(3) Disinfection byproducts or microbial contaminants, except Cryptosporidium, for which monitoring is required by Information Collection Rule (40 CFR 141.142 and 141.143 (7-1-97 Edition)), except as provided under subdivision 5 a of this subsection, and which are detected in the finished water.

b. The data relating to these contaminants shall be displayed in one table or in several adjacent tables. Any additional monitoring results that a community waterworks owner chooses to include in the report shall be displayed separately.

c. The data shall be derived from data collected to comply with EPA and state monitoring and analytical requirements during the calendar year preceding the year the report is due, except that:

(1) Where an owner is allowed to monitor for contaminants specified in subdivision 3 a (1) and (3) of this subsection less often than once a year, the table or tables shall include the date and results of the most recent sampling, and the report shall include a brief statement indicating that the data presented in the report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the regulations. No data older than five years need be included.

(2) Results of monitoring in compliance with the Information Collection Rule (40 CFR 141.142 and 141.143 (7-1-97 Edition)) need only be included for five years from the date of last sample or until any of the detected contaminants becomes regulated and subject to routine monitoring requirements, whichever comes first.

d. For detected contaminants subject to a PMCL, action level, or treatment technique as specified in 12VAC5-590-370 and listed in Tables 2.1, 2.2 (Primary Maximum Contaminant Levels only), 2.3, 2.4 (Primary Maximum Contaminant Levels only), and 2.5, the table or tables shall contain:

(1) The PMCL for that contaminant expressed as a number equal to or greater than 1.0 as provided in Appendix O, with an exception for beta/photon emitters. When the detected level of beta/photon emitters has been reported in the units of pCi/L and does not exceed 50 pCi/L, the report may list the PMCL as 50 pCi/L. In this case, the owner shall include in the report the following footnote: The PMCL for beta particles is 4 mrem/year. EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles;

(2) The MCLG for that contaminant expressed in the same units as the PMCL as provided in Appendix O;

(3) If there is no PMCL for a detected contaminant, the table shall indicate that there is a treatment technique, or specify the action level, applicable to that contaminant, and the report shall include the definitions for treatment technique and/or action...
level, as appropriate, specified in subdivision 3 d of this subsection;

(4) For contaminants subject to a PMCL, except turbidity and total coliforms, the highest contaminant level used to determine compliance and the range of detected levels is as follows:

(a) When compliance with the PMCL is determined annually or less frequently, the highest detected level at any sampling point and the range of detected levels expressed in the same units as the PMCL.

(b) When compliance with the PMCL is determined by calculating a running annual average of all samples taken at a sampling point, the highest average of any of the sampling points and the range of all sampling points expressed in the same units as the PMCL. For the PMCLs for TTHM and HAA5, the owner shall include the highest locational running annual average and the range of individual sample results for all sampling points expressed in the same units as the PMCL. If more than one location exceeds the TTHM or HAA5 PMCL, the owner shall include the locational running annual averages for all locations that exceed the PMCL.

(c) When compliance with the PMCL is determined on a systemwide basis by calculating a running annual average of all samples at all sampling points, the average and range of detection expressed in the same units as the PMCL. The range of detection for TTHM and HAA5 shall include individual sample results for the IDSE conducted under 12VAC5-590-370 B 3 e (2) for the calendar year that the IDSE samples were taken.

(5) For turbidity, the highest single measurement and the lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits specified in 12VAC5-590-420 for the filtration technology being used. The report should include an explanation of the reasons for measuring turbidity;

(6) For lead and copper, the 90th percentile value of the most recent round of sampling and the number of sampling sites exceeding the action level;

(7) For total coliform:

(a) The highest monthly number of positive samples for waterworks collecting fewer than 40 samples per month;

(b) The highest monthly percentage of positive samples for waterworks collecting at least 40 samples per month;

(8) For fecal coliform, the total number of positive samples;

(9) The likely source or sources of detected contaminants. Specific information regarding contaminants may be available in sanitary surveys and source water assessments, and should be used when available to the owner. If the owner lacks specific information on the likely source, the report shall include one or more of the typical sources for that contaminant listed in Appendix O that are most applicable to the system.

e. If a community waterworks owner distributes water to his customers from multiple hydraulically independent distribution systems that are fed by different raw water sources:

(1) The table shall contain a separate column for each service area and the report shall identify each separate distribution system; or

(2) The owner shall produce a separate report tailored to include data for each service area.

f. The table or tables shall clearly identify any data indicating violations of PMCLs, MRDLs, or treatment techniques and the report shall contain a clear and readily understandable explanation of the violation including:
(1) The length of the violation;

(2) The potential adverse health effects using the relevant language of Appendix O; and

(3) Actions taken by the waterworks owner to address the violation.

g. For detected unregulated contaminants subject to monitoring as specified in 12VAC5-590-370 and listed in Tables 2.6 and 2.7, for which monitoring is required, the table or tables shall contain the average and range at which the contaminant was detected. The report may include a brief explanation of the reasons for monitoring for unregulated contaminants.

4. Information on Cryptosporidium, radon, and other contaminants:

a. If the owner has performed any monitoring for Cryptosporidium, including monitoring performed to satisfy the requirements of the Informational Collection Rule (40 CFR 141.143 (7-1-97 Edition)), which indicates that Cryptosporidium may be present in the source water or the finished water, the report shall include:

(1) A summary of the results of the monitoring; and

(2) An explanation of the significance of the results.

b. If the owner has performed any monitoring for radon which indicates that radon may be present in the finished water, the report shall include:

(1) The results of the monitoring; and

(2) An explanation of the significance of the results.

c. If the owner has performed additional monitoring that indicates the presence of other contaminants in the finished water, the report should include any results that may indicate a health concern, as determined by the commissioner. Detections above a proposed MCL or health advisory level may indicate possible health concerns. For such contaminants, the report should include:

(1) The results of the monitoring; and

(2) An explanation of the significance of the results noting the existence of a health advisory or a proposed regulation.

5. Compliance with other regulations.

a. In addition to the requirements of subdivision 3 f of this subsection the report shall note any violation that occurred during the year covered by the report of a requirement listed below.

(1) Monitoring and reporting of compliance data;

(2) Filtration and disinfection prescribed by 12VAC5-590-420. For owners who have failed to install adequate filtration or disinfection equipment or processes, or have had a failure of such equipment or processes which constitutes a violation, the report shall include the following language as part of the explanation of potential adverse health effects: Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches;

(3) Lead and copper control requirements prescribed by 12VAC5-590-370. For owners who fail to take one or more of the prescribed actions, the report shall include the applicable language of Appendix O for lead, copper, or both;

(4) Treatment techniques for Acrylamide and Epichlorohydrin prescribed by 12VAC5-590-420 G. For owners who violate the requirements of that section, the report shall include the relevant language from Appendix O;
(5) Recordkeeping of compliance data;
(6) Special monitoring requirements for unregulated contaminants prescribed by 12VAC5-590-370 B 4 and for sodium;
(7) Violation of the terms of a variance, an exemption, or an administrative or judicial order.

b. The report shall contain:

(1) A clear and readily understandable explanation of the violation;
(2) Any potential adverse health effects; and
(3) The steps the owner has taken to correct the violation.

c. For community groundwater systems, the following shall be included:

(1) A significant deficiency that is uncorrected at the time of the report, or;
(2) An E. coli positive groundwater source sample that is not invalidated at the time of the report.

d. The owner of a community groundwater system shall report annually the information in subdivision 5 c of this subsection until the ODW determines that the significant deficiency or the E. coli positive source water sample has been satisfactorily addressed. The report shall include the following information:

(1) The nature of the significant deficiency or the source of the E. coli contamination and the date the significant deficiency was identified by the ODW or the date or dates of the E. coli positive source samples.
(2) If the E. coli contamination has been addressed in accordance with 12VAC5-590-421 and the date of such action.
(3) The ODW approved plan and schedule for correcting the significant deficiency or E. coli contamination including interim measures, progress to date, and which interim measures have been completed.
(4) In communities with a large portion of non-English speaking consumers, the notice shall contain information in the appropriate language or languages regarding the importance of the notice or contain a telephone number or address where the consumers may contact the owner to obtain a translated copy of the notice or assistance with the appropriate language.
(5) For E. coli contamination, the potential health effects language shall be included.

e. If directed by the ODW, the owner of a community groundwater system with significant deficiencies that have been corrected at the time of the report shall inform his consumers of the significant deficiencies, how the deficiencies were corrected, and the date or dates of correction under subdivisions 5 d (1) through (4) of this subsection.

6. Variances and exemptions. If a system is operating under the terms of a variance or an exemption issued by the commissioner under 12VAC5-590-140 and 12VAC5-590-150, the report shall contain:

   a. An explanation of the reasons for the variance or exemption;
   b. The date on which the variance or exemption was issued;
   c. A brief status report on the steps the owner is taking to install treatment, find alternative sources of water, or otherwise comply with the terms and schedules of the variance or exemption; and
   d. A notice of any opportunity for public input in the review or renewal of the variance or exemption.

7. Additional information.

   a. The report shall contain a brief explanation regarding contaminants, which may reasonably be expected to be found in drinking water including bottled water. This explanation shall include the exact language of subdivisions 8 a (1), (2) and (3) of
this subsection or the owner shall use his own comparable language following approval by the commissioner. The report also shall include the exact language of subdivision 8 a (4) of this subsection.

(1) The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

(2) Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (i) microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; (ii) inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; (iii) pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; (iv) organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; (v) radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

(3) In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

(4) Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

b. The report shall include the telephone number of the owner, operator, or designee of the community waterworks as a source of additional information concerning the report.

c. In communities with a large proportion of non-English speaking residents, as determined by the commissioner, the report shall contain information in the appropriate language or languages regarding the importance of the report or contain a telephone number or address where such residents may contact the system to obtain a translated copy of the report or assistance in the appropriate language.

d. The report shall include the following information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water. The waterworks owner should consider including the following additional relevant information:

(1) The time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings of the governing body which has authority over the waterworks.

(2) If regularly scheduled board meetings are not held, the name and telephone number of a waterworks representative who has operational or managerial authority over the waterworks.

e. The owner may include such additional information as he deems necessary for public education consistent with, and not detracting from, the purpose of the report.

D. Additional health information.

1. All reports shall prominently display the following language: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking
water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

2. Any waterworks owner who detects arsenic at levels above 0.005 mg/L, but equal to or below the PMCL of 0.010 mg/L, shall include in his report the following informational statement about arsenic: While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the cost of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

In lieu of the statement required in this subdivision, the waterworks owner may include his own educational statement after receiving approval from the commissioner.

3. A waterworks owner who detects arsenic levels above 0.010 mg/L shall include the health effects language contained in Appendix O.

4. An owner who detects nitrate at levels above 5 mg/L, but below the PMCL, shall include in his report the following informational statement about the impacts of nitrate on children: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

In lieu of the statement required in this subdivision, the waterworks owner may include his own educational statement after receiving approval from the commissioner.

5. All reports shall prominently display the following language: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. [NAME OF UTILITY] is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

In lieu of the statement required in this subdivision, the owner may include his own educational statement after receiving approval from the commissioner.

6. Community waterworks owners who detect TTHM above 0.080 mg/L, but below the PMCL, as an annual average shall include health effects language prescribed by paragraph 81 of Appendix O.

E. Report delivery and recordkeeping.

1. Each community waterworks owner shall mail or otherwise directly deliver one copy of the report to each customer, except as
follows:

a. Owners of community waterworks serving fewer than 10,000 persons shall have the option to either mail (or otherwise directly deliver) a copy of the report to each customer or publish the report in a local newspaper or newspapers of general circulation serving the area in which the waterworks is located by July 1 of each year; and

b. If the owner chooses to publish the report, the owner shall inform customers, either in the newspaper in which the report is to be published or by other means approved by the commissioner, that a copy of the report will not be mailed to them and that a copy of the report will be made available to the public upon request.

2. Community waterworks owners shall make a good faith effort to deliver the report to the consumers who are served by the waterworks but are not bill paying customers, such as renters or workers. This good faith effort shall include at least one, and preferably two or more, of the following methods appropriate to the particular waterworks:

   a. Posting the reports on the Internet;
   b. Mailing to postal patrons in metropolitan areas;
   c. Advertising the availability of the report in the news media;
   d. Publication in a local newspaper;
   e. Posting in public places such as libraries, community centers, and public buildings;
   f. Delivery of multiple copies for distribution by single-biller customers such as apartment buildings or large private employers;
   g. Delivery to community organizations; or
   h. Other methods as approved by the commissioner.

3. No later than July 1 of each year community waterworks owners shall deliver a copy of the report to the district engineer, followed within three months by a certification that the report has been distributed to customers and that the information in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the commissioner.

4. No later than July 1 of each year community waterworks owners shall deliver the report to any other agency or clearinghouse specified by the commissioner.

5. Community waterworks owners shall make the report available to the public upon request.

6. The owner of each community waterworks serving 100,000 or more persons shall post the current year’s report to a publicly accessible site on the Internet.

7. Community waterworks owners shall retain copies of the report for no less than three years.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-550. Recordkeeping.

All owners shall retain at their waterworks or at a convenient location near their waterworks the following records for the minimum
time periods specified:

A. Records of microbiological analyses and turbidity analyses -- Five years.

B. Chemical Analyses -- 10 years.

C. Individual filter monitoring required under 12VAC5-590-530 C 1 b (2) -- Three years.

D. Results of Disinfection Profile including raw data and analysis -- Indefinitely.

E. Disinfection Benchmarking including raw data and analysis -- Indefinitely.

F. The following information shall be provided for subsections A and B of this section:
   1. Date, place, and time of sampling as well as the name of the person who collected the sample;
   2. Identification of sample (e.g., routine, check sample, raw water, other);
   3. Date of analysis;
   4. Laboratory and/or person responsible for performing analysis;
   5. Analytical method/technique used; and
   6. Results of the analysis.

G. Original records of all sampling data and analyses, reports, surveys, letters, evaluations, schedules, commissioner determinations, and any other information required by 12VAC5-590-405 A 1 and 2, B, C, and D; and 12VAC5-590-375 B, C, and D pertaining to lead and copper. Each waterworks owner shall retain the records required by this section for no fewer than 12 years.

H. Owners shall keep results from the initial round of source water monitoring under 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 a (1) and the second round of source water monitoring under 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 a (2) until three years after bin classification under 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 c (1) for the particular round of monitoring.

I. Owners shall keep any notification to the commissioner that they will not conduct source water monitoring due to meeting the criteria of 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 a (4) for three years.

J. Owners shall keep the results of treatment monitoring associated with microbial toolbox options under 12VAC5-590-420 B 3 d (3) through (7) and with uncovered finished water reservoirs under 12VAC5-590-420 L, as applicable, for three years.

K. Action taken to correct violations of these regulations -- three years after last action with respect to violation involved.

L. Copies of reports, summaries, or communications relating to any sanitary surveys performed -- 10 years following inspection.

M. Variance or exemptions granted (and records related thereto) -- five years following expiration of variance or exemption.

N. Cross connection control program records -- 10 years.

O. Owners of waterworks that recycle flow, as stipulated in 12VAC5-590-420 K, shall collect and retain on file recycle flow information for review and evaluation by the district engineer beginning June 8, 2004. Information shall include, as a minimum:
   1. Copy of the recycle notification submitted to the district engineer under 12VAC5-590-530 l.
   2. List of all recycle flows and the frequency with which they are returned.
   3. Average and maximum backwash flow rate through the filters and the average and maximum duration of the filter backwash process, in minutes.
   4. Typical filter run length and a written summary of how the filter run length is determined.
5. The type of treatment provided for the recycle flow.

6. Data on the physical dimensions of the equalization and/or treatment units, typical and maximum hydraulic loading rates, type of treatment chemicals used, average dose, frequency of use, and frequency at which solids are removed, if applicable.

P. Copies of monitoring plans developed pursuant to these regulations shall be kept for the same period of time as the records of analyses taken under the plan are required to be kept under paragraph A or B of this section, except as specified elsewhere in these regulations.

Q. All owners shall retain the following additional records:
   1. Plant operational records.
   2. Water well completion reports.
   3. As-built engineering plans and specifications of facilities.
   4. Shop drawings of major equipment.
   5. Records of equipment repair or replacement.
   6. Updated map of water distribution system.
   7. All accident reports.

R. Additional recordkeeping requirements for groundwater systems.
   1. Records of corrective actions – 10 years.
   2. Records of public notification as required by 12VAC5-590-540 – Three years.
   3. Records of invalidation of groundwater source samples – Five years.
   4. For consecutive waterworks, records of notification to the wholesale waterworks of coliform positive samples – Five years.
   5. For waterworks required to conduct compliance monitoring:
      a. Records of the ODW specified minimum disinfectant residual – 10 years.
      b. Records of the lowest daily residual disinfectant concentration – Five years.
      c. Records of the dates and duration of any failure to maintain the ODW specified minimum residual disinfectant concentration for a period of more than four hours – Five years.
      d. Records of any ODW specified compliance parameters for alternative treatment and records of the date and duration of any failure to meet the alternative treatment operating requirements for more than four hours – Five years.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-560. Safety.

Since its trained personnel is the waterworks’ most important asset, an important phase of waterworks operation is the protection of
personnel through an active safety program; therefore, it is strongly recommended that every waterworks institute a safety program.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-570. Operational report forms.

All waterworks required to report information to the department shall use the forms approved by the division.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


Article 4

Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention in Waterworks

12VAC5-590-580. General.

The purpose of this article is to require as a condition for the issuance and continued use of the operation permit for the waterworks that each owner of a waterworks establish and enforce a program of cross connection control and backflow prevention for each waterworks. The cross connection control and backflow prevention program shall be approved by the division prior to issuance of the operation permit (see Appendix I).

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-590. Cross connections.

A. The purveyor shall not install, maintain, or allow to be installed a water service connection to any premises where cross connections to a waterworks or a consumer's water system may exist unless such cross connections are abated or controlled to the satisfaction of the water purveyor or the division.

B. The purveyor shall not install, maintain, or allow to be installed any connection whereby water from an auxiliary water system may enter a waterworks or consumer's water system unless the auxiliary water system and the method of connection and use of such system shall have been approved by the water purveyor and by the division.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-600. Responsibilities.
A. General. Effective cross connection control requires the cooperation of the water purveyor, the building official, the consumer, the Virginia Department of Health, and the backflow prevention device tester.

B. Water purveyor.

1. The purveyor shall establish or cause to be established and operate a cross connection control and backflow prevention program consistent with the extent of the system and the type of consumer served. This program shall include at least one designated individual who shall be responsible for the inspection of the waterworks for cross connection and backflow prevention control. This program shall be carried out in accordance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code and shall be a continuing program.

2. Suggested elements of this program are contained in Appendix I. The purveyor has full responsibility for water quality and for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the waterworks beginning at the water source and ending at the service connection.

3. The purveyor shall have thorough inspections and operational tests made at least annually of backflow prevention devices which are required and installed at the service connection.

4. In the event of backflow of pollution or contamination into the waterworks, the purveyor shall promptly take or cause corrective action to confine and eliminate the pollution or contamination. The purveyor shall immediately notify the division when backflow occurs.

5. The purveyor shall take positive action to ensure that the waterworks is adequately protected at all times. If a cross connection exists or backflow occurs into a consumer's water system or if the pressure in the waterworks is lowered below 10 psi gauge, the purveyor may discontinue the water service to the consumer and water service shall not be restored until the deficiencies have been corrected or eliminated to the satisfaction of the purveyor.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-610. Containment policy.

A. An approved backflow prevention device shall be installed at each service connection to a consumer's water system where, in the judgment of the water purveyor or the division, a health, pollution, or system hazard to the waterworks exists.

B. When, as a matter of practicality, the backflow prevention device cannot be installed at the service connection, the device may be located downstream of the service connection but prior to any unprotected takeoffs.

C. A backflow prevention device shall be installed at each service connection to a consumer's water system serving premises where the following conditions exist:

1. Premises on which any substance is handled in such a manner as to create an actual or potential hazard to a waterworks (this shall include premises having sources or systems containing process fluids or waters originating from a waterworks which are no longer under the control of the water purveyor);

2. Premises having internal cross connections that, in the judgment of the water purveyor or the division, may not be easily correctable or have intricate plumbing arrangements which make it impracticable to determine whether or not cross connections
exist;

3. Premises where, because of security requirements or other prohibitions or restrictions, it is impossible or impractical to make a complete cross connection survey;

4. Premises having a repeated history of cross connections being established or reestablished;

5. Premises having fire protection systems utilizing combinations of sprinklers, fire loops, storage tanks, pumps, antifreeze protection, or auxiliary water sources including siamese connections (fire loops and sprinkler systems with openings not subject to flooding, and containing no antifreeze or other chemicals, no separate fire protection storage, or auxiliary sources, will not normally require backflow prevention); and

6. Other premises specified by the division or the purveyor when cause can be shown that a potential cross connection hazard not enumerated above exists.

D. Premises having booster pumps connected to the waterworks shall be equipped with a low pressure regulating or cutoff device to shut off the booster pump when the pressure in the waterworks drops to a minimum of 10 psi gauge.

E. An approved backflow prevention device shall be installed at each service connection to a consumer's water system serving, but not necessarily limited to, the following types of facilities:

1. Hospitals, mortuaries, clinics, veterinary establishments, nursing homes, and medical buildings;

2. Laboratories;

3. Piers, docks, and waterfront facilities;

4. Sewage treatment plants, sewage pumping stations, or storm water pumping stations;

5. Food and beverage processing plants;

6. Chemical plants, dyeing plants and pharmaceutical plants;

7. Metal plating industries;

8. Petroleum or natural gas processing or storage plants;

9. Radioactive materials processing plants or nuclear reactors;

10. Car washes and laundries;

11. Lawn sprinkler systems, and irrigation systems;

12. Fire service systems;

13. Slaughter houses and poultry processing plants;

14. Farms where the water is used for other than household purposes;

15. Commercial greenhouses and nurseries;

16. Health clubs with swimming pools, therapeutic baths, hot tubs, or saunas;

17. Paper and paper products plants and printing plants;

18. Pesticide or exterminating companies and their vehicles with storage or mixing tanks;

19. Schools or colleges with laboratory facilities;

20. Highrise buildings (four or more stories);
21. Multiuse commercial, office, or warehouse facilities; and

22. Others specified by the purveyor or the division when reasonable cause can be shown for a potential backflow or cross connection hazard.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-620. Type of protection required.

The type of protection required shall depend on the degree of hazard which exists or may exist and on the method of potential backflow. Backflow occurs either by back pressure or by back siphonage.

The degree of hazard, either high, moderate, or low, is based on the nature of the contaminant; the potential of the health hazard; the probability of the backflow occurrence; and the effect on waterworks structures, equipment, and appurtenances used in the storage, collection, purification, treatment, and distribution of pure water.

Table 2.10 shall be used as a guide to determine the degree of hazard for any situation.

A. Air gaps give the highest degree of protection and shall be used whenever practical to do so in high hazard situations subject to back pressure.

B. An air gap separation and a reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device will protect against back pressure when operating properly. Vacuum breakers will not protect against back pressure, but will protect against back-siphonage when operating properly.

C. Backflow prevention devices consisting of dual independent check valves with or without an intermediate atmospheric vent shall only be used in low hazard situations.

D. Barometric loops are not acceptable.

E. An interchangeable connection or change-over device has limitations which prevent its use where back pressure is present or may occur, the auxiliary supply is not an approved source, or the waterworks line pressure is less than 20 psi. Since this type connection is one of the easiest to bypass, the use of this type device will be approved only as a temporary and continuously supervised arrangement. In most instances, an approved device or method must be included and approved by the purveyor and division.

F. Reduced pressure principle type backflow preventers shall not be installed in pits or areas subject to flooding.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-630. Backflow prevention devices.

A. Any backflow prevention device shall be of the approved type and shall comply with the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

B. Any backflow prevention device shall be installed in a manner approved by the water purveyor and in accordance with the...
C. Existing backflow prevention devices approved by the purveyor and the division prior to the effective date of this chapter shall, except for inspection, testing, and maintenance requirements, be excluded from the requirements of 12VAC5-590-600 A and B if the water purveyor and the division are assured that the devices will protect the waterworks.

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Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

engineer shall confer with the division before proceeding with the detailed designs. The engineering report and preliminary plan shall include plant site selection. Ordinarily, waterworks shall be designed to provide for the estimated population 10 to 30 years hence under predicted growth conditions. All waterworks shall be designed so that they can readily be increased in capacity except where circumstances preclude the probability of expansion. Expansion by modular steps should be considered. Operation and maintenance manuals are required for treatment facilities and pumping facilities.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-007.01 § 3.1, eff. August 1, 1991; amended, Virginia Register Volume 9, Issue 17, eff. June 23, 1993.

12VAC5-590-650. Objectives of a waterworks.

A. The objectives of a waterworks are:

1. The production of pure water; and

2. The production of water appealing to the consumer.

B. To reach the objectives of a waterworks, finished water quality shall conform with Article 1 of Part II of this chapter.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-660. Site location.

A. Wells and water treatment plants shall be located above the projected 100 year flood-plain elevation. Lower elevations may be considered if it can be adequately shown that the wells or treatment plants can be protected from flooding. Springs subject to flooding shall not be approved.

B. The waterworks shall be readily accessible in all seasons.

C. Consideration should be given to the convenience of transportation facilities to the plant site and also to the availability of electric power from more than one source of outside power.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-670. Site size.

A. The area reserved around a well or spring site shall conform with 12VAC5-590-820, 12VAC5-590-830, and 12VAC5-590-840.

B. The treatment plant site shall be of ample size to accommodate expansion, and ample space shall be provided at the treatment site for adequate disposal of treatment plant wastes.

C. The disposal of water treatment plant wastes shall conform to the State Water Control Law, Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 of the Code
12VAC5-590-680. Treatment process selection.

The following shall be considered when selecting processes to achieve treatment goals:

A. The quality and variability of the source water.

B. Possible future changes in the quality of the source.

C. Water quality goals, including the growing desire of the public for better water.

D. When removal of contaminants for which BAT has been specified is necessary, processes classified as BAT shall be employed.

E. When treatment technique requirements have been established in lieu of MCLs, processes specified by such requirements shall be employed.

F. POE or POU devices shall not be utilized for long-term compliance with PMCLs. Such devices may be considered for short-term, interim use, as a condition of a variance or exemption issued by the commissioner.

12VAC5-590-690. Capacity of waterworks.

The design capacity of the waterworks shall exceed the maximum daily water demand of the system. Waterworks shall normally be designed on the following basis of water consumption. If deviations are made, they shall be based on sound engineering knowledge substantiated in the designer's report and approved by the division.

A. Daily water consumption rates (annual daily water demand):

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<td>Dwellings, per person</td>
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<td>High schools with showers, per person</td>
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<td>Shopping centers, per 1,000 sq.ft. of ultimate floor space</td>
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<td>Hospitals, per bed</td>
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<td>Nursing homes, per bed</td>
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<td>Laundromats, 9 to 12# machines, per machine</td>
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<td>Swimming pools, per swimmer</td>
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<td>Theaters, drive-in type, per car</td>
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<td>Picnic areas, per person</td>
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<td>Camps, resort, day and night with limited plumbing, per camp site</td>
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<td>Picnic areas, per person</td>
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<td>Luxury Camps with flush toilets, per camp site</td>
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B. Minimum acceptable effective finished water storage for human consumption shall not be less than 200 gallons per equivalent residential connection at minimum pressure.

C. All waterworks shall provide at least a minimum working (under flow) pressure of 20 psi at the service connection based on the greater of maximum hour or maximum day plus applicable fire flows. Applicable fire flows shall be selected by coordination between the water supply owner, design consultant, local officials and local fire marshal. When the number of residential units is less than 1,000, the formula \( Q = 11.4N^{0.544} \); is acceptable for estimating maximum hour domestic demand flow, where \( Q = \) total gallons per minute and \( N = \) total number of residential units. The division can require a higher design pressure if indicated by site conditions.

D. A waterworks utilizing wells as the sole source of supply shall provide source capacity of a minimum of 0.5 gallons per minute per equivalent residential connection.

E. Waterworks serving 50 or more residential connections with wells as the source of supply shall provide at least two water sources that do not hydraulically interfere with another source of public water supply. Consideration shall be given to requiring each source to be of a minimum yield so its reliability is realistic. The secondary well should be rated at 20% of the waterworks capacity as a minimum.

F. Waterworks serving less than 50 residential connections with wells as the source of supply shall provide or have access to an auxiliary pump stored or stocked locally or they shall provide 48 hours of total effective storage volume based on water usage.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-007.06 § 3.6, eff. August 1, 1991; amended, Virginia Register Volume 9, Issue 17, eff. June 23, 1993; Volume 31, Issue 1, eff. October 10, 2014.

12VAC5-590-700. Metering total water production.

A. Waterworks providing chlorination only shall meter the water prior to treatment.

B. Waterworks providing iron or manganese removal, or both, shall meter the water prior to treatment.

C. Waterworks providing softening by ion exchange shall meter all water treated and total water delivered to the distribution system.
D. Waterworks providing turbidity removal or softening by precipitation, or both, shall meter the water prior to and subsequent to
    treatment.

E. All waterworks shall provide metering of total water production.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-710. Site layout.

A. Functional aspects of site layout shall be considered.

B. Site grading shall be provided.

C. Adequate site drainage shall be provided.

D. Walks shall be provided.

E. Access roads shall be provided.

F. Driveways shall be provided.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-007.08 § 3.8, eff. August 1, 1991; amended, Virginia Register Volume 9, Issue 17, eff. June 23, 1993.

12VAC5-590-720. Building layout.

A. Adequate ventilation shall be provided.

B. Adequate lighting shall be provided.

C. Adequate heating shall be provided.

D. Adequate drainage shall be provided.

E. Adequate dehumidification equipment shall be provided.

F. Accessibility of equipment for operation, servicing, and removal shall be provided.

G. Flexibility of operation shall be provided.

H. Safety precautions shall be considered. Reference the applicable health and safety standards of the Virginia Department of Labor
    and Industry for the appropriate requirements.

I. Convenience of operation shall be considered.

J. Separate rooms for chemical storage and feed equipment to reduce dust problems shall be considered.

K. Sanitary facilities shall be provided at all waterworks installations requiring an operator in attendance at all times during
    operation.

L. Positive identification of the contents of a piping system shall be by lettered legend giving the name of the contents. Arrows
    should be used to indicate the direction of flow. Legends shall be applied close to valves, adjacent to changes in direction and
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branches, where pipes pass through walls and floors, and at frequent intervals on straight pipe runs. The lettering shall be of such color, size, and location so as to be clearly visible and readable.

M. No conduit or basin containing filtered water shall have a common division wall with another conduit or basin containing nonpotable water. Vertical double division walls, where separated sufficiently to permit ready access for inspection, are permissible where the division walls are monolithic in construction and are properly keyed into their footings or are cast monolithically with their footings.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-730. Standby power capability.

Standby power capability may be required by the division so that water may be treated or pumped, or both, to the distribution system in order to maintain a minimum level of service during an emergency.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-740. Maintenance and servicing of equipment.

Adequate facilities must be provided for the maintenance and servicing of automatic equipment.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-750. Shop space and storage.

Adequate facilities should be included for shop space and storage consistent with the designed facilities.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-760. Laboratory.

Laboratory equipment and facilities shall be compatible with the raw water source, intended design of the water treatment plant, and the complexity of the water treatment involved.

A. Testing equipment provided shall be adequate for the purpose intended and recognized procedures must be utilized.

B. Sufficient bench space, adequate ventilation, adequate light, storage room, laboratory sink, and auxiliary facilities shall be
provided. Office space is not included in the following specified laboratory sizes:

1. Waterworks providing iron or manganese removal, or softening by ion exchange should provide a laboratory with a minimum of 64 square feet of floor area and 20 square feet of bench area.

2. Waterworks providing turbidity removal or softening by precipitation, or both, should provide a laboratory with a minimum of 200 square feet of floor area and 65 square feet of bench area.

3. Waterworks providing turbidity removal or softening by precipitation, or both, and in-plant bacteriological analysis should provide a laboratory with a minimum of 300 square feet of floor area and 100 square feet of bench area.

C. When a bacteriological laboratory is required a separate room of adequate space shall be provided.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-770. Sample taps.

Sample taps shall be provided so that water samples can be obtained from each water source. At waterworks providing treatment, sample taps shall be provided from each unit operation of treatment, with the taps being located at the master control sink in the laboratory. Taps shall be consistent with sampling needs and shall not be of the petcock type.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-780. Wall castings.

Consideration shall be given to providing extra wall castings built into the structure to facilitate expansion and future uses wherever pipes pass through walls of concrete structures.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-790. Water supply service.

The water supply service for treatment facilities shall be taken from a point after there has been thorough mixing of all chemicals added to the water.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-800. Disinfection.

All pipes, tanks, and equipment which can convey or store potable water shall be disinfected prior to being placed in service. Plans and specifications shall outline the procedures and include the disinfectant dosage, contact time, and method of testing the results of the procedure.

1. Forms of chlorine for disinfection.
   a. Liquid chlorine. The use of liquid chlorine shall be acceptable only when suitable equipment is available and only under the direction of a person trained to handle liquid chlorine. Emergency handling equipment shall be provided.
   It will normally require 4.2 lbs. of liquid chlorine (supplied under pressure in steel containers) to produce a concentration of 50 mg/L of available chlorine in 10,000 gallons of water.
   b. Calcium hypochlorite. Granular and tablet forms are available (both with 65% available chlorine). It will normally require 6.5 lbs. of calcium hypochlorite to produce a concentration of 50 mg/L of available chlorine in 10,000 gallons of water.
   c. Sodium hypochlorite. This is supplied in strengths of 5.25% to 16% available chlorine. The required amount of sodium hypochlorite to produce a 50 mg/L concentration of available chlorine in 10,000 gallons of water can be calculated from the following formula:

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   \frac{50}{\text{% available chlorine}}
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2. Methods of disinfection other than chlorination may be considered by the division on a case-by-case basis.

3. Testing of water following disinfection:
   a. All chlorine residual determinations shall be made using only those methods approved by the division; and
   b. Two water samples for bacteriological analysis must be collected at least 24 hours apart and analyzed by a certified laboratory. The results of these samples must indicate no coliform contamination before the pipe, tanks, or equipment can be utilized as part of the waterworks. If contamination is indicated, then the disinfection procedure must be repeated.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-810. Paints, coatings, sealers, or liners.

Paints, coatings, sealers or liners which contact raw, partially treated, or potable water and are used in pipes, tanks, or equipment which can convey or store these waters shall be approved by the division before application.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


Article 2

Source Development

Last Amended: Oct. 10, 2014
12VAC5-590-820. General.

Preference shall be given to the best available sources of supply which present minimal risks of contamination from wastewaters and which contain a minimum of impurities that may be hazardous to health. In all cases, sources shall be selected and maintained on a basis which will assure that the water is continuously amenable to available treatment processes. In selecting the source of water to be developed, the designing engineer must prove to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the water which is to be delivered to the consumers shall comply with all applicable PMCLs of the board with respect to bacteriological, physical, chemical and radiological qualities. All water samples for chemical, physical and radiological analyses must be submitted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services, Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services or to a testing laboratory certified by the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services. All bacteriological analyses must be performed at laboratories in accordance with analysis 12VAC5-590-370 A and 12VAC5-590-480 B 2.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-830. Surface water sources; quantity; quality; development structures.

A. A surface water source includes all tributary streams and drainage basins, natural lakes, and artificial reservoirs or impoundments above the point of water supply intake.

1. The quantity of water at the source shall:
   a. Be adequate to supply the water demand of the service area;
   b. Provide a reasonable surplus for anticipated growth; and
   c. Be adequate to compensate for all losses, including evaporation, seepage, flow-by requirements, etc.

2. The safe yield of the source shall be determined as follows:
   a. Simple intake (free-flowing stream). The safe yield is defined as the minimum withdrawal rate available during a day and recurring every 30 years (30 year - one day low flow). To generate the report for this, data is to be used to illustrate the worst drought of record in Virginia since 1930. If actual gauge records are not available for this, gauges are to be correlated from similar watersheds and numbers are to be synthesized; and
   b. Complex intake (impoundments in conjunction with streams). The safe yield is defined as the minimum withdrawal rate available to withstand the worst drought of record in Virginia since 1930. If actual gauge records are not available, correlation is to be made with a similar watershed and numbers synthesized in order to develop the report.

Note: Local governments may request this aid from the State Water Control Board (SWCB) by contacting either the Health Department's Office of Water Programs or the SWCB's headquarters office in Richmond.

B. The owner shall conduct, or have conducted, a sanitary survey and a study of the factors, both natural and man-made, which will affect the quality of the water at the source. The results of the sanitary survey shall be submitted to the division. Such survey and study shall include, but shall not be limited to:
1. Obtaining samples over a sufficient period of time to assess the bacteriological, physical, chemical, and radiological characteristics of the water;

2. Determining future uses and effects of impoundments or reservoirs;

3. Determining the degree of control over the watershed that may be exercised by the owner; and

4. Assessing degree of hazard to the source by possible spillage of materials that may be toxic, harmful, or detrimental to treatment processes.

C. Intake structures shall provide for:

1. Withdrawal of water from at least three levels in impoundments or reservoirs. Withdrawal of water from more than one level may be required in run-of-the stream intakes if the quality varies with depth;

2. Separate facilities for release of less desirable water held in storage;

3. Screens on intake ports with provisions for adequate cleaning;

4. Prevention of flooding of access walkways and control valves of intakes on multiple purpose reservoirs; and

5. Velocity of flow through inlet structure such that frazil ice will be held to a minimum.

D. A detention reservoir is a structure into which water is stored for pretreatment to improve water quality prior to other treatment. Where a detention reservoir is required, the development shall assure that:

1. Water quality is protected by controlling runoff into reservoir;

2. Dikes are structurally sound and protected against wind action and erosion;

3. Point of influent flow is separated from the point of withdrawal; and

4. Sufficient detention time is provided in the reservoir as recommended by the designer and approved by the division.

E. In order to protect the public health and guarantee a supply of pure water, terminal reservoirs shall not be utilized for body contact recreation and boats powered by gasoline engines. Large terminal reservoirs may be used for body contact recreation and boats powered by gasoline engines provided a buffer zone acceptable to the division and water purveyor is furnished. Site preparation shall include but not be limited to the removal of brush and trees to the high water elevation, and protection from floods during construction.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-008.02 § 3.20, eff. August 1, 1991; amended, Virginia Register Volume 9, Issue 17, eff. June 23, 1993.

12VAC5-590-840. Groundwater sources.

A. A groundwater source includes all water obtained from drilled wells and springs. Wells and springs should be protected from contamination during construction. All public water supply wells shall be constructed by registered Virginia contractors. All wells shall be constructed in a manner to protect groundwater resources by preventing contaminated water or water having undesirable physical, chemical, or radiological characteristics from entering potable water aquifers. All groundwater sources must be analyzed for chemical, physical, radiological and bacteriological quality in order to determine treatment requirements. Groundwater containing total coliform concentrations of less than 100 and more than three organisms per 100 milliliters based on the geometric mean of 20 or more samples shall be disinfected. Groundwater containing total coliform concentrations of 100 or more organisms per 100 milliliters based on the
geometric mean of 20 or more samples constitutes unacceptable contamination for disinfection only. Groundwater with widely fluctuating or increasing bacteriological results may be determined by the division to be unsuitable for disinfection treatment alone.

The class of well to be constructed shall be determined by the division. All well lot, well location, and well construction requirements contained in this section may be varied by the division as specific geologic and site conditions dictate.

1. Minimum well lot requirements:
   a. The well lot shall provide a distance of at least 50 feet from the well to all property lines of the well lot. Larger well lots may be required under certain conditions. Fencing of the well lot may be required under certain conditions;
   b. If the well lot does not adjoin a public road, an all-weather access road shall be provided and recorded as part of the well lot;
   c. The well lot shall be graded to divert surface runoff away from the well and to prevent ponding on the well lot;
   d. The well lot or lots must be located by a survey, and a plat plan prepared. The final plat plan must agree with the preliminary plat plan with respect to size and boundaries of the lot or lots selected for well or wells. One of the following must be submitted:
      (1) A copy of the plat plan showing that it has been duly recorded and signed by the clerk of the circuit court for the jurisdiction where the well is located and giving the deed book and page number and date of recording will be required before a construction permit can be issued or
      (2) If the well lot is identified on a recorded plan of the subdivision as a well lot, then this is acceptable, if recorded as indicated in subdivision A 1 d (1) above; and
   e. In addition, a dedication document duly recorded with the clerk of the circuit court must be furnished stating that the well lot shall be used only for waterworks appurtenances as long as this lot is utilized as part of a waterworks.

2. Minimum well location requirements:
   a. The horizontal distance from the well to any septic tank, purification field, pit privy, cesspool, barnyard, hog lot, or source of similar contamination, as well as all surface runoff from such actual or potential sources of contamination, shall be at least 50 feet;
   b. The horizontal distances from the well to any pipe carrying sewage or pipe in which sewage can back up shall be at least 50 feet; and
   c. The horizontal distance from the well to any petroleum or chemical storage tank or pipe line or similar source of contamination shall be at least 50 feet, except that where plastic type well casing is used, the separation distance shall be at least 100 feet. This 100-foot separation may be obtained by an enlarged well lot, easements, deed restrictions, or other equivalent legal means.

3. Minimum construction requirements for Class I wells:
   a. The well shall be drilled and cased to a depth sufficient to exclude undesirable groundwater, but in no case shall the casing be less than 100 feet in depth;
   b. The diameter of the drill hole to the depth required above shall be at least three inches greater than the outside diameter of the couplings of the casing to be used; and
c. The annular space around the casing shall be grouted to a depth of at least 100 feet in a manner satisfactory to the
division. When the outer casing cannot be removed, the annular spacing between the drill hole and the outer casing shall
also be sealed in a manner approved by the division.

4. Minimum construction requirements for Class II wells. This classification includes two types of construction, either of which is
acceptable:

a. Type A wells in which the annular space around the casing is grouted a minimum of 20 feet from the surface:

(1) The well shall be drilled and cased to a depth of at least 100 feet; and

(2) The cased drill hole shall pass through at least the first 50 feet of unconsolidated formation such as caving sand, gravel or
other material that will collapse against the casing;

b. Type B wells in which the annular space around the casing is grouted:

(1) The well shall be drilled and cased to a depth sufficient to exclude undesirable groundwater, but in no case shall the
casing be less than 50 feet in length;

(2) The diameter of drill hole to the depth required above shall be at least three inches greater than the outside diameter of
the couplings of the casing to be used;

(3) The lower end of the enlarged portion of the drill hole should terminate in solid rock or other impervious formation when
practical to do so; and

(4) The annular space around casing shall be grouted to a depth of at least 50 feet in a manner satisfactory to the division.
When the outer casing cannot be removed the annular spacing between the drill hole and the outer casing shall be sealed in
a manner approved by the division.

B. General well development requirements:

1. Water used in well construction shall be from a satisfactory water source or from the well under construction.

2. Casing and liner pipe:

a. Shall be metallic pipe meeting ASTM, ANSI, AWWA or API specifications and standards applicable to wells. Dimensions
shall conform to the following table:

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b. Plastic pipes may be approved following investigation by the division. The casing shall be PVC type 1120 (cell identification 12454), NSF approved for well casings meeting appropriate ASTM, ANSI, AWWA or API specifications and used to depths in conformance with the information contained in the following tables:

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c. Heavy weight casing pipe may be required under certain geologic and hydrostatic conditions; and
d. Where corrosive conditions exist, materials such as coated casings, stainless steel, bronze, or plastic may be used as casings or linings subject to approval by the division.

3. Packers or other well construction materials shall be of a material that will not impart taste, odors, toxic substances, or bacterial contamination to the water in the well. No lead is to be used in packers, flux, piping, etc.

4. Screens, where required, shall:
   a. Be constructed of material which will not be damaged by chemical action of groundwater or future cleaning operations;
   b. Have size of openings to be based on sieve analysis and should be adequate to pass flows at a velocity of 0.1 foot per second or less; and
   c. Be installed so that exposure above the pumping level will not occur.

5. A water well completion report shall:
a. Be submitted to the division, the State Water Control Board and the owner; and

b. Provide all data requested on the most recent well completion form.

6. The yield and drawdown test data over a 48-hour minimum period shall be provided; however, in those areas where geologic conditions warrant, the required test period may be varied by the division.

7. Chemical conditioning shall be included in specifications as to method, equipment, chemicals, testing for residual chemicals, disposal of waste, and inhibitors used.

8. Grouting requirements.

a. Neat cement grout is normally required and shall consist of cement (API Spec. 10, Class G cement or Class B similar to ASTM C150 TYPE II) and water with not more than six gallons of water per 94-pound sack of cement, and shall be in place within 48 hours of well construction. A maximum of 6.0%, by weight, bentonite and 2.0%, by weight, calcium chloride, may be added. NOTE: When exceptional conditions require the use of a less fluid grout to bridge voids, a mixture of cement (ASTM C150 TYPE II), sand and water in the proportion of not more than two parts by weight of sand to one part of cement with not more than six gallons of clean water per 94 pound sack of cement may be used if approved by the division;

b. Application.

(1) Grout shall be installed by means of continuous pressure grouting from the bottom of the annular opening upward in one continuous operation until the annular opening is filled.

(2) Sufficient annular opening shall be provided to permit a minimum of 1 ½ inches of grout around the protective casing, including couplings, if used.

(3) Prior to grouting, bentonite, Aquagel, or similar approved materials may be added to the annular opening, in the manner indicated for grouting; and

c. Protective casing shall be provided with sufficient centralizers attached to the casing to permit unobstructed flow and uniform thickness of the grout.

9. Plumbness and alignment:

a. Every well shall be tested for plumbness and alignment;

b. The test method shall be clearly stated in specifications; and

  c. Excessive kinks and bends shall not be acceptable.

10. Watertight welded metal plates, set screw caps, or screw-on caps are acceptable for temporarily capping a well until the pumping equipment is installed.

11. Bacteriological quality:

a. Every new, modified, or reconditioned groundwater source shall be disinfected after placement of the final pumping equipment; and

b. A series of nine consecutive negative samples for bacteriological examination or a series of 20 or more samples for most probable number (MPN) examination is required.

12. Samples for chemical, physical and radiological analyses shall be submitted on every new, modified, or reconditioned well. The sample must be collected near the end of the pumping test and after the well water has cleared.
13. Observation wells:
   a. Shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements for permanent wells if they are to remain in service after completion of the groundwater study; and
   b. Shall be protected at the upper terminal to preclude entrance of contamination.

14. Well abandonment:
   a. Observation wells and groundwater sources which are not in use shall be sealed by methods which will restore the controlling geological conditions which existed before they were constructed;
   b. Temporary abandonment.
      (1) Any water well temporarily removed from service, or completed but not put into service, shall be sealed with a watertight cap or well-head seal.
      (2) Such well shall be so maintained that it will not be a source or channel of contamination during temporary abandonment; and
   c. Permanent abandonment.
      (1) All casing and screen materials may be salvaged.
      (2) The well shall be checked from land surface to the entire depth of the well before it is plugged to ascertain freedom from obstructions that may interfere with plugging (sealing) operations.
      (3) The well shall be thoroughly chlorinated prior to plugging (sealing).
      (4) Bored wells shall be completely filled with cement grout or dry clay compacted in place.
      (5) Wells constructed in unconsolidated formations shall be completely filled with cement grout or clay slurry by introduction through a pipe initially extending to the bottom of the well. Such pipe shall be raised, but remain submerged in grout, as the well is filled.
      (6) Wells constructed in consolidated rock formations or which penetrate zones of consolidated rock may be filled with sand or gravel opposite the zones of consolidated rock. The top of the sand or gravel fill shall be at least five feet below the top of the consolidated rock. The remainder of the well shall be filled with sand-cement grout only.

15. All zones containing water of undesirable quality or zones to be protected but excluded from final well completion shall be grouted from a point at least five feet above the zone to a point at least five feet below the zone.

C. Special requirements for various groundwater sources:

1. Gravel packed wells:
   a. The gravel utilized shall be free of foreign material, properly sized, washed, and then disinfected prior to or during placement;
   b. The gravel refill pipes, when used, shall be incorporated within the pump foundation or concrete apron and terminated with screwed or welded caps at least 12 inches above the pumphouse floor or concrete apron;
   c. Gravel refill pipes in the grouted annular opening shall be surrounded by a minimum of 1 ½ inches of grout.
   d. Means for the prevention of leakage of grout into the gravel pack of the screen shall be provided; and
   e. The minimum protective casing and grouted depth shall be acceptable to the division.
2. Radial water collectors will be considered on an individual basis by the division.

3. Multiple aquifer wells. The annular space between producing aquifers should be grouted to prevent the mixing of waters of different qualities (see subdivision B 15). An approved bentonite material specifically manufactured as a grout may be considered.

4. Flowing artesian wells will be considered on an individual basis by the division.

5. Springs:
   a. Springs may be considered only when it is not possible to develop an acceptable well or other source;
   b. Springs may be approved only after an extensive sanitary survey and bacteriological, turbidity, chemical, and flow data over a time period sufficient to establish year-round quality and quantity. The amount of land required for protection of the spring shall be determined by the division on a case-by-case basis;
   c. Springs shall be considered as surface water sources if they are influenced by surface conditions. Indicators of such influence include turbidity, bacteriological, and chemical quality that varies with surface conditions;
   d. Springs shall be protected from entry of surface water;
   e. Springs shall be housed in a permanent structure; and
   f. Springs shall be continuously chlorinated.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-008.03 § 3.21, eff. August 1, 1991; amended, Virginia Register Volume 9, Issue 17, eff. June 23, 1993.

12VAC5-590-850. General.

The design of treatment processes and devices shall depend upon the evaluation of the nature and quality of the particular water to be treated and the desired quality of the finished water as set forth in Article 1 of Part II, Drinking Water Standards, and Article 2 of Part III, Source Development. All surface water shall receive treatment by chemical addition for coagulation, flocculation, clarification, filtration, and disinfection unless otherwise approved by the division. Some types of treatment processes may require presedimentation. Operation and maintenance manuals are required.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-860. Chemical application.

Only chemicals authorized in the construction permit or subsequently authorized by the division and in compliance with National Sanitation Foundation Standards 60 and 61 shall be used to treat drinking water or as an additive to drinking water.

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A. Plans and specifications shall be submitted for review and approval, as provided for in Part I, and shall include:

1. Descriptions of feed equipment, including maximum and minimum feed ranges;
2. Location of feeders, piping layout, and points of application;
3. Storage and handling facilities;
4. Specifications for chemicals to be used;
5. Operating and control procedures; and
6. Descriptions of testing equipment and procedures.

B. Chemicals shall be applied to the water at such points and by such means as to:

1. Assure maximum efficiency of treatment;
2. Provide maximum protection to the consumer;
3. Provide maximum safety to operators;
4. Assure satisfactory mixing of the chemicals with the water;
5. Provide maximum flexibility of operation through various points of application, when appropriate;
6. Prevent backflow or back-siphonage between multiple points of feed through common manifolds; and
7. Provide for the application of pH-affecting chemicals to the raw water prior to the addition of the coagulant in turbidity removal processes.

C. Feed equipment.

1. Where chemical feed is necessary for the treatment of the supply, such as chlorination, coagulation or other essential processes:
   a. A minimum of two feeders shall be provided; and
   b. A standby unit or combination of units of sufficient capacity shall be available to replace the largest unit during shutdowns.
2. Feeders shall be of such design and capacity to meet the following requirements:
   a. Feeders shall be able to supply at all times the necessary amounts of chemical at an accurate rate throughout the range of feed;
   b. Proportioning of chemical feed to the rate of flow shall be provided where the water flow is not constant;
   c. Positive displacement type solution feed pumps, or gravity feed through rotometers, shall be used to feed liquid chemicals, but should not normally be used to feed chemical slurries; and
   d. Chemical solutions shall be prevented from being siphoned into the water supply by:
      (1) Providing vacuum relief,
      (2) Providing a suitable air gap, or
      (3) Other approved devices or piping arrangements;
   e. The service water supply shall be protected from contamination by chemical solutions by:
      (1) Equipping the supply line with backflow or back-siphonage prevention devices or
      (2) Providing an air gap between supply line and solution tank;
f. Chemical contact materials and surfaces shall be resistant to the aggressiveness of the chemical solution;

g. Dry chemical feeders shall:

(1) Measure chemicals volumetrically or gravimetrically;
(2) Provide effective solution of the chemical in the solution pot;
(3) Preferably provide gravity feed from solution pots; and
(4) Completely enclose chemicals to prevent emission of dust to the operation room;

h. No direct connection may exist between any sewer and a drain or overflow from the feeder or solution chamber or tank; and

i. A separate chemical waste tank should be considered.

3. Chemical feed equipment:

a. Shall be located near points of application to minimize length of feed lines;

b. Shall be readily accessible for servicing and repair, and observation of operation; and

c. Shall be located and protective curbings provided so that chemicals from equipment failure, spillage or accidental drainage shall not enter the water in conduits or treatment or storage basins.

4. Control:

a. Feeders may be manually or automatically controlled with the automatic control reverting to manual control as necessary;

b. The feeders shall be manually started following shutdown, unless otherwise approved by the division; and

c. Automatic chemical dose or residual analyzers may be approved for use and shall provide alarms for critical values, and recording charts.

5. Solution tanks. All solution tanks shall be manufactured of materials suitable as a food contact surface:

a. Means shall be provided to maintain uniform strength of solution, consistent with the nature of the chemical solution. Continuous agitation is necessary to maintain slurries in suspension;

b. Two solution tanks of specific capacity may be required for a chemical to assure continuity of chemical application during servicing;

c. Each tank exceeding 30 gallons in capacity or fixed in place shall be provided with a drain.

(1) No direct connection between any tank or drain and a sewer shall be permitted.

(2) All drains shall terminate at least two pipe diameters, but not less than two inches, above the rim of the receiving sump, conduit, or waste receptacle;

d. Means shall be provided to indicate the solution level in the tank;

e. Make-up water shall enter the tank above the rim at a distance of two pipe diameters but not less than two inches;

f. Chemical solutions shall be kept covered.

(1) Polyphosphate solutions shall be disinfected by carrying a chlorine residual when added to unchlorinated water.

(2) Large tanks with access openings shall have such openings curbed and fitted with tight covers;

g. Subsurface locations for solution tanks shall:
(1) Be free from sources of possible contamination;
(2) Assure positive drainage for groundwaters, accumulated water, chemical spills, and overflows; and

h. Overflow pipes, when provided, shall:
   (1) Be turned downward, with end screened;
   (2) Have free discharge;
   (3) Be located where noticeable; and
   (4) Be directed so as not to contaminate the water or be a hazard to operating personnel.

6. Weighing scales:
   a. Shall be provided for weighing cylinders at all plants utilizing chlorine gas; for large plants, indicating and recording type are desirable;
   b. Shall be required for fluoride solution feed in conjunction with a loss of weight recorder;
   c. Should be required for volumetric dry chemical feeders; and
   d. Shall be accurate to measure increments of 0.5% of load.

7. Feed lines:
   a. Shall be as short as possible in length of run and be:
      (1) Of durable, corrosion resistant material;
      (2) Easily accessible throughout entire length;
      (3) Protected against freezing; and
      (4) Readily cleanable.
   b. Shall slope upward from chemical source to feeder, when conveying gases;
   c. Shall introduce corrosive chemicals in such manner as to minimize potential for corrosion;
   d. Shall be designed consistent with scale forming solids depositing properties of the water, chemical solution, or mixture conveyed;
   e. Shall not carry chlorine gas beyond the chlorine feeder room unless the chlorine is under vacuum; and
   f. Shall be designed so that liquid alum does not mix with water prior to the point of application.

8. Service water supply:
   a. Water used for dissolving dry chemicals, diluting liquid chemicals, or operating chemical feeders shall be:
      (1) Only from a safe, approved source;
      (2) Protected from contamination by appropriate means;
      (3) Ample in supply and adequate in pressure;
      (4) Provided with means for measurement when preparing specific solution concentrations by dilution; and
      (5) Properly treated for hardness when necessary.
   b. Where a booster pump is required, duplicate equipment shall be provided and, when necessary, standby power.
   c. Backflow prevention shall be achieved by appropriate means such as:
(1) An air gap between fill pipe and overflow rim of solution or dissolving tank equivalent to two pipe diameters but not less than two inches;

(2) An approved reduced pressure zone backflow preventer, consistent with the degree of hazard, aggressiveness of chemical solution, back pressure sustained, and available means for maintaining and testing the device; or

(3) A satisfactory vacuum relief device.

D. Chemicals.

1. Quality.

   a. Chemical containers shall be fully labeled to include:

      (1) Chemical name, purity and concentration;

      (2) Supplier name and address;

      (3) Precautions in handling; and


   b. Chemicals shall meet American Water Works Association standards, where applicable, and be stamped or certified accordingly.

   c. Provisions may be required for assay of the chemicals delivered where the quality is in doubt.

   d. Chemicals having a distinguishing color may be used, providing the coloring material is not toxic in concentrations used and will not impart taste, odor, or color to the water supply.

2. Storage.

   a. Space shall be provided where at least 30 days of chemical supply can be stored in dry storage conditions at a location that is convenient for efficient handling unless local suppliers and conditions indicate lesser storage is adequate.

   b. Cylinders of chlorine gas shall be:

      (1) Isolated from operating areas;

      (2) Restrained in position to prevent upset; and

      (3) Stored in rooms separate from ammonia storage.

   c. Liquid chemical storage tanks shall:

      (1) Have a liquid level indicator; and

      (2) Have an overflow and a receiving basin or drain capable of receiving accidental spills or overflows.

   d. Special precautions shall be taken with:

      (1) Sodium chlorite, to eliminate any danger of explosion; and

      (2) Activated carbon, which is a potentially combustible material, requiring isolated, fireproof storage and explosion proof electrical outlets, lights, and motors in areas of dry handling.

   e. Chemicals shall be stored in covered or unopened shipping containers, unless the chemical is transferred into an approved covered storage unit.
f. Solution storage or day tanks supplying feeders directly should have sufficient capacity for one day of operation.
g. Acid storage tanks shall be vented to the outside atmosphere, but not through vents in common with day tanks.

3. Handling.
   a. Provisions shall be made for measuring quantities of chemicals used to prepare feed solutions.
   b. Storage tanks and pipelines for liquid chemicals shall be specific to the chemicals and not for alternates.
   c. Chemicals that are incompatible shall not be fed, stored, or handled together.
   d. Provisions shall be made for the proper transfer of dry chemicals from shipping containers to storage bins or hoppers in such a way as to minimize the quantity of dust which may enter the room in which the equipment is installed. Control shall be provided by use of:
      (1) Vacuum pneumatic equipment or closed conveyor systems;
      (2) Facilities for emptying shipping containers in special enclosures; or
      (3) Exhaust fans and dust filters which put the hoppers or bins under negative pressure.
   e. Precautions shall be taken with electrical equipment to prevent explosions, particularly in the use of sodium chlorite and activated carbon.
   f. Acids shall:
      (1) Be kept in closed, acid resistant shipping containers or storage units; and
      (2) Not be handled in open vessels, but should be pumped in undiluted form from original containers, through suitable hose, to the point of treatment or to a covered day tank.
   g. Carts, elevators, and other appropriate means shall be provided for lifting chemical containers to minimize excessive lifting by operators.
   h. Provisions shall be made for disposing of empty containers by an approved procedure which will minimize exposure to the chemical.

E. Housing.
   1. Structures, rooms, and areas accommodating chemical feed equipment shall provide convenient access for servicing, repair, and observation of operation.
   2. Floor surfaces shall be smooth and impervious, slip-proof and well drained with a slope of \( \frac{1}{8} \) inch per foot, minimum.
   3. Open basins, tanks, and conduits shall be protected from chemical spills or accidental drainage.

F. Operator safety.
   1. Gases from feeders, storage, and equipment exhausts shall be conveyed to the outside atmosphere, above grade and remote from air intakes.
   2. See 12VAC5-590-1000 for special provisions for handling and storing chlorine.
   3. A plastic bottle of hydrochloric acid (muriatic acid in commercial form) shall be available for ammonia leak detection where ammonia gas is used or stored.
   4. At least one pair of rubber gloves with long gauntlets, a dust respirator of a type approved by the Virginia Occupational Safety
and Health Standards for General Industry, Section 1910.134 for toxic dusts, and an apron or other protective clothing shall be provided for each operator in any shift who will handle dry chemicals.

5. Rubber gloves, clothing protection, and goggles shall be provided for each operator preparing chemical solutions.

6. Facilities shall be provided for washing of the face, gloves, and protective equipment.

7. See 12VAC5-590-1000 E.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-870. Mixing and sedimentation.

A. Plants designed for processing surface waters shall:

1. Provide multiple units for coagulation, flocculation, and sedimentation at plants having a rated capacity greater than 100 gallons per minute;

2. Permit operation of flocculation basins in series or parallel;

3. Be constructed to permit units to be taken out of service without disrupting operation; and

4. Provide multiple stage treatment facilities when required by the division.

B. Water containing high turbidity or coliform organisms may require pretreatment, usually sedimentation, either with or without the addition of chemicals. When pretreatment is used, the following requirements must be met:

1. Presedimentation basins utilizing a coagulant shall have hoppered bottoms or shall be equipped with continuous sludge removal apparatus;

2. Incoming water shall be dispersed across the full width of the line of travel as quickly as possible; short circuiting must be prevented;

3. Provisions for bypassing sedimentation basins shall be included; and

4. Three hours detention is the minimum period required. Greater detention may be required depending on raw water quality.

C. Flash mixing is the rapid dispersion of chemicals throughout the water to be treated, usually by violent agitation, to enhance coagulation.

1. Turbidity removal plants other than those of the solids contact type shall provide flash mixing facilities.

2. Basins shall be equipped with mechanical mixing devices; other arrangements, such as baffling, may be acceptable only under special conditions. Where mechanical mixing devices are utilized, duplicate units or spare mixing equipment shall be provided.

3. Design parameters:

   a. The detention period shall not be less than 10 seconds;

   b. The design of the flash mixing unit should be based upon the mean temporal velocity gradient G (expressed as units of seconds\(^{-1}\)). Typical values for G and T are:
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For optimization, the engineer should determine the appropriate G value and detention time through experimentation;

c. The point of application of the coagulant shall be at the point of maximum mixing intensity;
d. The physical configuration of the mixing basin shall be designed to eliminate vortexing; and
e. Flash mix units should be designed to allow speed variation throughout at a range of one to three.

4. Properly designed static mixers may be utilized.

D. Flocculation mixing is the agitation of treated water at low velocity gradients for sufficient time to agglomerate coagulated particles.

1. Basin inlet and outlet design shall prevent short circuiting and destruction of floc. A drain and overflow shall be provided. Multiple units shall be provided for continuous operability and each basin shall be designed so that individual basins may be isolated without disrupting plant operation.

2. Design parameters:
   a. The minimum detention time shall be 30 minutes;
   b. The design of the flocculation units shall be based upon the value of GT (mean temporal velocity gradient in seconds\(^1\)) X (detention time in seconds) which is ordinarily in the range of 20,000 to 200,000. The engineer should establish the value of GT through experimentation;
   c. Variable speed drive units shall be designed to provide speed variations throughout a range of four to one;
   d. To control short circuiting in mechanical flocculators, at least three successive compartments should be provided. In addition, special attention should be given to the ports between compartments to further suppress short circuiting;
   e. To accomplish maximum power input and reduce particle shearing, tapered flocculation should be provided;
   f. In basins utilizing vertical shaft flocculators, wing walls, or stators shall be provided to prevent vortexing; and
   g. The flocculation basins must be so designed that individual basins may be isolated without disrupting plant operation.

3. Flocculation and sedimentation basins shall be as close together as possible. The velocity gradient of the flocculated water through pipes or conduits to settling basins shall not be greater than the velocity gradient utilized in flocculating the water. Where velocity gradient is not used as a design parameter, the linear velocity in pipes and conduits from the flocculators to the settling basin shall not exceed 0.5 feet per second. Allowances must be made to minimize turbulence at bends and changes in direction.

4. Baffling may be used to provide for flocculation in small plants only after consultation with the division. The design should be such that the velocity gradients noted above may be maintained. Turbidity removal plants other than solids contact shall provide flocculation basins.

5. Safety. Guard rails and adequate lighting shall be provided.

E. Sedimentation shall follow flocculation/mixing. The detention time for effective clarification is dependent upon a number of factors relating to basin design and the nature of the raw water. The number of basins required is dependent upon the plant size, turbidity,
color, colloidal matter, and taste and odor causing compounds to be removed.

1. Plants utilizing rapid rate gravity filters in conjunction with conventional sedimentation shall provide a minimum of four hours effective settling (detention) time. Effective settling time shall be calculated using the volume of the basins from the stilling wall to the submerged effluent orifice or weir.

2. Inlets shall be designed to distribute the water equally and at uniform velocities. Open ports, submerged ports, stilling walls, and similar entrance arrangements are required. Where stilling walls are not provided, a baffle shall be constructed across the basin close to the inlet and shall project several feet below the water surface to dissipate inlet velocities and provide uniform flows across the basin.

3. Outlet devices shall be designed to maintain velocities suitable for settling in the basin and to minimize short circuiting. The use of submerged orifices or submerged weirs is required. The maximum velocity gradient in pipes and conduits from the settling basins to the filters shall not exceed that used in flocculation. Where velocity gradient is not used as a parameter the linear velocity in pipes and conduits from settling basins shall not exceed 1.0 foot per second.

4. Rectangular sedimentation basins should be designed with a length to width ratio of at least four to one. Surface overflow rates should be within the range of 0.25 to 0.38 gallons per minute per square foot in processes utilizing flocculation, the lower limit being utilized for cold waters and the higher limit being applied to warm waters.

5. The circular clarifiers of the center feed, peripheral feed, and spiral flow type will be considered on an individual basis.

6. Basins shall be provided with a means for dewatering. Basin bottoms shall slope toward the drain not less than one foot in twelve feet unless mechanical sludge collection equipment is provided.

7. Superstructures are acceptable at specific plant locations where necessary. In areas where settling basins are subject to high and frequent cross winds, consideration should be given to the provision of windbreaks.

8. The velocity through settling basins shall not exceed 1.0 foot per minute. The basins shall be designed to minimize short circuiting. Baffles shall be provided as necessary to minimize short circuiting.

9. An overflow weir (or pipe) shall be installed which will establish the maximum water level desired on top of the filters. It shall discharge with a free fall at a location where the discharge will be noted.

10. Permanent ladders or handholds shall be provided for safety on the inside walls of basins above the water level. Guard rails shall be included. Flushing lines or hydrants shall not include interconnection of the potable water with nonpotable water.

11. For plants having a capacity of 100 gallons per minute or more, multiple basins are required and shall be so designed that individual basins may be isolated without disrupting plant operation.

12. Mechanical sludge collecting equipment shall be considered for all plants with a capacity of 100 gallons per minute or more.

13. Facilities are required by the State Water Control Board for disposal of sludge (see 12VAC5-590-990). Provision shall be made for the operator to observe or sample sludge being withdrawn from unit.

F. Units that combine softening and clarification are acceptable where water characteristics are not variable and flow rates are uniform. Before solids contact units are considered as clarifiers without softening, specific approval of the division shall be obtained. Clarifiers shall be designed for the maximum uniform rate and shall be adjustable to changes in flow which are less than the design rate and for changes in water characteristics. A minimum of two units is required.
1. A representative of the manufacturer shall supervise the installation and initial operation of each unit.

2. The following equipment shall be provided for plant operation.
   a. Complete outfit of tools and accessories; and
   b. Adequate piping with suitable sampling taps so located as to permit the collection of samples of water from critical portions of the units.

3. Chemical feed requirements are those listed in 12VAC5-590-860.

4. Mixing devices shall be constructed to:
   a. Provide good mixing of the raw water with previously formed sludge particles; and
   b. Prevent deposition of solids in the mixing zone.

5. Flocculation equipment:
   a. Shall be adjustable;
   b. Shall insure that coagulation occurs in a separate chamber or baffled zone within the unit; and
   c. Shall provide a flocculation and mixing period of at least 30 minutes.

6. The sludge equipment shall provide either internal or external sludge concentrators in order to obtain a concentrated sludge with a minimum of waste water.

7. Sludge removal design shall provide that:
   a. Sludge pipes shall be not less than three inches in diameter and so arranged as to facilitate cleaning;
   b. Entrance to sludge withdrawal piping will prevent clogging;
   c. Valves are located outside the tank for accessibility;
   d. The operator may observe or sample sludge being withdrawn from the unit; and
   e. A timeclock with proportional timer shall be provided for automatic blowoff.

8. Cross connections:
   a. Blowoff outlets and drains shall terminate and discharge at a place satisfactory to the division; and
   b. Cross connection control shall be included for the potable water mains used to backflush sludge lines.

9. The detention time shall be established on basis of the raw water characteristics and other local conditions that affect the operation of the unit. Based on design flow rates, the minimum detention time shall be:
   a. Two hours for suspended solids contact clarifiers; and
   b. One hour for the suspended solids contact softeners.

10. Softening units should be designed so that continuous slurry concentrates of 1.0% or more, by weight, can be satisfactorily maintained.

11. Water losses:
   a. Solids contact units shall be provided with suitable controls for sludge withdrawal;
   b. Total water losses should not exceed:
      (1) Five percent for clarifiers; and
(2) Three percent for softening units; and

c. The solids concentration of sludges bled to waste should be:

(1) Three percent by weight for clarifiers,

(2) Five percent by weight for softeners.

12. Units used as clarifiers should be equipped with orifices. Units used for softening should be equipped with either overflow weirs or orifices. Weirs shall be:

a. Adjustable;

b. At least equivalent in length to the perimeter of the tank; and

c. Constructed so that surface water does not travel over 10 feet horizontally to the collection trough.

13. Weir loading:

a. Weir loading shall not exceed 20 gallons per minute per foot of weir length for units used as softeners; and

b. Orifices shall produce uniform rising rates over the entire area of the tank and shall provide for an exit velocity not to exceed 1.0 foot per second.

14. Upflow rates shall not:

a. Exceed 1.75 gpm/ft² of area at the slurry separation line for units used as softeners; or

b. Exceed 1.0 gpm/ft² of area at the sludge separation line for units used as clarifiers.

15. Consideration shall be given to providing a superstructure to enclose the solids contact unit, to enhance the treatment process, and for the protection of piping and associated sampling valves.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-880. Filtration.

A. Rapid rate gravity filters acceptable for the treatment of water from surface water sources or groundwater sources under the direct influence of surface water.

1. Pretreatment is required where rapid rate gravity filters are utilized. Pretreatment shall include but not be limited to disinfection, coagulation, flocculation, and sedimentation.

2. At least two filtering units shall be provided at plants having a rated capacity of more than 100 gpm and less than 2 MGD. The total number of filters necessary at plants having a rated capacity equal to or greater than 2 MGD may be estimated utilizing the following formula:

\[ N = 2.7 \times (Q)^{0.5} \]

(Formula as per Morrell and Wallace from Hardenbergh and Rodie's "WATER SUPPLY AND WASTE DISPOSAL 1960").

Where N equals number of filter units and Q equals plant capacity in million gallons per day.

3. The design rate of filtration shall be two gallons per minute per square foot of filter area.

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4. The filter structure shall be so designed as to comply with the following requirements:
   a. The walls within the filter shall be vertical;
   b. The filter walls shall not protrude into the filter media;
   c. The filter shall be covered by a superstructure if determined necessary under local climatic conditions;
   d. There shall be head room to permit normal inspection and operation;
   e. The filter shall have a minimum depth of 8½ feet as measured from the normal operating water surface to the bottom of the underdrainage system;
   f. A minimum water depth of three feet as measured from the normal operating water surface to the surface of the filter sand;
   g. There shall be a water seal on the effluent line to prevent backflow of air to the filters;
   h. A curb at least four inches high shall surround each filter to prevent floor drainage into the filter;
   i. A hand rail shall enclose each filter or filter bank;
   j. The maximum velocity gradient of treated water in pipes and conduits to the filters shall not exceed that used in flocculation. Where velocity gradient is not used as a parameter, the linear velocity in pipes and conduits from settling basins to filters shall not exceed 1.0 foot per second;
   k. Influent pipes or conduits where solids loading is heavy, or following lime soda softening, shall be straight and equipped with cleanouts.
   l. Washwater drain capacity shall be sufficient to carry the maximum flow;
   m. Access in the form of walkways not less than 24 inches in width shall be provided to each filter; and
   n. The normal operating water surface on a filter shall be at the same hydraulic grade level as the sedimentation basin.

5. Washwater troughs shall be so designed as to provide:
   a. Bottom elevation of the trough above the maximum level of expanded media during washing;
   b. A top elevation of the trough above the filter surface, not to exceed 30 inches;
   c. A two inch freeboard at the maximum rate of wash;
   d. A level top or edge;
   e. Spacing so that each trough serves the same number of square feet of filter area; and
   f. Maximum horizontal travel of suspended particles to reach trough not to exceed three feet.

6. Filter material.
   a. Sand--A sieve analysis shall be provided by the design engineer. The media shall be clean silica sand having:
      (1) A depth of not less than 27 inches and generally not more than 30 inches after cleaning and scraping; and
      (2) An effective size of from 0.35mm to 0.5mm, depending upon the quality of the raw water and a uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.6.
   b. Supporting media for the filter sand--A sieve analysis shall be provided by the design engineer. A three-inch layer of torpedo sand shall be used as a supporting media for the filter sand; such torpedo sand shall have:
      (1) An effective size of 0.8mm to 2.0mm; and
(2) A uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.7.

c. Anthracite-A sieve analysis shall be provided by the design engineer. Clean crushed anthracite or a combination of sand and anthracite may be considered on the basis of data specific to the project; this media shall have:

(1) An effective size from 0.45mm to 0.8mm; and

(2) A uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.7.

d. Gravel, when used as the supporting media, shall consist of hard, rounded particles and shall not include flat or elongated particles. The coarsest gravel shall be 2 ½ inches in size when the gravel rests directly on the strainer system, and must extend above the top of the perforated laterals or strainer nozzles. Not less than four layers of gravel shall be provided in accordance with the following size and depth distribution:

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Reduction of gravel depths may be considered upon application to the division where proprietary filter bottoms are proposed.


7. Porous plate bottoms shall not be used where iron or manganese may clog them or with waters softened by lime. The design of manifold type collection systems shall be such as to:

a. Minimize loss of head in the manifold and laterals;

b. Assure even distribution of washwater and an even rate of filtration over the entire area of the filter;

c. Provide a ratio of the area of the final openings of the strainer systems to the area of the filter of about 0.003;

d. Provide a total cross sectional area of the laterals at about twice the total area at the final openings; and

e. Provide a manifold which has a cross sectional area which is 1 ½ to two times the total area of the laterals.

8. Surface wash facilities are required. Revolving type surface washers shall be provided; however, other types may be considered. All rotary surface wash devices shall be designed with:

a. Provisions for water pressures of 45 to 100 psi;

b. A vacuum breaker or other device to prevent backsiphonage;

c. Provisions for adequate surface wash water to provide 0.5 to one gallon per minute per square foot of filter area; and

d. Air washing may be considered.

9. The following shall be provided for every filter:

a. A sampling tap shall be placed between the filter and the effluent rate of flow controller and shall be equipped with an auxiliary spigot at the point of connection to the effluent line;

b. Indicating and recording loss of head gauges shall be required on all filters having a capacity of greater than 100 gallons per minute. An indicating loss of head gauge shall be required on all filters having a capacity of 100 gallons per minute or
c. Indicating and recording rate of flow gauges shall be required on all filters having a capacity of greater than 100 gallons per minute. An indicating and totalizing water meter may be used in lieu of an indicating and recording gauge on filters having a capacity of 100 gallons per minute or less;

d. Effluent rate of flow controllers of the direct acting, indirect acting, constant rate, or declining rate types shall be required on each filter. All control devices used must incorporate an auxiliary shutoff valve in the filter effluent line. Indirect and direct acting effluent rate of flow control devices shall start operation from the closed position; Failure of indirect acting controllers shall not result in any increase in the rate of flow, at the time of failure;

e. Provisions for draining the filter to waste (rewash) with appropriate measure for backflow prevention are required;

f. Hose bibb, hose, and suitable rack for storage of hoses are required; and

g. Indicating and recording turbidimeters on filter effluent with automatic high turbidity alarm are required at all plants having a capacity of 10 MGD or more.

10. Provisions shall be made for washing filters (backwashing) as follows:

a. A minimum rate of 15 gallons per square foot per minute, consistent with water temperatures and specific gravity of the filter media; a rate of 20 gallons per square foot per minute or more is recommended to provide for adequate expansion of the filter media;

b. Filtered water shall be provided at the required rate by washwater tanks, a washwater pump, from the high service main, or a combination of these;

c. Washwater pumps shall be in duplicate unless an alternate means of obtaining washwater is available;

d. The volume of washwater shall provide for not less than 15 minutes wash of one filter at the design rate of wash;

e. A washwater controller or valve shall be provided on the main washwater line to obtain the desired rate of filter wash with the washwater valves on the individual filters open wide;

f. The rate of flow indicator on the main washwater line shall be located so that it can be easily read by the operator during the washing process; and

g. Where backwash pumps are provided, a means for air release must be provided between the backwash pump and the washwater valve.

11. Miscellaneous:

a. Roof drains shall not discharge into the filter or basins and conduits preceding the filters;

b. Provisions must be made for continuous operation of all other filtering units while one filtering unit is out of operation; and

c. Automatic startup of filtering units is prohibited.

B. High rate gravity filters are acceptable for the treatment of water from surface water sources or groundwater sources under the direct influence of surface water. See 12VAC5-590-890 for design requirements.

C. Slow sand gravity filters are acceptable for the treatment of water from certain surface water sources or certain groundwater sources under the direct influence of surface water.

1. Source restrictions. Raw water quality for application to a slow sand filter without pretreatment shall meet the following
requirements:

a. Not exceed a turbidity level of 5 NTU monthly average or 30 NTU peak day over a one year period;

b. Not exceed 800 total coliforms in 80% of a minimum of 50 samples taken over a minimum of a 52 week period;

c. Not exceed an apparent color level of 15 CU monthly average over a one year period; and

d. Groundwater sources under the direct influence of surface water shall pilot test to determine if the water contains sufficient nutrients for slow sand filtration to be a viable option.

2. Pretreatment. Raw waters that cannot meet the criteria listed in 12VAC5-590-880 C 1 a through c shall be treated to that quality prior to application to a slow sand gravity filter.

a. Presedimentation may be an appropriate pretreatment depending on the size and specific gravity of the turbidity particles.

b. Coarse media filtration of either a horizontal or vertical flow configuration may be appropriate for reducing levels of smaller size particles. Normally such roughing filters would be designed to accommodate periodic media removal, cleaning, and replacement.

c. Chemical flocculation and coagulation is normally not appropriate pretreatment for slow sand gravity filters.

d. Preoxidation is normally not appropriate pretreatment for slow sand gravity filters.

3. Number of filters. At least two filters shall be provided. In all cases the filters shall be capable of meeting the design maximum daily water demand with one filter out of service.

4. Filter media. Sand shall be clean silica sand that meets the following criteria:

a. The effective size shall be between 0.15 mm and 0.35 mm.

b. The uniformity coefficient shall not exceed 2.5.

c. The sand depth shall not exceed 55 inches. A minimum depth of 30 inches is required for normal operation.

5. Supporting media. Gravel shall meet the requirements of 12VAC5-590-880 A 6 d.


a. Sufficient head room shall be provided for normal movement on the filter by operating personnel for periodic sand removal operations.

b. Adequate manholes and access ports shall be provided for moving sand off and onto the filter.

c. There shall be no common wall between finished water and any lesser quality water.

d. Consideration should be given to providing facilities for dirty sand storage and washing, as well as for clean sand storage.

e. All slow sand filters should be covered.

7. Hydraulic design.

a. Filter to waste shall be provided for all slow sand filters.

b. Water entering the filter shall be distributed in a manner such that the surface of the filter shall not be disturbed in any way.

c. The nominal rate of filtration may range from 45 to 150 gpd/ft² (0.031 to 0.10gpm/ft²) of sand area.

d. The minimum depth of water over the filters shall be three feet. The maximum depth of water over the filters shall not exceed five feet. An overflow capable of handling the maximum flow to the filter shall be provided at the maximum filter water
level.

e. Underdrains shall be provided to assure an even rate of filtration across the filter surface. The maximum velocity of water in the lateral underdrains shall be 1.0 ft/sec. The underdrain spacing shall not exceed 12 feet.

f. Each filter shall be capable of being filled with water from the bottom up.

g. Each filter shall be equipped with a loss-of-head guage; a rate-of-flow control device such as an orifice, weir, or butterfly valve; a weir or effluent pipe designed to assure that the water level over the filter never drops below the sand surface; and filtered water sample taps.

8. Performance report. At the conclusion of at least 12 months but no more than 18 months operation of the full scale plant an engineering report shall be submitted to the division that summarizes operating conditions and establishes optimum filter curing time, optimum filter run times, raw and finished water bacteriological and turbidity data, and any other pertinent factors.

D. Diatomaceous earth filtration is essentially a straining process. The use of these filters is acceptable for application to surface waters or groundwaters under the direct influence of surface water with low turbidity and low bacterial contamination, and may be used for iron removal for groundwaters.

1. Source restrictions. Raw water quality for application to a diatomaceous earth filter without pretreatment shall meet the following requirements:

   a. Bacteria shall not exceed 50 total coliforms in any sample.
   b. Color shall not exceed 15 apparent CU units in any sample.
   c. Turbidity shall not exceed 5 NTU in any sample.

2. Pretreatment. If the raw water can be treated to meet the above source restrictions diatomaceous earth filtration may be utilized.

3. Pilot plant study. Installation of a diatomaceous earth filtration system shall be preceded by a pilot plant study on the water to be treated.

   a. Conditions of the the study, such as duration, filter rates, head loss accumulation, slurry feed rates, turbidity removal, bacteria removal, and other relative information shall be approved by the division prior to the study.
   b. Satisfactory pilot plant results shall be obtained prior to submission of final construction plans and specifications.
   c. The pilot plant study shall demonstrate the ability of the system to meet applicable drinking water standards at all times.

4. Types of filters. Pressure or vacuum diatomaceous earth filtration units will be considered for approval.

5. Treated water storage. Treated water storage capacity in excess of normal requirements shall be provided to:

   a. Allow operation of the filters at a uniform rate during all conditions of system demand at or below the approved filtration rate, and
   b. Guarantee continuity of service during adverse raw water conditions without bypassing the system.

6. Number of units. At least two filtering units shall be provided at plants having a rated capacity of more than 100 gpm.

7. Precoat.

   a. Application. A uniform precoat shall be applied hydraulically to each septum by introducing a slurry to the tank influent line and employing a filter-to-waste or recirculation system.
b. Quantity. Diatomaceous earth in the amount of 0.2 lb/ft² of filter area or an amount sufficient to apply a minimum of \( \frac{1}{5} \) inch coating shall be used with recirculation.

8. Body feed. A body feed system to apply additional amounts of diatomaceous earth slurry during the filter run is required.

a. Quantity. Rate of body feed is dependent on raw water quality and characteristics and must be determined in the pilot plant study.

b. Adequate accessibility to the feed system and slurry lines is required.

c. Continuous mixing of the body feed slurry is required.

d. Consideration should be given to providing a coagulant coating (alum or suitable polymer) of the body feed.


a. Rate of filtration. The recommended nominal rate is 1.0 gpm/ft² of filter area and shall not exceed 1.5 gpm/ft². The filtration rate shall be controlled.

b. Head loss. The head loss shall not exceed 30 psi for pressure diatomaceous earth filters, or a vacuum of 15 inches of mercury for a vacuum system.

c. Recirculation. A recirculation or holding pump shall be employed to maintain differential pressure across the filter when the unit is not in operation in order to prevent the filter cake from dropping off the filter elements. A minimum recirculation rate of 0.1 gpm/ft² filter area shall be provided.

d. Septum or filter element. The filter elements shall be structurally capable of withstanding maximum pressure and velocity variations during filtration and backwash cycles, and shall be spaced such that no less than one inch is provided between elements or between any element and a wall. Means shall be provided to check the septum(s) for cleanliness or damage. Consideration should be given to providing septum assemblies where individual septums can be removed, cleaned, repaired, and replaced.

e. Inlet design. The filter influent shall be designed to prevent scour of the diatomaceous earth from the filter element.

10. Backwash. Provision shall be made for periodic backwashing of filter. A satisfactory method to thoroughly remove and dispose of spent filter cake shall be provided.

11. Appurtenances. The following shall be provided for every filter:

a. Sampling taps for raw and filtered water,

b. Loss of head or differential pressure gauge,

c. Rate-of-flow indicator, preferable with totalizer,

d. A throttling valve used to reduce rates below normal during adverse raw water conditions.

12. Monitoring. Turbidity monitoring is required for filter effluent. The monitoring may be done by recorder or daily periodic measurements.

E. Direct filtration.

1. General. Direct filtration refers to the filtration of high quality and seasonally consistent raw water without prior sedimentation. Design shall be preceded by a pilot study acceptable to the division. An in-plant demonstration study may be appropriate where a conventional treatment plant is to be converted to direct filtration.
2. Preliminary engineering report. A report shall be prepared and submitted to the division which included the following specific items, in addition to those listed in 12VAC5-590-200 C:

   a. Historical summary of meteorological conditions.

   b. Historical summary of raw water quality covering a period of at least one year with special reference to fluctuation in quality and possible sources of contamination. The following raw water parameters should be evaluated:

      (1) Apparent color

      (2) Turbidity

      (3) Bacterial concentration

      (4) Microscopic biological organisms

      (5) Temperature

      (6) Total solids

      (7) General inorganic and organic chemical characteristics

      (8) Additional parameters as required by the division.

   c. Description of the pilot plant study methods and work to be done.

3. The pilot plant or in-plant demonstration study shall be conducted over a sufficient time to treat all expected raw water conditions throughout the year. The pilot plant filter shall be of a similar type and operated in the same manner as proposed for full-scale operation. The following items, as a minimum, shall be addressed:

   a. Chemical mixing conditions including shear gradients and detention periods.

   b. Chemical feed rates.

   c. Use of various coagulant and filtration aids including polymers.

   d. Flocculation conditions and contact time necessary for optimum filtration for each coagulant proposed.

   e. Filtration rates.

   f. Filter gradation, types of media, and depth of media.

   g. Filter breakthrough conditions and backwash requirements.

4. Final engineering report. A final report including the engineer's design recommendation shall be prepared and submitted prior to the submission of plans and specifications.

5. Treatment facilities.

   a. Flash mixing and flocculation. The design shall be based on the results of the pilot plant or in-plant demonstration study and the requirements in 12VAC5-590-870 C and D.

   b. Filtration. Filters shall be dualmedia or multimedia gravity filters. The final design shall be based on the results of the pilot plant or in-plant demonstration study and the requirements in 12VAC5-590-890. Turbidity at the sand-coal interface of each filter shall be monitored by indicating and recording equipment.

6. Plant siting. The plant design should allow for the future installation of sedimentation basing.

F. Rapid rate pressure filters.
The use of these filters may be considered for iron and manganese and other clarification processes. Pressure filters shall not be used in the filtration of polluted water, water from surface water sources, groundwater under the direct influence of surface water, or following lime soda softening.

1. Minimum criteria relative to number, rate of filtration, structural details and hydraulics, filter media, etc. provided for rapid rate gravity filters also apply to pressure filters where appropriate.

2. The normal rate of filtration shall be 3 gpm/ft² of filter area.

3. The filters shall be designed to provide:
   a. Loss of head gauges on the inlet and outlet pipes of each filter;
   b. An easily readable meter or flow indicator on each battery of filters. A flow indicator is recommended for each filtering unit;
   c. Filtration and backwashing of each filter individually with an arrangement of piping as simple as possible to accomplish these purposes;
   d. Minimum sidewall shell height of five feet. A corresponding reduction in sidewall height is acceptable where proprietary bottoms permit reduction of the gravel depth;
   e. The top of the washwater collection trough to be at least 18 inches above the surface of sand;
   f. The underdrain system to collect efficiently the filtered water and to distribute the backwash water at a rate not less than 15 gpm/ft² of filter area;
   g. Location of flow indicators and controls that is easily readable while operating the control valves;
   h. Air release valve on the highest point of each filter;
   i. Accessible manhole to facilitate inspections and repairs;
   j. Means to observe the wastewater during backwashing; and
   k. Construction to prevent cross connection.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-890. High rate treatment processes.
A. General.

High rate treatment processes are characterized by:

1. Precise coagulation control;
2. Turbidity monitoring throughout the process;
3. pH monitoring throughout the process;
4. Reduced flocculation time;
5. Reduced sedimentation time;
6. Use of multimedia filters incorporating anthracite and silica or other types of filter materials; and
7. Filter rates greater than two gallons per minute per square foot of filter area and not exceeding four gallons per minute per square foot of filter area.

B. Instrumentation.

1. The coagulation process shall be controlled by:
   a. Zeta potential shall be measured by microelectrophoresis;
   b. Dual pilot filters shall be required. The pilot filter shall consist of a small filter (about six inches in diameter) containing the same type and depth of media as the plant filters, and which is operated in the same manner as the larger plant units except that the plant raw water after the treatment chemicals have been added rather than the coagulated and settled water is applied to the pilot filter. The pilot filter shall be equipped with recording turbidimeters on the effluent to measure the filterability of the water as reflected by turbidity monitoring. Departures from these standards using proprietary pilot filters may be considered;
   c. Streaming current monitor—a continuous sampling instrument which measures the electric current generated when water flows past suspended particles contained in the water; and
   d. In addition to one of the above devices, a multiple six-gang stirring machine for performing jar tests shall be provided.

2. Indicating and recording turbidity monitoring shall be provided for monitoring the turbidity of:
   a. The raw water;
   b. Settled water from each sedimentation basin;
   c. Filter effluent from each filter; and
   d. Finished water leaving the treatment plant.

3. Indicating and recording pH monitoring equipment shall be provided for monitoring:
   a. The raw water;
   b. The flash mix effluent; and
   c. The finished water leaving the treatment plant.

C. Unit processes.

1. Flash mix facilities shall conform with 12VAC5-590-870 C.

2. Flocculation design shall comply with 12VAC5-590-870 D, except the minimum detention time shall be 20 minutes.

3. Sedimentation design shall comply with 12VAC5-590-870 E, except the minimum effective detention time shall be three hours.

4. Filtration.
   a. The maximum rate of filtration shall not exceed four gallons per minute per square foot of filter area.
   b. Number of filter units. At least two units shall be provided at plants having a rated capacity less than two million gallons per day. The total number of filters necessary at plants having a rated capacity equal to or greater than two million gallons per day may be estimated using the following formula:

   \[ N = 1.35 \times Q^{0.5} \]
(Based upon the formula as per Morrell and Wallace from Hardenbergh and Rodie's "WATER SUPPLY AND WASTE DISPOSAL 1960" and modified for the high rate process).

Where N equals the number of filter units, Q equals the plant capacity in million gallons per day.

c. Filters incorporated in the high rate treatment process shall be of the dual media or multimedia type. The media shall consist of anthracite, silica sand, or other suitable filter materials. Both dual media and mixed media filters will be considered. Since filters media designs utilized in the high rate treatment process are generally proprietary in nature, no attempt will be made to set standards for the minimum filter media depth, the effective size and uniformity coefficient of the filter media, or the specific gravity. However, beds having a minimum total depth of 27 inches of filter media with a minimum of 10 inches of fine sand will be considered. Other proposals for high rate processes shall be considered individually by the division.

d. Structural details and hydraulics - see 12VAC5-590-880 A 4.

e. Washwater trough - see 12VAC5-590-880 A 5.

f. Filter bottoms and strainers - see 12VAC5-590-880 A 7.

g. Surface wash - see 12VAC5-590-880 A 8.

h. Appurtenances - see 12VAC5-590-880 A 9.

i. Backwash - see 12VAC5-590-880 A 10.

j. Miscellaneous - see 12VAC5-590-880 A 11.

5. Chemical application.

a. Suitable equipment for application of filter aids (polymers) to the influent of the filters shall be provided.

b. See 12VAC5-590-860.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-900. Softening.

Softening shall not be used as the sole treatment method for surface waters or bacteriologically contaminated groundwater. The softening process selected shall be based upon the mineral qualities of the raw water and the desired finished water quality in conjunction with requirements for disposal of sludge or brine water, cost of plant, cost of chemicals, and plant location.

A. Lime, excess lime, and excess lime soda processes.

The applicable design standards for mixing, flocculation, and sedimentation are the same for the lime, excess lime, and excess lime soda processes as for conventional clarification except that the minimum flash mix time is five minutes, flocculation time is 40 minutes, and settling time is two hours. Where softening is included as a treatment process in conjunction with clarification, the greater detention time criteria shall govern. For criteria pertaining to softening with solids contact units, see 12VAC5-590-870 F.

1. Mechanical sludge removal equipment shall be provided in the sedimentation basin.

2. Determinations shall be made of the CO₂ content of the raw water. When concentrations exceed 10 milligrams per liter, the economics of removal by aeration as opposed to removal with lime should be considered.
3. Equipment for stabilization of water softened by the excess lime and excess lime soda processes is required.

4. Staging shall be considered when the excess lime soda process is employed.

5. Provision shall be included for proper disposal of softening sludges.

6. The use of excess lime shall not be considered an acceptable substitution for chlorination.

B. Cation exchange process.

Iron, manganese, or a combination of the two, in the oxidized state or unoxidized state, should not exceed 0.3 milligrams per liter in the water as applied to the ion exchange material. Pretreatment shall be required when the content of iron, manganese, or a combination of the two, is one milligram per liter or more.

1. The units may be of pressure or gravity type, or either an upflow or downflow design, using automatic or manual regeneration. Automatic regeneration is suggested for small plants.

2. The design capacity for hardness removal should not exceed 20,000 grains per cubic foot when resin is regenerated with 0.3 pounds of salt per kilogram of hardness removed.

3. The depth of the exchange material should not be less than three feet.

4. The rate of softening should not exceed seven gallons per square foot per minute and the backwash rate should be six to eight gallons per square foot per minute.

5. The freeboard shall depend upon the specific gravity of the media and the direction of the water flow.

6. The bottoms, strainer systems and support for the exchange material shall conform to criteria provided for rapid rate gravity filters.

7. Facilities shall be included for even distribution of brine over the entire surface of both upflow and downflow units. Backwash, rinse and air relief discharge pipes shall be installed in such a manner as to prevent any possibility of backspihonage.

8. A bypass shall be provided around softening units to produce a blended water of desirable hardness. Meters shall be installed to measure total water delivered to the system and on each softener unit. An automatic proportioning or regulating device and shutoff valve should be provided on the bypass line. In some installations it may be necessary to treat the bypassed water to obtain acceptable levels of iron and manganese in the finished water.

9. Waters having five units or more turbidity shall not be applied directly to the cation exchange softener. Silica gel materials should be used for water having a pH above 8.4 and should not be used when iron is present. When the applied water contains a chlorine residual, the cation exchange material shall be a type that is not damaged by residual chlorine. Phenolic resin shall not be used.

10. Smooth nose sampling taps shall be provided for the collection of representative samples for both bacteriological and chemical analyses. The taps shall be located to provide for sampling of the softener influent, softener effluent, and the blended water. The sampling taps for the blended water shall be at least 20 feet downstream from the point of blending.

11. Brine measuring or salt dissolving tanks and wet salt storage facilities shall be covered. The makeup water inlet shall have a free fall discharge of two pipe diameters but not less than two inches above the maximum liquid level of the unit or be protected from backspihonage. Water for filling the tank should be distributed over the entire surface by pipes above the maximum brine level in the tank. The salt shall be supported on graduated layers of gravel under which is a suitable means of collecting the...
brine. Wet salt storage basins must be equipped with manhole or hatchway openings having raised curbs and watertight covers having overhanging edges similar to those required for finished water reservoirs. Overflows, where provided, shall be turned down, have a proper free fall discharge and be protected with noncorrodible screens or self-closing flap valves.

12. Wet salt storage basins shall have sufficient capacity to store at least 30 days operating supply.

13. Stabilization for corrosion control shall be provided.

14. Suitable disposal must be provided for brine waste.

15. Pipes and contact materials shall be resistant to the aggressiveness of salt.

16. Salt storage tanks and feed equipment should be enclosed and separated from other operating areas in order to prevent damage to equipment.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-009.06 § 3.27, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-910. Aeration. (Also see 12VAC5-590-970.)

Aeratation treatment devices as described herein may be used for oxidation, separation of gases or for taste and odor control.

A. Natural draft aeration.

The design of natural draft aeration shall provide the following:

1. The water shall be distributed uniformly onto the top tray;

2. The water shall be discharged through a series of three or more trays with the separation of trays not less than six inches;

3. The trays shall be loaded at a rate ranging from one gallon per minute to five gallons per minute for each square foot of total tray area;

4. The trays shall have slotted, woven wire cloth, or perforated bottoms;

5. The perforations shall be $\frac{3}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and spaced one to three inches on centers when perforations are used;

6. Eight to 12 inches of inert media shall be used, such as coke or limestone which shall be two to six inches in size, and will not readily disintegrate due to freezing cycles;

7. The aerated water shall receive disinfection treatment; and

8. The trays shall be designed using materials resisting deterioration with consideration being given to corrosion, slime, and algae control.

B. Forced or induced draft aeration devices shall be designed to:

1. Provide an adequate liquid distribution and countercurrent of air through the enclosed aeration column;

2. Be insectproof and lightproof;

3. Be such that air introduced into column shall be screened through insect proof screen and be as free of dust as possible;

4. Ensure that water outlet is adequately sealed to prevent unwanted loss of air; and

5. Ensure that the sections of the aerator can be easily reached and removed for maintenance.
C. Pressure aeration may be used for oxidation purposes if a pilot plant study indicates the method is applicable; it is not acceptable for removal of dissolved gases. Filters following pressure aeration shall have adequate exhaust devices for release of air. Pressure aeration devices shall be designed to:

1. Give thorough mixing of compressed air with the water being treated; and

2. Provide screened and filtered air, free of obnoxious fumes, dust, dirt, and other contaminants.

D. Other methods of aeration may be used if applicable to the treatment needs. Such methods include, but are not restricted to, spraying, diffused air, and mechanical aeration. The treatment processes shall be designed to meet the particular needs of the water to be treated and are subject to the approval of the division.

E. Aerators that discharge through the atmosphere should be protected from wind by being placed in a louvered enclosure designed to provide easy access to the interior.

F. Aerators that are used for oxidation or removal of dissolved gases from waters that will be given no further treatment other than chlorination shall be protected from contamination from insects and birds.

G. Ventilation shall be provided to prevent the accumulation of released gases in the building housing the treatment facilities.

H. A bypass should be provided for all aeration units.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-009.07 § 3.28, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-920. Iron and manganese control.

Iron and manganese control, as used herein, refers solely to treatment processes designed specifically for this purpose. The treatment process used will depend upon the character of the raw water. The selection of one or more treatment processes shall meet specific local conditions as determined by engineering investigations, including chemical analyses of representative samples of water to be treated, and receive the approval of the division.

It may be necessary to operate a pilot plant in order to gather all information pertinent to the design.

A. Removal by oxidation, detention, and filtration.

1. Oxidation may be by aeration or by chemical oxidation with chlorine or potassium permanganate.

2. A minimum detention of 30 minutes shall be provided following oxidation by aeration in order to insure that the oxidation reactions are as complete as possible. This minimum detention time shall be reduced only when a pilot plant using the water under study demonstrates a lesser detention time. The detention basin shall be designed as a holding tank with no provision for sludge collection but with sufficient baffling to prevent short circuiting. Sedimentation basins shall be provided when treating water with high iron or manganese content or where chemical coagulation is used to reduce the load on the filters. The detention time shall be in a range of one to four hours where sedimentation is necessary prior to filtration. Pilot studies should be made of the water to determine the necessary detention time.

3. Filtration - see 12VAC5-590-880.

B. Removal by lime-soda process - see 12VAC5-590-900 A.
C. Removal by units using continuous potassium permanganate regeneration.

This process consists of a continuous feed of potassium permanganate to the influent of a manganese greensand filter. Positive displacement type feeders shall be provided, and the feed rate shall be adequately controlled by using feeders which are paced by water meters or ratio type feeders (which are a combination type feeder and flow meter) to prevent an overdosage of potassium permanganate.

1. The permanganate shall be applied following pH affecting chemicals.
2. Other oxidizing agents or processes such as chlorination or aeration may be used prior to the permanganate feed to reduce the cost of the chemical.
3. The normal filtration rate is three gallons per minute per square foot. Lower filtration rates may be required or higher filtration rates may be permitted if justified by field studies and approved by the division.
4. The normal wash rate is eight to 12 gallons per minute per square foot.
5. Air washing may be provided.
6. Sample taps shall be provided.
   a. Prior to application of permanganate;
   b. Immediately ahead of filtration;
   c. At a point between the anthracite coal media and the manganese treated greensand;
   d. Halfway down the manganese treated greensand; and
   e. For filter effluent.

D. Removal by ion exchange. This process of iron and manganese removal may not be acceptable for waters containing high concentrations (more than 1.0 milligrams per liter) of iron, manganese, or combination thereof. Applications may be limited based on the media used. This process may not be acceptable where either the raw water or wash water contains dissolved oxygen. (See 12VAC5-590-900 B for general cation exchange information.)

E. Sequestering - see 12VAC5-590-950 E.

F. Sampling taps shall be provided for control purposes. Taps shall be located on each raw water source, each treatment unit influent and each treatment unit effluent.

G. Testing equipment shall be provided for all plants. The equipment shall have the capacity to accurately measure the iron content to a minimum of 0.1 milligrams per liter and to indicate manganese removal.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-009.08 § 3.29, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-930. Fluoridation.

Where practicable and feasible, the board may require owners of waterworks to provide artificial fluoridation so as to bring the fluoride ion concentration to the optimum level as set forth in Article 1 of Part II.

A. Prior to the issuance of a permit for fluoridation, plans, specifications, operating procedures, and methods of supervision shall be

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submitted to the division. These shall be in conformity with requirements to be determined for each individual installation by the division.

B. Fluoride compounds. Commercial sodium fluoride, sodium silicofluoride and hydrofluorosilicic acid shall conform to the applicable AWWA standards. Use of other chemicals which may be made available must be approved by the division.

C. Fluoride compound storage. Compounds shall be stored in covered or unopened shipping containers in a separate room with the chemical feeder. The room must be provided with mechanical ventilation to the outside of the building.

D. Chemical feed installations.
   1. Chemical feed installations shall conform to 12VAC5-590-860.
   2. Scales and loss of weight recorders for dry chemical feeders and hydrofluorosilicic acid feeders shall be provided.
   3. Feeders shall have an accuracy so that the actual feed rate will be within 5.0% of the intended feed rate.
   4. The point of application of hydrofluorosilicic acid, if into a pipe, shall be so located as to provide adequate mixing.
   5. All fluoride feed lines shall be provided with adequate antisiphon devices.
   6. The water applied to sodium fluoride saturator feeders shall be softened if hardness exceeds 75 milligrams per liter.
   7. Unless otherwise approved, fluoride shall be applied to the raw water with the feeder paced by the raw water meter.
   8. Provisions shall be made for venting hydrofluorosilicic acid carboys to the outside of the building when the carboys are in use.

E. Suitable protective equipment shall be provided which includes gloves, aprons, dust mask, and goggles.

F. Suitable equipment shall be provided for wetmopping and hosing dust that might accumulate in the plant. Dry feeders shall be equipped with bag loading hoppers.

G. Equipment shall be provided for measuring the quantity of fluoride ion in the water. Testing equipment shall be colorimetric or electrode type as approved by the division.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-009.09 § 3.30, eff. August 1, 1991.

**12VAC5-590-940. Fluoride removal.**

Fluoride removal may be accomplished by blending with a different quality water or by removal treatment.

A. Blending. Blended water must result in all water delivered to the distribution system being of the same quality.

B. Treatment.
   1. Chemical feed shall conform to 12VAC5-590-860.
   2. Treatment includes use of ion exchange, activated alumina, bone char, reverse osmosis or electrodialysis. Other processes may be utilized if they adequately defluoridate. The selected design is to be supported by pilot studies unless at least two pilot studies, or two prototype plants, have demonstrated that the selected design is feasible. Such studies or prototypes should be for waters having characteristics similar to the water that is to be treated.
   3. Raw water pH shall be adjustable to an optimum level to achieve the best fluoride removal.
   4. With any one unit out of service, the remaining unit or units must be capable of handling peak day flows.
5. Filter clogging constituents such as iron having a concentration greater than 1.0 milligrams per liter should be removed prior to defluoridation. If applicable, chlorination is to be applied after defluoridation.

6. Test equipment must be provided and must be accurate to at least 0.1 milligrams per liter.

7. An operation and maintenance (O & M) manual must be provided.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-009.10 § 3.31, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-950. Stabilization.

Water that is unstable due either to natural causes or to the treatment given to the water should be stabilized. Water treated with excess lime for softening or manganese removal shall be treated by carbon dioxide or acid.

A. Carbon dioxide addition.

1. The recarbonation chamber design should provide:
   a. A detention time of three to 10 minutes;
   b. A depth of about eight feet; and
   c. A reaction tank with a detention time of 20 minutes.

2. Adequate precautions shall be taken to prevent the possibility of carbon monoxide entering the plant from the recarbonation and reaction chamber.

B. Sulfuric acid.

1. Feed equipment for sulfuric acid shall conform to 12VAC5-590-860.

2. Adequate precautions shall be taken for safety.

C. Removal of free carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide may be removed by an alkali, following aeration. The addition of an alkali following aeration may not be necessary when the alkalinity of the aerated water is greater than 80 milligrams per liter.

D. Deposition of calcium carbonate film. The desired calcium carbonate film may be obtained by using either soda ash or caustic soda when the alkalinity of the water exceeds about 35 milligrams per liter. Soft waters should be treated with lime to provide the required calcium. Soft waters which also have a low carbon dioxide content may need a mixture of lime and soda ash to provide both calcium and carbonate for the calcium carbonate film.

E. Polyphosphates. Polyphosphates are applicable for sequestering dissolved minerals.

1. Feed equipment shall conform to 12VAC5-590-860.

2. Phosphate chemicals shall be food grade.

3. Stock phosphate solution shall be kept covered and disinfected by carrying approximately 10 milligrams per liter chlorine residual.

4. Satisfactory chlorine residuals should be maintained in the distribution system when phosphates are used.

F. Under some conditions, softening plants can be designed using split treatment in which raw water is blended with softened water.
to partially stabilize the water. Treatment plants designed to utilize split treatment should, in most cases, also contain facilities for further stabilization by other means.

G. Water unstable due to biochemical action in the distribution system. Residual chlorine throughout the distribution systems may be used to prevent corrosion due to decomposition of organic matter (especially in dead-ended mains), the biochemical action within tubercles and the reduction of sulfates to sulfides.

H. Cathodic protection may be used to prevent or minimize corrosion of the inner surfaces of water tanks and standpipes and the outer surfaces of metal conduits.

I. Laboratory equipment shall be provided for determining the effectiveness of stabilization treatment and concentration of chemicals in the treated water.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-009.11 § 3.32, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-960. Taste and odor control.

Tastes and odors found in water are primarily organic in nature. Since the presence of taste and odor problems in a water supply suggests to the consumer that the water may contain potentially toxic agents, expenditures are justified to improve the aesthetic quality of the water and maintain the consumers' confidence in the water utility.

A. Source treatment. Taste and odor problems in raw water sources are most frequently caused by the presence of plankton, or more specifically, algae. The treatment methods and dosages listed below have been found effective in some applications.

1. The continuous or periodic treatment of raw water with copper sulfate and other copper compounds to kill algae or other growths shall be controlled to prevent a copper concentration in excess of 1.0 milligrams per liter, as copper, in the plant finished water.

2. The periodic treatment of the shallow areas of a reservoir with an activated carbon dosage of 0.2 to 0.5 pounds per 1,000 square feet of water surface has been found effective in some applications.

3. A potassium permanganate dosage from 0.4 to 4.0 milligrams per liter has been found effective in some applications.

4. Chlorine dosages that produce 0.2 to 1.0 milligrams per liter of free chlorine in the treated water have been found effective in some applications. Prior to treatment, this treatment method should be evaluated to determine that it will not cause any objectionable tastes or odors in the treated water.

B. Treatment methods. The waterworks shall be designed to produce high quality water regardless of any changes or emergencies that may arise with the raw water source. Provisions to handle taste and odor problems should be included in all designs regardless of the anticipated raw water quality.

1. Provisions shall be included in the design of the treatment plant to add chlorine or other approved oxidizing chemicals at the reservoir or at the head of the treatment plant. If breakpoint chlorination is proposed to treat taste and odor problems, extreme caution is warranted to insure that the actual breakpoint of the water is determined accurately. Dechlorination may be required if deemed necessary.
2. Chlorine dioxide can be utilized to treat any taste and odor problems susceptible to oxidation.

3. Potassium permanganate has oxidizing capabilities that can be utilized to treat taste and odor problems. It is normally fed to the raw water during the flash mix operation in a dosage such that the pink color formed during its solution travels only 1/2 to 2/3 of the length of the sedimentation basins.

4. Aeration has been used successfully to treat tastes and odors attributed to volatile organic matter but has shown limited success in treating tastes and odors associated with dissolved and suspended organic matter. Aeration facilities shall be designed in accordance with the provisions of 12VAC5-590-910.

5. When taste and odor problems are anticipated on an intermittent basis, treatment facilities shall be included in the water treatment plant design for the addition of powdered activated carbon. The dosage of powdered activated carbon required to treat taste and odor problems will vary with each individual raw water, and extensive lab work should be undertaken to ascertain that the carbon feed equipment is properly sized. The carbon feed equipment shall be capable of adding at least 40 milligrams per liter of powdered activated carbon regardless of the anticipated raw water quality. In the water treatment plant design, facilities should be provided to add powdered activated carbon to the flash mixer, to the flocculation basins, at the midpoint of sedimentation basins, and to the conduits leading to the filters.

The carbon can be added as a premixed slurry, or by means of a dry feed machine as long as it is assured that the carbon is properly wetted. All mechanisms for handling dry carbon should be tightly sealed and dust collection is required on all installations. The feed machine hopper wall should be on at least a 60 degree angle to the horizontal.

The carbon feed lines to the application points should be sized to handle the carbon suspension and should be equipped with flushing provisions.

6. Granular activated carbon units may be used in place of filters described in 12VAC5-590-880 with appropriate pretreatment described in 12VAC5-590-870. Rates of flow shall be consistent with the type and intensity of the problem. The design of the facilities must be supported by the results of pilot plant studies.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-009.12 § 3.33, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-970. Removal of volatile synthetic organic chemicals (VOCs).

Appropriate processes or technologies (either specified as BAT in Appendix N or a division-approved alternative, such as other aeration techniques) that treat all the water in the waterworks shall be applied to achieve compliance. The selected design is to be supported by pilot studies unless at least two pilot studies, or two prototype plants, have demonstrated that the selected design is feasible. Such studies or prototypes shall be for waters having characteristics similar to the water that is to be treated.

A. Granular Activated Carbon (GAC). As in taste and odor control, GAC units may be used with appropriate pretreatment described in 12VAC5-590-870 B. The elements of a GAC system include carbon contactors, a carbon storage and transfer system, a regeneration system and a control system.

The selected GAC shall meet AWWA Standards. Multiple units shall be provided to process at least the peak day flow rate with one unit out of service. As carbon is corrosive, the use of noncorrosive piping and storage materials is mandatory.
B. Packed tower aeration. (Also see 12VAC5-590-910.)

1. Usually more efficient than other types of waterfall (natural) aeration.

2. With one unit out of service, the remaining unit(s) must be capable of handling peak day flows.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-980. Microscreening.

A microscreen is a mechanical supplement to treatment capable of removing suspended matter from water by straining. It shall not be used as a substitute for clarification or filtration.

A. The design of microscreening facilities shall give due consideration to:

1. A sanitary survey and chemical and biological evaluation;

2. The nature of suspended matter to be removed;

3. The corrosiveness of water;

4. The effect of chlorination when required as pretreatment; and

5. Control of the hydraulic capacity of the microscreen.

B. The design shall provide:

1. For durable, corrosion resistant screens;

2. A bypass and cleaning arrangement;

3. Duplicate units for continuous operation;

4. Protection against back siphonage when potable water is used for washing; and

5. Proper disposal of wash water.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-990. Waterworks waste.

A. With the exception of sanitary sewage and flows recycled through the water treatment system, the wastes generated during the operation of water filtration plants constitute industrial wastes and are subject to the State Water Control Law (Chapter 3.1 (§ 62.1-44.2 et seq.) of Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia).

Industrial wastes generated by water treatment facilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Filter backwash water;

2. Coagulant sludges;
3. Softening sludges;
4. Microscreening sludges;
5. Iron and manganese sludges;
6. Sludges from presedimentation units; and

B. After receipt of plans and specifications from the consulting engineer for the water treatment facilities, the division will advise the State Water Control Board of any proposal to treat and discharge industrial wastes into state waters. The division will submit to the State Water Control Board a letter report to include the following:

1. Capacity of the proposed treatment facilities;
2. Location of the proposed facilities;
3. Proposed final disposition of the treated waste effluent;
4. Name and address of the consulting engineer; and
5. Name and address of the owner.

C. Except for recycle flows as described in 12VAC5-590-420 K, the State Water Control Board will then deal directly with the consulting engineer in reference to the final disposal of these wastes and.

D. The sanitary wastes from water treatment plants must receive treatment. Wastes from these facilities must be discharged either directly to a sanitary sewer system or to an approved individual waste disposal facility providing suitable treatment.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-1000. Disinfection.

A. Objective. To prevent the occurrence of waterborne diseases from consumption of drinking water.

B. Methods. Disinfection shall be accomplished by the application of chlorine. The specific chlorine compound shall be selected on the basis of water flow rates, application rates, pH of the water, cost of equipment and chemicals, availability of disinfectant, and reliability of feed equipment. Alternate chemicals and methods for disinfection are to be handled as unconventional and the procedures of 12VAC5-590-300 apply.

C. Equipment.

1. Solution feed vacuum type gas chlorinators are generally preferred. The use of hypochlorite feeders of the positive displacement type may be considered for small installations.

2. Chlorinator capacities will vary, depending on the use and point of application of the chlorine and the raw water quality. Chlorination capacity shall be such that a minimum dosage of 15 milligrams per liter may be fed at all times.

3. Standby chlorination equipment shall be provided and chlorination capacities shall comply with 12VAC5-590-1000 C 2 with
any unit out of operation for repairs. Spare parts shall be available for all chlorinators to replace parts which are subject to wear and breakage. All chlorinators shall be properly maintained and operated.

4. An ample supply of potable water shall be available for operating the chlorinator. Where a booster pump is required, duplicate equipment shall be provided, and, when necessary, standby power as well. Equipment for backflow prevention shall be provided. A pressure gauge shall be provided on each chlorinator water supply line.

5. Scales for weighing cylinders shall be provided at all waterworks using chlorine gas. At large waterworks, scales of the indicating and recording type are recommended. Scales shall be recessed unless they are of the low platform type.

6. Where manifolding of several cylinders is required to evaporate sufficient chlorine, consideration shall be given to the installation of gas evaporators.

7. A bottle of ammonia hydroxide solution shall be available for detecting chlorine gas leaks. Consideration shall also be given to the provision of caustic soda solution reaction tanks for absorbing the contents of leaking one-ton cylinders where such cylinders are in use. At large installations, consideration should be given to the installation of automatic gas detection and related alarm equipment. Emergency cylinder repair kits shall be provided.

8. Piping and connections for chlorine gas.
   
   a. Piping arrangements should be as simple as possible. Pressure gauges shall be installed on the piping to each chlorinator. The number of screwed or flanged joints should be held to a minimum. Piping systems should be well supported and adequately sloped to allow drainage; low spots should be avoided. Suitable allowance should be provided for pipe expansion due to changes in temperature. Liquid chlorine has a high coefficient of thermal expansion. If liquid chlorine (containing no gas bubbles) is trapped between two valves, high pressure will develop upon increase in the temperature of the chlorine. This pressure may lead to hydrostatic rupture of the line. The effects of possible rupture should be considered in the design of any piping system. Where such rupture would present an undue hazard to personnel or equipment by allowing large quantities of chlorine to escape, protection of the system against hydrostatic pressure should be provided.
   
   b. Condensation or reliquefaction of chlorine may occur in chlorine gas lines which pass through areas where the temperature is below the temperature pressure equilibrium indicated in the vapor pressure curve. Where adequate superheat is not provided by a vaporizer, condensation can be prevented by reducing the pressure with a pressure reducing valve.
   
   c. It is recommended that joints in chlorine piping be flanged or welded. If threaded joints are used, extreme care should be taken to obtain clean, sharp threads. A lubricating pipe dope suitable for chlorine should be used. All threading oil must be thoroughly cleaned from the pipe. For permanent joints, linseed oil and graphite, glycerine or Teflon tape may be used. If Teflon tape is used, all remnants must be removed before joints are remade.
   
   d. Fittings and appurtenances must be suitable for handling dry chlorine.

9. Chlorine solution is very corrosive to all of the common construction metals. At low pressures, chlorine solution can be handled in chemical stoneware, glass or porcelain equipment, and by certain alloys. Hard rubber, unplasticized polyvinylchloride, glassfiber reinforced polyester, polyvinylidene chloride, and fully halogenated fluorocarbon resins have been used successfully. Low molecular weight polyethylene, fiber reinforced rubber hose, and wrapped rubber hose have been used successfully for small capacity chlorinators. All of these materials must be selected with great care. For higher pressures, combinations using resistant lining materials (rubber, kynar, saran, Teflon, etc.) with the common metals for strength should be used.
Titanium may be used with chlorine solution, but must not be used with chlorine gas. Tantalum is inert to chlorine solution at temperatures up to 300°F. Hastelloy Alloy C® and Monel Alloy® are widely used. Platinum and silver find special applications. In general, operations involving chlorine solution require individual study.

Chlorine and equipment suppliers shall make recommendations only after careful survey of all factors involved.

10. Chlorine solution and hypochlorite solution piping shall be arranged such that prechlorination or postchlorination may be accomplished by any or all chlorinators.

D. Engineering design.

1. Any building to house chlorine equipment or containers should be designed and constructed to protect all elements of the chlorine system from fire hazards. If flammable materials are stored or processed in the same building, a fire wall should be erected to separate the two areas. Fire resistive construction is recommended.

If gas chlorination equipment and chlorine cylinders are to be in a building used for other purposes, a gas tight partition shall separate this room from any other portion of the building. Doors to this room shall open only to the outside of the building, and shall be equipped with panic hardware. Such rooms shall be at ground level, and should be separated from the feed area.

At least two means of exit should be considered from each separate room or building in which chlorine is stored, handled, or used. All exit doors shall open outward.

A clear glass, gas tight window shall be installed in an interior wall of the chlorinator room to permit the chlorinators to be viewed without entering the room.

Feed lines shall not carry chlorine gas beyond the chlorine feeder room unless the chlorine is under vacuum.

2. Chlorinator rooms shall be provided with a means of heating so that a temperature of at least 60°F can be maintained, but the room should be protected from excess heat. Cylinders shall be kept at essentially room temperature for at least 24 hours prior to use unless an evaporator is employed.

3. Forced, mechanical ventilation which will provide one complete air change per minute shall be installed in all chlorine feed rooms and rooms where chlorine cylinders are stored. The entrance to the air exhaust duct from the room shall be near the floor and the point of discharge shall be located so as not to contaminate the air inlet to any building or inhabited areas. Air inlets shall be located so as to provide cross ventilation with air and at such temperature that will not adversely affect the chlorination equipment. The vent hose shall run without traps from the chlorinator and shall discharge to the outside atmosphere above grade.

4. The electrical controls for the fans and lights shall be such that they will automatically operate when the door is opened and can be manually operated from the outside without opening the door.

E. Respiratory protection. The use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) in compliance with OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard 1910.134, "VIRGINIA OSHA STANDARDS" for General Industry, is required whenever anyone is dealing with an accidental release of chlorine. All waterworks that use chlorine gas at their treatment facility shall maintain a respiratory protection plan including emergency procedures, evacuation plans, designated SCBA personnel and any special site specific requirements. All respiratory protection devices shall be stored to protect against dust, sunlight, heat, extreme cold, excessive moisture or damaging chemicals; and in a location remote from the chlorine area.

F. Application of chlorine.
1. Provisions shall be made to ensure uniform mixing of the chlorine solution or hypochlorite solution with the water near the point of application.

2. Residual and contact time.
   a. Waterworks with surface water sources shall provide a minimum residual (C) and contact time (T) as calculated in accordance with Appendix L. Appendix L contains information on CT calculations and methods, as well as information on contact tank baffling arrangements.
   b. Waterworks with groundwater sources shall provide a minimum 30 minute hydraulic detention period (based on design flow) for chlorine contact.

G. Evaluation of effectiveness.
   1. Sampling - see 12VAC5-590-770.
   2. Equipment shall be provided for measuring chlorine residual employing any method listed in the most recent edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater."

The equipment should enable residual chlorine measurement to the nearest 0.1 milligram per liter in the range below 0.5 milligram per liter, and to an accuracy of approximately 25% above 0.5 milligram per liter. The installation of continuous automatic chlorine residual analyzers recording and proportioning systems may be required on large installations.

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Article 4
Pumping Facilities

12VAC5-590-1010. General.

Pumping facilities shall be designed to maintain the sanitary quality of pumped water. Subsurface pits or pump rooms and inaccessible installations should be avoided.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-010.01 § 3.38, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1020. Location.

The pumping station shall be located so that the proposed site will meet the requirements of the sanitary protection of the water quality and the hydraulics of the system and be protected against interruption of service by fire, flood, or any other hazard. The station shall be:

1. Elevated to a minimum of one foot above the 100-year flood elevation or protected to such elevation;
2. Accessible at all times unless permitted to be out of service for a period of inaccessibility;
3. Graded around the station so as to lead surface drainage away from the station; and
4. Protected to prevent vandalism and entrance by animals or unauthorized persons,
5. Located with respect to availability of a power or a fuel supply.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-010.02 § 3.39, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1030. Groundwater facilities.

Where pumping facilities are used, wells and springs shall be vented by properly hooded and screened pipe extending at least 12 inches above the pump floor or ground surface. Where necessary, provisions shall be made for lubricating the pump from a point at least six inches above the top of the well cover by means which will prevent contamination of the water supply.

A. General well appurtenances.

The following well appurtenances are required:

1. A sanitary seal shall be provided on the top of the well casing;
2. A properly screened vent with the end elbowed downward shall be provided for the well casing;
3. A sampling tap shall be provided for raw water sampling which discharges in a downward direction and away from the well casing;
4. Adequate control switches, etc., for the pumping equipment shall be provided;
5. A water meter is required to determine water production for each well and the meter shall be located upstream of the well blow-off;
6. The well casing shall extend at least 12 inches above the concrete floor or apron surrounding the well;
7. Adequate support for the well pump and drop pipe shall be provided; and
8. Each well casing shall be equipped with a drawdown gauge, airline, and appurtenances for measuring the change in the elevation of the water level in the well.

B. Drilled wells with the prime mover mounted on the casing shall:

1. Have the casing extend 12 inches above the floor, and be equipped with a flange or suitable sanitary seal;
2. Have the casing firmly connected to the pump structure or have the casing inserted into a recess extending at least one inch into the base of the pump if a watertight connection is not provided;
3. Have the base of the pump not less than 12 inches above the pump room floor or apron; and
4. Have the pump foundation and base designed to prevent water from coming into contact with the joint between the casing and the prime mover.

C. Submersible pumps. Where a submersible pump is used, the top of the casing shall be effectively sealed against entrance of water under all conditions of vibration or movement of conductors or cables and shall have a gooseneck vent with a screen covered opening.

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D. Discharge piping. The discharge piping shall be provided with separate means to pump (blowoff) water of unsatisfactory quality to a point away from the groundwater source but shall not be directly connected to a sewer. The discharge line shall:

1. Have control valves located above the pump floor;
2. Be protected against freezing;
3. Be valved to permit testing and control of each well;
4. Have watertight joints;
5. Have all exposed valves protected; and
6. Have erosion protection at the point of waste discharge.

E. General well pump house construction requirements.

1. The well pump house floor or apron surrounding the well shall:
   a. Be of good quality concrete with adequate reinforcement;
   b. Be a minimum of six inches in thickness;
   c. Extend a minimum of three feet in all directions from the well; and
   d. Slope at least ¼ inch per foot towards a screened four inch floor drain to atmosphere.
2. Well houses or well pump stations in pits are prohibited.
3. Well pump stations housing chlorination equipment shall meet the requirements of 12VAC5-590-1000.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-010.03 § 3.40, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1040. Pump stations.

A. Pump stations associated with surface water sources, treatment facilities, and finished water shall:

1. Have adequate space for the installation of additional units if needed and for the safe servicing of all equipment;
2. Be of durable construction, fire and weather resistant, and furnished with outward opening doors;
3. Have the floor elevation at least six inches above the finished grade, if possible;
4. Have the underground structure waterproofed;
5. Have all floors drained without impairing the quality of water being handled, and, if equipment is contained on the floor, the floor shall slope at least $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in every foot to the point of discharge; and
6. Provide suitable outlet for drainage from pump glands without discharging onto the floor.

B. Suction wells. Suction wells shall:

1. Be watertight;
2. Have floors sloped to permit removal of water and entrained solids; and
3. Be covered or otherwise protected against contamination, including contamination by pump lubricants.

C. Equipment servicing in pump stations.

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1. Craneways, hoist beams, eyebolts, or other adequate facilities for servicing or removal of pumps, motors, or other heavy equipment shall be provided.

2. Walkways shall be provided to lubrication points of equipment if these are located at intermediate points between floors.

3. Openings in floors, roofs, or wherever else needed for removal of heavy or bulky equipment shall be provided.

4. A convenient tool board or other facilities shall be provided as needed for proper maintenance of the equipment.

D. Stairways and ladders. Stairs are preferred in areas where there is frequent traffic or where supplies are transported by hand. They shall have risers not exceeding nine inches and treads wide enough for safety. Where ladders are used, intermediate landings should be provided if the vertical distance exceeds 10 feet. Stairways and ladders shall:

   1. Be provided between all floors and in pits or compartments which must be entered and;
   2. Have hand rails on both sides and treads of non-slip material.

E. Heating. In pump houses not occupied by personnel, only enough heat need be provided to prevent freezing of equipment or treatment process. Provision shall be made for adequate heating for the comfort of the operator and the safe and efficient operation of the equipment.

F. Ventilation. Adequate ventilation shall be provided for all pumping stations. Forced draft ventilation of at least six changes of air per hour (continuous operation) shall be provided for:

   1. All rooms, compartments, pits and other enclosures below the grade floor; and
   2. Any area where an unsafe atmosphere may develop or where excessive heat may build up.

G. Dehumidification. In areas where excess moisture could cause hazards to safety or damage to equipment, means for dehumidification shall be provided.

H. Lighting. Pump stations shall be adequately lighted throughout. All electrical work shall conform to the requirements of the state codes.

I. Pumps. At least two pumping units shall be provided. If only two units are provided, each shall be capable of delivering the peak demand. If more than two units are installed, they shall have sufficient capacity so that if any one pump is out of service, the remaining pumps are capable of carrying the peak demand. The pumping units shall:

   1. Have ample capacity to supply the peak demand without overloading;
   2. Be driven by a prime mover able to operate against the maximum head and air temperature which may be encountered; and
   3. Have maintenance parts and tools readily available.

J. Suction lift. If suction lift is necessary, provision shall be made for priming the pumps. Suction lift should be less than 15 feet.

K. Priming. Prime water must not be of lesser sanitary quality than that of the water being pumped. Means shall be provided to prevent back siphonage. When an air operated ejector is used, the screened intake shall draw clean air from a point at least 10 feet above the ground or other source of contamination, unless the air is filtered by an apparatus approved by the Division. Vacuum priming may be used.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

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12VAC5-590-1050. Booster pumps.

A. Booster pumps, except those connected to supply mains not containing service connections and except those taking suction directly from storage facilities, shall be located or controlled so that:

1. They will not produce negative pressure in their suction line;
2. The intake pressure shall be at least 20 psi when the pump is in normal operation;
3. An automatic pressure cutoff or a pressure regulating valve shall be provided to prevent suction line pressure from dropping to below 10 psi; and
4. Automatic or remote control devices shall have a range between the start and cutoff pressure which will prevent excessive cycling.

B. Inline booster pumps. In addition to the other requirements of this section, inline booster pumps shall be accessible for servicing and repairs.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

12VAC5-590-1060. Automatic and remote controlled stations.

All automatic stations should be provided with an automatic signaling apparatus which will report to a facility manned 24 hours per day when the station is out of service. All remote controlled stations shall be electrically operated and controlled and shall have a signaling apparatus of proven performance. Installation of electrical equipment shall conform with the appropriate state codes.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

12VAC5-590-1070. Appurtenances.

A. Valves.

Pumps shall be adequately valved to permit satisfactory operation, maintenance, and repair of the equipment. If foot valves are necessary, they shall have a net valve area of at least two and one half times the area of the suction pipe and they shall be screened. Each pump shall have a positive acting check valve on the discharge side between the pump and shutoff valve.

B. Piping, in general, shall:

1. Be designed so that the friction head will be low;
2. Not be subject to contamination;
3. Be sloped in one direction to drains;
4. Have adequate cleanouts;
5. Have watertight joints;
6. Be protected against surge or water hammer;
7. Be such that each pump has an individual suction line or the lines shall be so manifolded that they will insure similar hydraulic and operational conditions; and
8. Have proper legends to identify the contents of the pipes (see 12VAC5-590-720 L).

C. Gauges and meters.

The station should have indicating, totalizing, and recording metering of the total water pumped. Each pump shall:

1. Have a standard pressure gauge on its discharge line;
2. Have a compound gauge on its suction line; and
3. Have recording gauges in the larger stations as required by the division.

D. Water seals.

Water seals shall not be supplied with water of a lesser sanitary quality than that of the water being pumped. Where pumps are sealed with potable water and are pumping water of lesser sanitary quality, the seal shall:

1. Be provided with a break tank open to atmospheric pressure; and
2. Have an air gap between feeder line and spill line of the tank, at least two inches or two pipe diameters, whichever is greater.

E. Controls.

Pumps, their prime movers, and all accessories shall be controlled in such a manner that they will operate at their rated capacity without overloading. Where two or more pumps are installed, provision shall be made for proper alternation. Alternation may be automatic or manual. Provision shall be made to prevent operation of the pump during the backspin cycle. Electrical controls should be located above grade.

F. Power.

When power failure would result in cessation of the minimum essential service, the power supply shall be provided from at least two independent sources or an auxiliary source shall be provided.

G. Auxiliary power supply.

When automatic prelubrication of pump bearings is necessary and an auxiliary power supply is provided, the prelubrication line shall be provided with a valved by-pass around the automatic control.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-010.07 § 3.44, eff. August 1, 1991.

Article 5
Finished Water Storage Structures

12VAC5-590-1080. General.
The materials and designs used for finished water storage structures shall provide stability and durability as well as protect the quality of the stored water. Steel structures shall follow the current available American Water Works Association standards concerning steel tanks, standpipes, reservoirs, and elevated tanks wherever they are applicable. Other materials of construction are acceptable when properly designed to meet the requirements of this section.

A. Location of finished water storage facilities.
   1. The bottom of ground level reservoirs, storage tanks and standpipes should be placed at the normal ground surface.
   2. Where the bottom must be below normal ground surface, it shall be placed above the groundwater table. Sewers, drains, standing water, and similar sources of contamination shall be kept at least 50 feet from the reservoir. AWWA approved water pipe, pressure tested in place without leakage, shall be used for gravity sewers at lesser separations.
   3. The top of all storage facilities shall not be less than two feet above the normal ground surface and shall be above the 100-year flood level. Clearwells constructed under filters may be excepted from this requirement when the total design gives the same protection.

B. All new finished water storage structures shall have suitable watertight roofs or covers which exclude birds, animals, insects, and dust.

C. No drain on a water storage structure shall have a direct connection to a sewer or storm drain.
   All finished water storage structures shall be equipped with separate drains discharging to the atmosphere. Drainage of finished water storage structures to the distribution system through inlet and outlet piping shall not be allowed.

D. The overflow pipe of a finished water storage structure shall be brought down near the ground surface where any discharge will be visible and into a drainage inlet structure or a splash plate which will divert the overflow away from the storage structure. No overflow may be connected directly to a sewer or storm drain.
   1. When an internal overflow pipe is used it shall be located in the access tube.
   2. The overflow of a ground level finished water storage structure shall be high enough above normal or graded ground surface to prevent the entrance of surface water.
   3. All nonpressure type finished water storage structures shall be provided with a downward discharging screened overflow.

E. Finished water storage structures shall be designed with convenient access to the interior for cleaning and maintenance. Manholes or scuttles above the waterline shall be:
   1. Framed at least four inches, preferably six inches, above the surface of the roof at the opening; on ground level structures, manholes should be elevated 24 to 36 inches above the top or covering sod;
   2. Fitted with a solid watertight cover which overlaps the framed opening and extends vertically down around the frame at least two inches (shoebox type);
   3. Hinged at one side; and
   4. Fitted with a locking device.

F. Finished water storage structures shall be vented by separate vent structures. Open construction between the side wall and roof is not permissible.
   1. Vents shall prevent the entrance of surface water.
2. Vents shall exclude birds and animals.

3. Vents shall exclude insects and dust, as much as this function can be compatible with effective venting, for elevated tanks and standpipes, four-mesh noncorrodible screen may be used.

4. Vents on ground level structures shall terminate in an inverted U construction the opening of which is 24 to 36 inches above the roof or sod and is covered with noncorrodible screen cloth to exclude insects.

G. The roof and sidewalls of all structures must be watertight with no openings except properly constructed vents, manholes, overflows, risers, drains, pump mountings, control ports, or piping for inflow and outflow.

1. Any pipes running through the roof or sidewall of a finished water storage structure must be welded or properly gasketed in metal tanks or should be connected to standard wall castings which were poured in place during the forming of a concrete structure; these wall castings shall have flanges imbedded in the concrete.

2. Openings in a storage structure roof or top designed to accommodate control apparatus or pump columns shall be curbed and sleeved with proper additional shielding and shoebox type cover to prevent the access of surface water into the structure.

3. Valves and controls shall be located outside the storage structure so that valve stems and similar projections will not pass through the roof or top of the structure.

H. The roof or cover of the storage structure should be well drained, but downspout pipes shall not enter or pass through the reservoir.

I. The safety of employees shall be considered in the design of the storage structure. As a minimum, such matters shall conform to pertinent building codes, laws, and regulations of the area where the reservoir is constructed.

1. Ladders, ladder guards, balcony railings, and safe location of entrance hatches shall be provided.

2. Elevated tanks with riser pipes over eight inches in diameter shall have protective bars over the riser opening inside the tank.

J. All finished water storage structures and their appurtenances, especially the riser pipes, overflows, and vents, shall be designed to prevent freezing which will interfere with proper functioning.

K. Every catwalk over finished water in a storage structure shall have a solid floor with raised edges so designed that shoe scrapings and dirt will not fall into the water.

L. The area surrounding a ground level structure should be graded in a manner that will prevent surface water from standing within 50 feet of the structure.

M. Proper protection should be given to metal surfaces by paints or other protective coatings, by cathodic protective devices, or both. Paint systems consistent with the most current available American Water Works Association standards and otherwise acceptable to the division shall be used. Cathodic protection should be designed and installed by competent technical personnel.

N. All finished water storage facilities shall be cleaned to remove all dirt and loose materials prior to disinfection of the structure. Only potable water shall be used to clean and rinse the water storage facilities. All equipment including brooms, brushes, spray equipment and workmen’s boots shall be disinfected before they are used to clean the storage facilities.

O. All finished water storage facilities shall be satisfactorily disinfected prior to being placed in operation. The disinfection of the storage facilities shall be repeated until it is determined, by bacteriological testing, that the water is free of coliform bacteria.

1. One of the following disinfection methods shall be used. Other methods of disinfection may be approved on a case-by-case
basis by the division.

a. The tank shall be filled to the overflow level with potable water to which enough chlorine has been added to produce an initial chlorine concentration of 50 mg/L in the full tank. The full tank should stand for 24 hours; however, in no case shall it stand less than six hours. At the end of the holding period, the chlorinated water shall be drained to waste, the tank refilled with potable water, and tested for satisfactory bacteriological quality before placing the tank in service.

b. All interior surfaces of the tank shall have applied a chlorine solution containing at least 200 mg/L of free available chlorine. The chlorine solution shall be applied with either spray equipment or brushes. Any equipment used to apply the chlorine solution shall either be new or previously used only for disinfection purposes. The chlorine solution shall remain in contact with the tank surfaces for at least 30 minutes. The tank shall then be filled with potable water to the overflow level and tested for satisfactory bacteriological quality before placing the tank in service; or

c. Potable water containing a free chlorine residual of 50 mg/L shall be placed in the tank to such a depth that when the tank is filled, the resulting chlorine concentration in the water will be at least two mg/L. The water containing 50 mg/L of chlorine shall stand in the tank for 24 hours. The tank shall then be filled with potable water and allowed to stand for 24 additional hours. At the end of the second 24 hour period, the chlorine residual shall be at least two mg/L. After analyses of the water for satisfactory bacteriological quality, the tank may be placed in service without draining the water used to disinfect it.

2. Testing of the water following disinfection shall be in accordance with 12VAC5-590-800 C.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-011.01 § 3.45, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1090. Plant storage.

The applicable design standards of 12VAC5-590-1080 shall be followed for plant storage.

A. Washwater tanks shall be sized in conjunction with available pump units and finished water storage to give the backwash water required. Consideration must be given to the possibility of having to wash more than one filter at a time or several filters in succession.

B. Clearwell storage should be sized, in conjunction with distribution system storage, to relieve the filters from having to follow fluctuations in water use or meet peak demands, including filter backwash water. When finished water storage is used to provide proper contact time for chlorine, special attention must be given to size and baffling. Plant clearwells shall be equipped with a raised viewing port having a clear glass or plastic viewing window and a submerged waterproof electric light.

C. Finished water shall not be stored or conveyed in a compartment adjacent to unsafe water when the two compartments are separated by a single wall.

D. Receiving basins and pump wet wells for finished water shall be designed as finished water storage structures.

E. Hydropneumatic (pressure) tanks may be acceptable in small water systems. When used, they shall comply with the requirements of state and local laws and regulations for the construction and installation of unfired pressure vessels.

1. The tank shall be located above the normal ground surface with the tank end containing the inlet pipe, the pressure gauge and other appurtenances projecting into an operating house to prevent freezing or be completely housed.
2. The tank shall have bypass piping to permit operation of the system while the tank is being cleaned, repaired, or painted.

3. Pressure or level-pressure operated start-stop controls shall be installed on the discharge piping to permit operation of the water supply system.

4. Each tank shall have an access manhole, a drain, and control equipment consisting of pressure gauge, water sight glass, automatic or manual air blowoff, pressure and vacuum relief valves and mechanical means for adding air. Appurtenances to small capacity tanks shall be determined by the division on a case-by-case basis.

5. Tanks and pumps shall be designed to minimize pump cycling and shall have at least the following capacity:
   a. When the hydropneumatic tank is fed directly by a well or wells, the effective storage volume is one-third of the hydropneumatic tank's gross volume;
   b. When the hydropneumatic tank is fed directly from ground storage, the effective storage volume is the effective volume of the ground storage tank plus the effective volume of the hydropneumatic tank; and
   c. At least two booster or transfer pumps are required which have a combined capacity to meet the requirements of 12VAC5-590-690 C.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-011.02 § 3.46, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1100. Distribution storage.

The applicable design standards of 12VAC5-590-1080 shall be followed for distribution storage.

A. The maximum variation between high and low water levels in finished water storage structures which float on a distribution system should not exceed 30 feet. Large diameter, shallow-depth reservoirs are preferable over small diameter, deep-depth reservoirs.

B. Adequate controls shall be provided to maintain levels in distribution system storage structures at all times.

C. Pressure tanks. (Also see 12VAC5-590-1090 E.)
   1. A telemetering system and recording equipment should be provided, to a location where qualified personnel are available at all times, for the transmission and recording of storage levels in the distribution system.
   2. Altitude valves or equivalent controls may be required for subsequent structures on the system.
   3. Overflow, low level, and pump malfunction warnings or alarms should be transmitted to a location where qualified personnel are available for surveillance on a 24-hour basis.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-011.03 § 3.47, eff. August 1, 1991.
A. The pipe selected shall have been manufactured in conformity with the current available standards issued by the American Water Works Association if such standards exist or be approved by the National Sanitation Foundation for water distribution piping.

B. In the absence of such standards, pipe meeting applicable commercial standards and acceptable to the division may be considered.

C. Used water mains that meet these standards may be used again after the pipe has been thoroughly cleaned and restored.

D. Packing and joint materials used in the joints of pipe shall meet the standards of the American Water Works Association or the National Sanitation Foundation.

E. Mechanical joints or slip joints with resilient gaskets are preferred.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-012.01 § 3.48, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1120. Minimum pipe size.

A. The minimum size pipe for water distribution systems shall be four inches in diameter.

Pipes of lesser diameter may be used in the following instances:
1. When the run is less than 300 feet, two-inch pipe may be used; and
2. When the run is less than 600 feet but more than 300 feet, three-inch pipe may be used.

B. The minimum size of pipe where fire protection is to be provided or required shall be six inches in diameter.

C. The standard grading schedule of the Insurance Services Office and other related organizations shall be followed in other cases.

D. Any departure in sizing shall be justified by hydraulic analysis and future water use and can be considered only in special circumstances.

E. Water mains not sized to carry fire flows shall not be connected to fire hydrants.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-012.02 § 3.49, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1130. System design.

A. Dead-ends should be minimized by looping of all mains.

B. Where dead-end lines occur, they shall be provided with a fire hydrant, flushing hydrant, or blowoff for flushing purposes.

C. No flushing device shall be directly connected to any sewer.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
12VAC5-590-1140. Installation of water mains.

A. Adequate supports shall be provided for all pipes.

B. A continuous and uniform bedding shall be provided in the trench for all buried pipe.

C. Stones and rocks found in the trench shall be removed for a depth of at least six inches below the bottom of the pipe and selected fill bedding provided.

D. The specifications for installation shall include:
   1. Pressure testing on installed pipe;
   2. Allowable leakage of installed pipe; and
   3. Reference to applicable American Water Works Association standards or manufacturers’ recommended installation procedures.

E. Any plastic or other nonmetallic pressurized conduit installed underground shall have affixed thereto a material conductive of electricity or some other means of locating the conduit while it is underground.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-012.03 § 3.50, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1150. Separation of water mains and sewers.

A. The following factors shall be considered in providing adequate separation of water mains and sewers:
   1. Materials and types of joints for water and sewer mains;
   2. Soil conditions;
   3. Service branch connections into the water main and sewer mains;
   4. Compensating variations in the horizontal and vertical separations;
   5. Space for repairs and alterations of water and sewer mains;
   6. Offsetting of pipes around manholes; and
   7. Identification of the physical restraints preventing normal separation.

B. Parallel installation.
   1. Under normal conditions water mains shall be laid at least 10 feet horizontally from a sewer or sewer manhole. The distance shall be measured edge-to-edge.
   2. Under unusual conditions when local conditions prevent a horizontal separation of 10 feet, the water main may be laid closer to a sewer or sewer manhole provided that:
      a. The bottom (invert) of the water main shall be at least 18 inches above the top (crown) of the sewer;
      b. Where this vertical separation cannot be obtained, the sewer shall be constructed of AWWA approved water pipe, pressure tested in place without leakage prior to backfilling; and
c. The sewer manhole shall be of watertight construction and tested in place.

C. Crossing.
1. Under normal conditions water lines crossing sewers shall be laid to provide a separation of at least 18 inches between the bottom of the water line and the top of the sewer whenever possible.
2. Under unusual conditions when local conditions prevent a vertical separation described in subdivision C 1 of this section, the following construction shall be used:
   a. Sewers passing over or under water mains shall be constructed of the materials described in subdivision B 2 b of this section; and
   b. Water lines passing under sewers shall, in addition, be protected by providing:
      (1) A vertical separation of at least 18 inches between the bottom of the sewer and the top of the water line;
      (2) Adequate structural support for the sewers to prevent excessive deflection of the joints and the settling on and breaking of the waterline; and
      (3) That the length of the water line be centered at the point of the crossing so that joints shall be equidistant and as far as possible from the sewer.

D. No water pipes shall pass through or come in contact with any part of a sewer manhole.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-012.05 § 3.52, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1160. Valve, air relief, meter, and blowoff chambers.
A. Air and sediment accumulations may be removed through a standard fire hydrant; compressed air and pumping may be used for dewatering mains through hydrants.
B. Chambers or pits containing valves, blowoffs, meters, or other such appurtenances to a distribution system shall not be connected directly to any storm drain or sanitary sewer, nor shall blowoffs or air relief valves be connected directly to any sewer.
C. Such chambers or pits shall be drained to the surface of the ground where they are not subject to flooding by surface water or to absorption pits located above the seasonal groundwater table elevation. Sump pumps may be used where other means are not practicable.
D. The open end of an air relief pipe shall be extended from the manhole or enclosing chamber to a point at least one foot above ground and provided with a screened, downward facing elbow.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-012.06 § 3.53, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1170. Hydrants.
A. Where hydrant drains are not plugged, they shall be drained to the ground surface or to dry wells provided exclusively for this use.
B. Hydrant drains shall not be connected to sanitary sewers or storm drains.

C. Fire hydrants shall be connected only to water systems adequately designed for fire flows in addition to domestic flow.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-012.07 § 3.54, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1180. Surface water crossings.

Surface water crossings, both over and under water, present special problems and should be discussed with the division before final plans are prepared.

A. Above water crossings. The pipe above water crossings shall be:
   1. Adequately supported;
   2. Protected from freeze damage;
   3. Accessible for repair or replacement; and
   4. Above 100-year flood level.

B. Under water crossings.
   1. The pipe shall be of special construction, having flexible watertight joints.
   2. Valves shall be provided at both ends of the water crossing so that the section can be isolated for tests or repair; the valves shall be easily accessible and not subject to flooding.
   3. Sample taps shall be available at each end of the crossing and at a reasonable distance from each side of the crossing and not subject to flooding.
   4. Permanent taps shall be made for testing and locating leaks.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-012.08 § 3.55, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1190. Water services and plumbing.

Water services and plumbing shall conform to the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-012.09 § 3.56, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1200. Water pressure in systems.

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The system shall be designed to maintain a minimum pressure of 20 psi in the distribution system at the design flow (see 12VAC5-590-690 C). Where the pressure at the service tap exceeds 80 psi, the provisions of the Uniform Statewide Building Code shall apply.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes
Derived from VR355-18-012.10 § 3.57, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1210. Disinfection of water mains.

A. All water mains shall be disinfected prior to being placed in operation.

B. Prior to disinfection all water mains shall be flushed unless the tablet method of disinfection is used. All valves and hydrants shall be operated during this operation. Flushing velocities should not be less than 2.5 feet per second.

C. Methods of chlorine application.

1. Continuous feed method - Potable water shall be introduced into the pipe main at a constant flow rate. Chlorine shall be added at a constant rate to this flow so that the chlorine concentration in the water in the pipe is at least 50 mg/L. The chlorinated water shall remain in the main at least 24 hours, after which, the chlorine concentration in the water shall be at least 10 mg/L. All valves and appurtenances shall be operated while the chlorinated water remains in the main;

2. Slug method - Potable water shall be introduced into the main at a constant flow rate. This water shall receive a chlorine dosage which will result in a chlorine concentration of 100 mg/L in a "slug" of the water. The chlorine shall be added long enough to insure that all portions of the main are exposed to the 100 mg/L chlorine solution for at least three hours. The chlorine residual shall be checked at regular intervals not to exceed 2,000 feet to insure that adequate residual is maintained. As the chlorinated water passes valves and appurtenances, they shall be operated to insure disinfection of these appurtenances; or

3. Tablet method - Tablets shall be placed in each section and in all appurtenances. Enough tablets shall be used to insure that a chlorine concentration of 25 mg/L is provided in the water. They shall be attached by an adhesive to the top of the pipe sections and crushed or rubbed in all appurtenances. The adhesive shall be acceptable to the division. The velocity of the potable water in the main shall be less than 1 foot per second. The water shall then remain in contact with the pipe for 24 hours. All valves and appurtenances shall be operated while the chlorinated water is in the main.

This method shall not be used if nonpotable water or foreign materials have entered the mains or if the water temperature is below 5°C (41°F).

D. Final flushing. After the required retention period, the chlorinated water shall be flushed from the main using potable water.

E. Testing. After the mains have been flushed, the water mains shall be tested in accordance with 12VAC5-590-800 C. Samples shall be collected at regular intervals, not exceeding 2,000 feet, throughout the length of main.

F. Repairs. Cleaning, disinfecting, flushing, testing, or similar operational actions shall be in accordance with the current standard issued by AWWA (AWWA C-601).

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Last Amended: Oct. 10, 2014
12VAC5-590-1220. Cover.

All distribution mains shall be provided with sufficient earth or other suitable cover to prevent freezing.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-01212 § 3.59, eff. August 1, 1991.

12VAC5-590-1230. Metering.

Each service connection should be metered.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR355-18-01213 § 3.60, eff. August 1, 1991.

Part IV

Exceptions for Noncommunity Waterworks to Specific Sections of the Manual of Practice (Part III)

12VAC5-590-1240. General.

Noncommunity waterworks design shall conform to Part III of this chapter. Due to the types of service provided and size of some noncommunity waterworks, certain exceptions to the design requirement specified in Part III may be allowed. Each of the following subsections will refer to exceptions in corresponding sections of Part III.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-1250. Exceptions to Article 1 of Part III.

A. The evaluation of source requirements shall consider the type and use of the noncommunity system. Minimum storage for noncommunity waterworks, in conjunction with the source, must provide system peak hour demand.

B. A minimum laboratory facility of a sink and workbench shall be provided.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


12VAC5-590-1260. Exceptions to Article 2 of Part III.

A. Exceptions to the minimum size well lot may be made for noncommunity waterworks, based upon site availability and other factors.
B. When the source requirements for a noncommunity system are determined to be three gallons per minute or less the 48-hour minimum drawdown test may be reduced to no less than eight hours. The drawdown test, approved by the division and based upon system demands and geological conditions, shall be performed to determine well yield.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-1270. Exceptions to Article 5 of Part III.

When booster pumping is required for small noncommunity systems, the duplicity and capacity requirements may be reduced in accordance with the type and size of system served.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

12VAC5-590-1280. Exceptions to Article 6 of Part III.

In the instance where a noncommunity water system serves a single building, the water line plumbing (including size) shall be in accordance with the most recent edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

When a noncommunity water system serves two or more buildings, the water line shall be of sufficient size to provide adequate flow and pressure in order to meet the system demands.

Statutory Authority
§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

APPENDIX A. [RESERVED]

APPENDIX B. BACKGROUND USED IN DEVELOPING THE CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL LIMITS OF THE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS.

COPPER

ACTION LEVEL—1.3 mg/L

Copper is an essential and beneficial element in human metabolism. The daily copper requirement for adults has been estimated to be 2.0 mg. Preschool age children require about 0.1 mg daily for normal growth. Copper at high doses has, however, been shown to cause stomach and intestinal distress, liver and kidney damage, and anemia.

A primary source of high concentrations of copper in drinking water is from the internal corrosion of copper plumbing within the home. The EPA has established an action level of 1.3 mg/L of copper in first draw tap sample which may result in public waterworks installing measures to control corrosion.
CORROSION

Corrosion is responsible for many problems in the water distribution system including tuberculation with loss of carrying capacity and increased pumping costs, leaks, main ruptures, discoloration and loss of chlorine residual. The corrosivity of drinking water is a parameter which has not only esthetic and economic significance, but is health significant as well. The products of corrosion having the greatest health significance at the present time, cadmium and lead, are addressed as primary maximum contaminants, but there is also a sufficient basis to include corrosivity as a secondary maximum contaminant level.

Corrosivity is controlled by pH adjustment, the use of chemical stabilizers, or other means which are dependent upon the specific conditions of the water. The two major corrosion indicators utilized in Virginia are the Langelier Index (L.I.) and the Aggressive Index (A.I.). Other indicators also exist. The L.I. and A.I. are determined by utilizing some or all of the following parameters:

- pH
- Calcium Hardness
- Alkalinity
- Temperature
- TDS

All waterworks owners will be notified periodically of the corrosivity of their drinking water by the commissioner, either as L.I., A.I. or other appropriate index. Noncorrosive water should be the goal of each waterworks owner.

Furthermore, EPA requires each owner to be aware of type of materials used in the distribution system (including service connections and household plumbing) such as:

**LEAD**
- Pipe
- Solder
- Caulking
- Lining of Distribution Mains
- Household Plumbing

**COPPER**
- Piping
- Service Lines
- Household Plumbing

**GALVANIZED**
- Ferrous Piping (cast iron and steel)
- Asbestos Cement Pipe
- Vinyl Lined Asbestos Cement Pipe
- Coal Tar Lined Pipes
- Plastic Pipe
- Piping
- Service Line
- Household Plumbing

**FLUORIDE**

When the fluoride concentration in drinking water is maintained within the recommended ranges of 0.8 mg/L minimum and 1.0 mg/L maximum with the optimum being 0.9 mg/L, the consumer will realize a reduction in dental caries. When supplemental fluoridation is practiced, it is particularly advantageous to maintain a fluoride concentration at or near the optimum. The reduction in dental caries experienced at optimal fluoride concentrations will be diminished by as much as 50% when the concentration is 0.2 mg/L below the...
optimum. An approval limit slightly higher than the optimum can be tolerated without any mottling of teeth, so where fluorides are native to the water supply, these concentrations are acceptable. Higher levels should be reduced by treatment or blending with other sources lower in fluoride content. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that the PMCL for fluoride is 4.0 mg/L based on long term toxicity data. The EPA has also determined that the SMCL for fluoride is 2.0 mg/L based on the potential formation of cosmetically objectionable dental fluorosis as a result of long term exposure. The level of the SMCL was based on a balancing of the beneficial and undesirable effects of fluoride.

**FOAMING AGENTS**

Foaming is an undesirable property of drinking water because it is esthetically displeasing and therefore should be absent. Because no convenient standardized formability test exists, and because surfactants are one major class of substances that cause foaming, this property is determined indirectly by measuring the anionic surfactant concentration of substances measured by the methylene blue method and should not exceed 0.5 mg/L as methylene blue active substances (MBAS).

**LEAD**

**ACTION LEVEL—0.015 mg/L**

Lead is a toxic metal that tends to accumulate in the bone of man and animals. Signs of lead intoxication include gastrointestinal disturbances, fatigue, anemia, muscular paralysis, and encephalopathy. Irreversible damage to the brain is the frequent result of lead intoxication in children because of their eating lead-containing paint still found in older homes. The most serious effects on the nervous system are seldom seen in the adult population however.

Household plumbing has been identified as a significant contributor of lead to our drinking water; therefore; any notice to the public concerning lead should advise persons served by the system to use only the cold water faucet for drinking and for use in cooking or preparing baby formula, and to run the water until it gets as cold as it is going to get before each use. If there has recently been major water use in the household, such as showering or bathing, flushing toilets, or doing laundry with cold water, flushing the pipes should take 5 to 30 seconds, if not, flushing the pipes could take as long as several minutes. Each notice (see 12VAC5-590-520 A 8) should also advise persons served by the system to check to see if lead pipes, solder, or flux have been used in plumbing that provides tap water and to ensure that new plumbing and plumbing repairs use lead free materials.

The EPA’s national primary drinking water regulation requires all public water systems to optimize corrosion control to minimize lead contamination resulting from the corrosion of plumbing materials. Public water systems serving 50,000 people or fewer that have lead concentrations below 15 parts per billion (ppb) in more than 90% of tap water samples (the EPA "action level") have optimized their corrosion control treatment. Any water system that exceeds the action level must also monitor their source water to determine whether treatment to remove lead in source water is needed. Any water system that continues to exceed the action level after installation of corrosion control and/or source water treatment must eventually replace all lead service lines contributing in excess of 15 ppb of lead to drinking water. Any water system that exceeds the action level must also undertake a public education program to inform consumers of ways they can reduce their exposure to potentially high levels of lead in drinking water.

**NITRATE**

Nitrate nitrogen (NO₃-N) levels not exceeding 20 mg/L may be allowed in a noncommunity waterworks if the owner demonstrates:

1. Such water will not be available to children under 6 months of age; and

2. There will be continuous posting of the fact that NO₃-N levels exceed 10 mg/L and the potential health effects of exposure;
3. Health officials will be notified annually of NO₃-N levels that exceed 10 mg/L; and

4. No adverse health effects will result.

NOTE: Nitrite in water poses a greater health hazard but fortunately it seldom occurs in high concentrations. Waters with nitrite-nitrogen concentrations over 1 mg/L should not be used for infant feedings.

MANMADE RADIONUCLIDES

To determine compliance with subsection B of Table 2.5, the detection limits shall not exceed the concentrations listed in the following table:

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<td>Cesium-134</td>
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<td>Gross Beta</td>
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TURBIDITY

Operational requirement: Conventional water filtration plants utilizing surface waters as a source of supply are capable of producing filtered water with a turbidity consistently less than 0.1 NTU. Therefore, for water filtration plants the filter effluent turbidity for each filter, before any post-filtration chemical addition, operational limit is 0.1 NTU.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

APPENDIX D. [RESERVED]

APPENDIX E. [RESERVED]

APPENDIX F. [REPEALED]

Historical Notes

APPENDIX G. MONITORING AND REPORTING.

Analytical laboratory control testing, monitoring, and analyses at waterworks are made to control plant operation, to record plant performance, and to monitor conditions in the distribution system. Test results properly recorded, compiled and reported can be invaluable in improving plant performance, efficiency and cost effectiveness. Operational control testing should present evidence that the water has been properly prepared for each step in the treatment process. Testing should provide evidence that each process has proceeded according to its intended purpose and that finished water is clean, free from taste and odor, free from undesirable chemicals.
and considered safe.

Analytical equipment used to determine compliance with 12VAC5-590-510 D shall be of the laboratory type (continuous monitoring equipment may be acceptable if demonstrated to be accurate by correlation with a laboratory type instrument each shift) approved for use at the waterworks per 12VAC5-590-760.

These suggested monitoring and reporting requirements should be used as a guide in preparing, modifying, and reviewing operation monthly reports.

The field office of the Office of Water Programs will notify in writing each individual waterworks of the operation monthly report requirements and supply the waterworks with a standard example report form or will assist in the development of system specific report forms.

The following are suggested operation monthly report requirements that should be reported to the appropriate field office:

**ALL SURFACE WATER SYSTEMS:**

Number of hours in operation
- hours per day in operation

Raw water treated
- gpd and monthly total at each entry point

Finished water produced
- gpd and monthly total

Finished water used for treatment process
- monthly total

Finished water delivered to consumers
- monthly total

Accountability (water lost) in distribution system
- percentage

Raw water temperature
- average °C or °F

Number of connections
- monthly average

Population served
- monthly average

Treatment plant maintenance activities
- brief summary of major activities

Chemical feeder laboratory and instrument calibration as appropriate
- quarterly for each chemical feeder or instrument unless specified elsewhere, i.e., fluoride feeders or manufacturer recommended

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Waterworks not requiring operators in attendance whenever the plant is in operation may reduce some of the daily requirements.

WATERWORKS THAT PROVIDE DISINFECTION BY CHLORINATION:

Water plant monitoring:

Chlorine compound used

- liquid, dry, calcium hypochlorite or sodium hypochlorite

Amount of chlorine compound used at each application point

- daily gallons or pounds

Date chlorine compound replenished

- for each application point

Free chlorine residual testing after the chlorine contact period

- every two hours of plant operation for waterworks requiring operators in attendance whenever the plant is in operation (see 12VAC5-590-440 B). Records must be kept of each residual determination. The daily lowest/highest residuals measured and the number of measurements taken should be reported.

- once per day for waterworks providing treatment or only disinfection and serving 400 or more persons and not requiring operators in attendance whenever the plant is in operation.

- frequency for waterworks providing only disinfection and serving less than 400 persons shall be set by the division on an individual basis.

- daily or at the same time as chlorine residual testing if less than daily.

Distribution system monitoring:

Free chlorine testing

- seven days per week for waterworks serving 400 or more persons

- five days per week for waterworks serving less than 400 persons

- number of tests per test day and test locations shall be set by the division on an individual basis. Records must be kept of each residual determination. The lowest, highest and average residuals measured and the number of measurements taken should be reported.

Total chlorine residual testing

- once per week at locations reflecting the maximum residence time of the water in the system

- number of tests per test day and test locations shall be set by the division on an individual basis. Records must be kept of each residual determination. The average residual measured and the number of measurements should be reported.

pH

- daily or at the same time of chlorine residual testing if less than daily.

NOTE: If the system performs disinfection utilizing the combined chlorine residual process, total residual testing should be substituted for free residual testing.

WATERWORKS EMPLOYING TURBIDITY REMOVAL:

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Raw water monitoring:

pH
- electrometrically, every two hours

Alkalinity
- total, once per shift

Hardness
- total, once per shift

Turbidity
- NTU, every two hours

Raw water chemical treatment:

Coagulant
- type, weight applied, dosage

Coagulant aids
- type, weight applied, dosage

Stabilizing chemicals
- type, weight applied, dosage

Taste and odor control chemicals
- type, weight applied, dosage

Treated water (postflash mix) monitoring:

pH
- electrometrically, twice per shift

Coagulation control
- set on an individual basis

Alkalinity
- total, once per shift

Settled water (applied water) monitoring:

Turbidity
- NTU, must be from each sedimentation basin for high rate, may be from top of filter for rapid rate, every two hours

Chlorine residual
- type and daily average, every two hours

Settled water (applied water) chemical treatment:

Chemical
- type, weight applied and dosage
Filter aids
- type, weight applied and dosage

Filtered water monitoring:
Turbidity
- NTU, from each filter, every two hours, report maximum for the day

Filter operation:
Filters in operation
- number

Filter run time
- number hours between backwashes

Head loss
- each filter, end of each day or prior to backwash

Backwash time
- average, minutes

Backwash rate
- maximum, gpm

Backwash water
- gallons used

Rewash time
- if provided, average, minutes

Filter drop test results
- each filter tested quarterly

Filter rise rate test results
- each filter tested semiannually

Filtered water chemical treatment:
Stabilizing chemical
- type, weight applied per day, average dosage

Finished water monitoring:
pH
- electrometrically, every two hours

Alkalinity
- total, once per shift

Hardness
- total and calcium, once per shift

Turbidity
- NTU, every two hours

Chlorine residual
- every two hours low/high average

NOTES:
1. Daily averages and highest daily reading of the results of the required number of tests or measurements should be reported except for filtered water turbidity. Records of each test should be kept.
2. Frequency of testing is on a per shift basis unless otherwise indicated.
3. Number of tests per shift shall be set by the division on an individual basis.
4. Exact location of sample collection or testing shall be set by the division on an individual basis.
5. Where multiple sources are available, raw water data must be reported for each source.

WATERWORKS PRACTICING RECYCLE:
Recycle flow monitoring:
- total flows recycled, gallons
- average and maximum return rate of combined recycle flows

WATERWORKS FLUORIDATING:
Type of compound used
- chemical name

Amount of compound used at each application point
- pounds, daily

Feeder calibration date
- monthly

Hardness of water applied to sodium fluoride saturate feeders (where softeners is required)
- weekly

Fluoride ion concentration in finished water
- one test per shift, minimum of one daily (monthly split sample with DCLS)

Fluoride ion concentration in the distribution system where two or more entry points contain fluoride
- frequency and location of tests shall be set by the division on an individual basis, both the minimum and maximum values must be reported

WATERWORKS EMPLOYING SOFTENING:
Lime, excess lime, and excess lime-soda processes:
- type, frequency and location of tests shall be set by the division on an individual basis

Cation exchange process:

Ion exchange material
  - type, trade name

Regeneration
  - date and method, each unit

Backwashing
  - date and duration of washing, each unit

Softener influent hardness
  - daily, each source

Softener effluent hardness
  - daily, each unit

Blended water hardness
  - daily, where appropriate

Stabilization chemical
  - type, weight, applied daily dosage, stabilized pH, alkalinity, hardness

WATERWORKS EMPLOYING IRON AND MANGANESE CONTROL:

Removal by oxidation using continuous potassium permanganate regeneration, detention, and filtration:

Raw water iron and manganese concentrations
  - daily, each source

Pre-oxidation chemical (usually chlorine prior to application of permanganate)
  - type, amount applied daily at each source and average dosage

Iron and manganese concentration prior to application of permanganate
  - daily

Potassium permanganate
  - amount applied daily and average dosage

Filter influent iron and manganese concentrations
  - daily, each filter

Filter effluent iron and manganese concentrations
  - daily, each filter

Removal by ion exchange:

Ion exchange material
  - type, trade name

Regeneration
  - date, each unit and method

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Backwashing
- date and duration of washing each unit

Raw water iron and manganese concentrations
- daily, each source

Exchange unit iron and manganese influent concentrations
- daily, each unit

Exchange unit iron and manganese effluent concentrations
- daily, each unit

NOTES:
1. Ion exchange process may also remove barium and radium which should be included or substituted in reporting.
2. Testing for other removal processes will be set by the division on an individual basis.

WATERWORKS EMPLOYING STABILIZATION BY:
The addition of carbon dioxide or acid to waters treated with excess lime for softening or manganese removal;
The addition of an alkali to reduce free carbon dioxide;
The addition of either soda ash or caustic soda to produce the desired calcium carbonate film where the alkalinity exceeds 35 mg/L;
The addition of lime to produce the desired calcium carbonate film where the water is soft;
The addition of a mixture of lime and soda ash to produce the desired calcium carbonate film where the water is soft and has a low carbon dioxide content;
The addition of polyphosphates for sequestering dissolved minerals.
Each chemical addition process should be monitored to determine the effectiveness of stabilization treatment and concentration of chemicals in the treated water. The type, frequency, and location of tests shall be set by the division on an individual basis.

WATERWORKS EMPLOYING TASTE AND ODOR CONTROL BY:
The addition of copper sulfate or other copper compounds to the reservoir;
The addition of activated carbon to the shallow areas of the reservoir;
The addition of potassium permanganate, chlorine, chlorine dioxide, or oxygen through aeration to the raw water;
The addition of powdered activated carbon to the treatment process at various locations; or
The use of granular activated carbon absorption units.
Each process should be monitored to ensure the threshold odor number does not exceed three. The dosage or application rates should be monitored to ensure correct control. The type, frequency, and location of tests and the reporting of usage shall be set by the division on an individual basis.

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Monitoring, reporting, and frequencies shall be set by the division on an individual basis.
CONSECUTIVE WATERWORKS:

Finished water purchased
- gallons per month per source

Finished water delivered to consumers
- gallons per month

Accountability
- percentage

Number of connections
- monthly average

Population served
- monthly average

Free chlorine residual testing in the distribution system
- same as for waterworks that provide disinfection by chlorination

Total chlorine residual testing in the distribution system
- same as for waterworks that provide disinfection by chlorination

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

APPENDIX H. [REPEALED]

Historical Notes

APPENDIX I. SUGGESTED OUTLINE OF CONTENTS OF A CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM.

Adopted ordinance (municipalities) - Make part of the program
 Administration - name of individual responsible to carry out requirements of the program.

Procedures:
1. New facilities.
2. Existing facilities.

Records:
1. Locations of devices and types.
2. Inspections/questionnaires.
3. Testing and maintenance.

Notification:
1. Inspections of new and existing facilities.

2. Testing due.

3. Test results.

4. Device or means required.

5. Violations.

6. Termination or denial of service.

Reporting - procedures to follow in the event of or suspicion of contamination through a cross connection.

Backflow prevention device tester list.

Approved devices list.

Consumer education literature.

**SUGGESTED OUTLINE OF CONTENTS OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM**

Purpose of the ordinance - to eliminate cross connections and protect the public health.

Authority for ordinance - required by waterworks regulations.

Administration of the ordinance:

1. Who is responsible to carry out the requirements of the ordinance, by position?

2. Reference to an established program or policy procedures.

3. Responsibility to carry out the program or policy.

Enforcement of the ordinance:

1. Right of entry for inspection or testing.

2. Right to terminate or deny service.

3. Notice of violations.

4. Penalties.

Definitions - those in 12VAC5-590-20 of Article 1 of Part I which apply.

General requirements of purveyor and consumer - applicable provisions of Article 3 of Part II should be adopted and included as part of the ordinance. Modifications should be made to identify specific responsibilities.

**APPENDIX J. BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLE-SITING REPORT.**

**BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLE-SITING REPORT**

Name of Water System:

PWS ID:

Address:

**Purpose:** The purpose of this sample-siting plan is to identify specific bacteriological sample locations which are representative of the water quality throughout the distribution system.

Sample-Siting Plan:
1) The ______________ waterworks is currently required to collect _____ water sample(s) for coliform analysis each month(quarter). Three different sampling locations are identified for each required sample for a total of ______ locations.

2) The____ sample locations are identified below and are shown on the attached system piping map.

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   No 2 = >
   No 3 = >
   No 4 = >
   No 5 = >
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   No 7 = >
   No 8 = >
   No 9 = >
   No 10 = >
   No 11 = >
   No 12 = >

3) Routine bacteriological samples will be collected from each of the above locations on a rotating basis.

4) These sample locations are chosen to allow for the collection of required upstream and downstream repeat sample within 5 service connections.

   Owner Name:

   ________________________________________________

   Signature:

   ________________________________________________

   Title:

   ________________________________________________

   Date:

   ________________________________________________

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APPENDIX K. COLIFORM VIOLATION DETERMINATION.
APPENDIX L. DETERMINATION OF CT.

Disinfection Criteria

A treatment system must provide a minimum 3-log (99.9%) reduction of Giardia cysts and a 4-log (99.99%) reduction of viruses, respectively. Table L-1 lists the log removal credits associated with four filtration processes and the inactivation levels that must be achieved by disinfection.

Determination of Compliance With Inactivation

To determine compliance with the inactivation requirements, a system must comply with the CT value(s) that is (are) based on disinfection conditions in the system during peak hourly flow. The ”T” is the time in minutes it takes for the water during peak hourly flow to move between the point of disinfectant application and a point where ”C”, the residual concentration in mg/L, is measured before the water reaches the first customer. Contact time may be determined either by calculations, tracer studies, or an equivalent method as approved by the office. The contact time to be used for calculating CT is $T_{10}$, which is defined as the detention time at which 90 percent of the water passing through a unit is retained within that unit (e.g. mixing basins, sedimentation basins, clearwells, storage reservoirs, etc.)

Systems with only one point of disinfectant application may determine the total inactivation on the basis of residual measurements.
at a single point prior to the first customer or at several points within the treatment train after the point of disinfectant application. In the latter instance, the residual profile is determined and the total inactivation is calculated as follows: (1) Determine the disinfectant residual, C, in mg/L at any number of points within the treatment train; (2) Determine the travel time, T, in minutes between the point of disinfectant application and the point where C is measured within the first section. For subsequent measurements of C, T is the time required for water to move from the previous residual-measurement point to the next; (3) Calculate CT corresponding to each residual measurement point (CTcalc); (4) Determine the log inactivation for each section; and (5) Sum the log inactivations for each section to determine the total log inactivation. Tables L-2 through L-7 give CT values required for 99.9 percent inactivation (3 logs) of Giardia cysts at various pHs and temperatures. Tables L-9 through L-15 give CT values required for Giardia cysts and viruses at various temperatures using free chlorine, chlorine dioxide, chloramines and ozone. The minimum expected temperature and the maximum expected pH should be used for the calculations. Generally, if the CT required for 3-logs inactivation of Giardia cysts is achieved, the CT required for 4-logs inactivation of viruses is also achieved.

Determination of Disinfectant Contact Time

The time within contact units (including mixing basins and storage reservoirs) that is to be used in calculations of CT should be the T10 value, as defined earlier. This value can be determined either by calculations that involve the theoretical hydraulic detention time (volume divided by flow rate) and factors that account for the degree of short-circuiting that might be expected through any given unit or by tracer studies.

When T10 values are calculated, the theoretical, hydraulic detention time in a particular unit is reduced by some fraction, the magnitude of which is dictated by the degree of short-circuiting that is possible within that unit. The significant design characteristics that determine the degree of short-circuiting include the length-to-width ratio, the degree of baffling within the basins, and the effect of inlet-baffling and outlet-weir configurations. The use of these factors to obtain a T10 value effectively reduces the magnitude of T for use in CT calculations so that achieving a required CT requires the application of more disinfectant (i.e. a higher concentration).

The purposes of baffling are to (1) maximize utilization of basin volume, (2) increase the plug-flow zone in the basin, and (3) minimize short-circuiting. Three general classifications of baffling conditions (poor, average, and superior) have been developed to categorize the results of tracer studies for use in T10 determinations. The T10/T ratios associated with each degree of baffling are summarized in Table L-8.

The three types of basin inlet baffling configurations are: a target-baffle pipe inlet, an overflow weir entrance, and a baffled, submerged orifice or port inlet. Typical intra-basin baffling structures include: diffuser (perforated) walls; launders; cross-, longitudinal-, or maze-baffling to cause either horizontal or vertical serpentine flow; and longitudinal divider walls, which prevent mixing by increasing the length-to-width ratio of the basins. Commonly used baffled outlet structures include free-discharging weirs, such as sharp-crested and V-notch, and submerged ports or weirs. Weirs that do not span the width of the basin, such as Cipolleti weirs, should not be used, as they may substantially increase weir overflow rates and the dead-space zone within the basin. Figures L-I through L-VI give examples of poor, average, and superior baffling conditions for rectangular and circular tanks.
Figure L-1 Poor Baffling Condition—Rectangular Contact Basin

Figure L-2 Poor Baffling Condition—Circular Contact Basin

Figure L-3 Average Baffling Condition—Rectangular Contact Basin
The following is a sample problem based on the inactivation tables and $T_{10}$ values calculated from information regarding the design features of the contact unit and the theoretical detention time. The disinfectant in this example is chlorine which is added just prior to the
contact unit and the flow rate, pH, chlorine residual, and water temperature are assumed to be 1.5 MGD, 7.5, 1.0 mg/L, and 5 degrees C, respectively. The contact unit has a baffled inlet, intra-basin baffles, and a theoretical detention time of 90 minutes.

\[ T_{10}/T = 0.5 \ (\text{see Table L-8}) \]

\[ T_{10} = 0.5 \times 90 \text{ minutes} = 45 \text{ minutes} \]

\[ CT_{\text{calc}} = 1.0 \text{ mg/L} \times 45 \text{ minutes} = 45 \text{ mg-min/L} \]

Note- Required inactivation is 0.5 logs since this particular disinfection process follows a conventional water treatment plant.

From Table L-3, 5°C

At pH = 7.5, C = 1.0 mg/L and CT_{\text{calc}} = 45 mg-min/L, interpolate the log inactivation.

CT_{\text{calc}} of 45 mg-min/L falls between CTs of 30 (0.5 log) and 60 (1.0 log) mg-min/L. The corresponding log inactivation would be as follows:

\[ 0.5 + [(45-30)/(60-30)](1.0-0.5) = 0.75 \text{ logs} \]

Therefore, the log inactivation requirement of 0.5 logs has been satisfied.

Although the detention time is proportional to flow, the relationship generally is not linear. Therefore, tracer studies may be used to establish detention times for the range of flow rates experienced within each disinfectant section.

Ideally, tracer tests should be conducted at a minimum of four flow rates that span the entire range of flows for the section being tested. The flow rates should be separated by approximately equal intervals to span the range of operation, with one near average flow, two greater than average, and one less than average. The flows should also be selected so that the highest is at least 91 percent of the highest flow rate expected to ever occur in that section. Four data points will ensure a good definition of the section’s hydraulic profile.

Systems can perform just one tracer test for each disinfectant residual at a flow rate of not less than 91 percent of the highest flow rate experienced in that section. If only one tracer test is performed, the detention time determined by the test may be used to provide a conservative estimate in CT calculations for that section for all flow rates less than or equal to the flow rate during the tracer test. Since T_{10} is inversely proportional to flow rate, the T_{10} at a flow rate other than that occurring during the tracer study can be determined by multiplying the T_{10} determined from the tracer study by the ratio of the tracer-study flow rate to the desired flow rate. That is:

\[ T_{10S} = T_{10T} \times O_T/O_S \]

Where:

\[ T_{10S} = T_{10} \text{ at system flow rate} \]

\[ T_{10T} = T_{10} \text{ at tracer flow rate} \]

\[ O_T = \text{tracer study flow rate} \]

\[ O_S = \text{system flow rate} \]

When tracer studies are performed, several variables other than flow rate will affect the detention time, including varying water levels in tanks, seasonal fluctuations in flow, and differences in water temperature, which may cause thermal stratification. If these variables are significant, additional tracer studies to determine the appropriate T_{10} values may be warranted.

Two methods of tracer addition are commonly used in water treatment evaluations: the step-dose method and the slug-dose
method. In general, tracer studies involve the application of a chemical to a system and tracking the effluent concentrations over time. The effluent concentration profile is evaluated to determine the detention time $T_{10}$.

Step-dose tracer studies are frequently employed in drinking water applications because the necessary chemical feed equipment is available and the resulting profile of normalized concentrations versus time is used directly to determine the detention time ($T_{10}$) required for calculating $CT$. The $T_{10}$ value obtained from the studies is actually the time at which the effluent concentration of the tracer chemical is 10 percent of the added concentration.

The slug-dose method requires the addition of a large, initial dose of tracer to the incoming water. Samples are collected at the exit end of the unit for a period of time until the tracer passes through the unit. Disadvantages of this method include: (1) extremely concentrated solutions of chemicals are required; (2) intensive mixing is required to minimize potential density currents and to obtain uniform distribution; (3) the concentration and volume of the initial tracer dose must be calculated carefully to provide an adequate tracer profile; (4) the resulting profile of concentration versus time cannot be used directly to determine $T_{10}$; and (5) a mass balance on the treatment section is required to determine whether the tracer was completely recovered. One advantage of this method is that it may be applied where chemical feed equipment is not available at the desired point of application or where the equipment that is available does not have adequate capacity.

Disinfection Profile and Benchmark

1. A disinfection profile is prepared by calculating the log inactivation for each disinfection segment of the treatment plant, from initial point of disinfectant addition to the entrance to the distribution system. The log inactivations for each segment are summed to yield the total plant log inactivation.

2. The procedure for computing the log inactivation is as follows:
   a. Collect data daily (plants serving 10,000 or more people), or weekly on the same calendar day (plants serving less than 10,000 people), at each disinfectant residual sampling point during peak hourly flow, for:
      (1) Water temperature (°C)
      (2) Water pH (required for free chlorine calculation)
      (3) Disinfectant residual concentration ("C," in mg/L)
   b. Calculate contact time ("T," in minutes) for each disinfectant segment based on baffling factors or tracer studies.
   c. Calculate $CT_{\text{actual}}$ for each disinfection segment under actual operating conditions.
   d. Determine the $CT_{\text{required}}$ for 3-log Giardia inactivation ($CT_{3-\log \text{Giardia}}$) and/or 4-log virus ($CT_{4-\log \text{virus}}$) inactivation from the $CT$ Tables.
   e. Calculate the log inactivation for Giardia and/or viruses for each segment using:
      (1) Log Inactivation of Giardia = $3.0 \times \frac{CT_{\text{actual}}}{CT_{3-\log \text{Giardia}}}$
      (2) Log inactivation of viruses = $4.0 \times \frac{CT_{\text{actual}}}{CT_{4-\log \text{virus}}}$
   f. Sum the segment log inactivations to determine the plant log inactivation.

3. The disinfection profile is charted over the year and the benchmark is determined based on 12VAC5-590-500.

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TABLE L-1 MAXIMUM LOG REMOVAL CREDITS ALLOWED FOR FILTRATION AND MINIMUM

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## REQUIRED LEVELS OF INACTIVATION BY DISINFECTION

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NOTE - The sum of the log removals for filtration plus disinfection must equal 3.0 for Giardia and 4.0 for viruses.

### TABLE L-2

**CT VALUES FOR INACTIVATION OF GIARDIA CYSTS BY FREE CHLORINE AT 0.5 C OR LOWER**

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**TABLE L-3**

CT VALUES FOR INACTIVATION OF GIARDIA CYSTS BY FREE CHLORINE AT 5°C

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$^{(1)}$At perfect plug flow conditions, $T_{10}$ is equal to $T$.

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### Table L-9.
CT Values for Inactivation of Viruses by Free Chlorine, pH 6.0-9.0

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*If system wants to attempt to demonstrate optimization based on difference between source water levels and 90% tap level. Otherwise, one sample per entry point required if an AL is exceeded.

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Table M2

Monitoring Frequency for Follow-up and Routine Sampling Requirements

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*If source water treatment installed; otherwise, see reduced monitoring requirements.

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**Table M3**

Monitoring Frequency for Reduced Sampling Requirements

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<td>Initial Monitoring</td>
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<td>Taps and at entry point(s) to distribution system</td>
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<td>After Installation of Corrosion Control</td>
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<td>Taps and Entry point(s) to distribution system</td>
<td>Every 6 months, No less frequently than every two weeks.</td>
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<td>Taps and Entry point(s) to distribution system</td>
<td>Every six months, annually or every 3 years at a reduced number of sites, No less frequently than every two weeks.</td>
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1Table is for illustrative purposes; consult the text of this section for precise regulatory requirements.

2Small and medium-size systems have to monitor for water quality parameters only during monitoring periods in which the system exceeds the lead or copper action level.

3Orthophosphate must be measured only when an inhibitor containing a phosphate compound is used. Silica must be measured only when an inhibitor containing silicate compound is used.

4Calcium must be measured only when calcium carbonate stabilization is used as part of corrosion control.

5Inhibitor dosage rates and inhibitor residual concentrations (orthophosphate or silica) must be measured only when an inhibitor is used.

6Groundwater systems may limit monitoring to representative locations throughout the system.

7Waterworks may reduce frequency of monitoring for water quality parameters at the tap from every six months to annually if they maintain the minimum values or range of values for water quality parameters reflecting optimal corrosion control treatment during three
consecutive years of monitoring.

Waterworks may further reduce the frequency of monitoring for water quality parameters at the tap from annually to once every three years if they have maintained the minimum values or range of values for water quality parameters reflecting optimal corrosion control treatment during three consecutive years of annual monitoring. Waterworks may accelerate the triennial monitoring for water quality parameters at the tap if they have maintained 90th percentile lead levels less than or equal to 0.005 mg/L, 90th percentile copper levels less than or equal to 0.65 mg/L, and the range of water quality parameters designated by the Commissioner under 12 VAC 5-590-420 C 1 f as representing optimal corrosion control during two consecutive six-month periods.

Statutory Authority

§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

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<td>Barium</td>
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Key to Best Available Technologies/Treatment Techniques

1. Activated Alumina
2. Coagulation/Filtration (except for waterworks serving less than 500 service connections)
3. Direct or Diatomite Filtration
4. Granular Activated Carbon
5. Ion Exchange

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6. Lime Softening (except for waterworks serving less than 500 service connections)
7. Reverse Osmosis
8. Corrosion Control
9. Electrodialysis/Electrodialysis Reversing
10. Chlorine
11. Ultraviolet
12. Oxidation/Filtration
13. Alkaline Chlorination pH ≥ 8.5

NOTES ON BAT DESIGNATIONS

a. BAT only if influent mercury concentrations are less than or equal to 10 µg/l
b. BAT for Chromium III only
c. BAT for Selenium IV only
d. BATs for Arsenic V. Preoxidation may be required to convert Arsenic III to Arsenic V.
e. To obtain high removals, iron to arsenic ratio must be at least 20:1.

TABLE II
ORGANIC CHEMICALS

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Key to Best Available Technologies/Treatment Techniques

1. Granular Activated Carbon
2. Packed Tower Aeration
3. Polymer Addition Practices
4. Oxidation (chlorination, with the exception of water having cyanide (as free cyanide) exceeding 0.2 mg/l, or ozonation)

Statutory Authority
§§ 32.1-12 and 32.1-170 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes


APPENDIX O.

REGULATED CONTAMINANTS FOR CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Key
AL = Action Level
MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level
MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
MFL = million fibers per liter
mrem/year = milirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level
MRDLG = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal
NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (\(\mu\)g/L)
ppm = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppq = parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
ppt = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
TT = Treatment Technique

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<th>To convert for CCR, multiply by</th>
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<td>0</td>
<td>Naturally present in the environment</td>
<td>Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems</td>
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<td>MCL: a routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform of E. coli positive</td>
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<td>0</td>
<td>Human and animal fecal waste</td>
<td>Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely-compromised immune systems.</td>
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<th>Decay of natural and man-made deposits</th>
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<td>16</td>
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<td>Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; Run-off from waste batteries and paints</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing cadmium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience kidney damage.</td>
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<td>Some people who drink water containing chromium well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience allergic dermatitis.</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>Copper (ppm)</td>
<td>AL=1.3</td>
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<td>AL=1.3</td>
<td>Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits</td>
<td>Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson’s Disease should consult their personal doctor.</td>
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<td>Some people who drink water containing cyanide well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience nerve damage or problems with their thyroid.</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>Fluoride (ppm)</td>
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<td>Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.</td>
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<td>21</td>
<td>Lead (ppb)</td>
<td>AL=0.015</td>
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<td>AL=15</td>
<td>Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits</td>
<td>Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience</td>
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<td>(22) Mercury [inorganic] (ppb)</td>
<td>0.002</td>
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<td>Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from cropland</td>
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<td>Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits</td>
<td>Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.</td>
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<td>(24) Nitrite (ppm)</td>
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<td>(25) Total Nitrate and Nitrite</td>
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<td>(26) Selenium (ppb)</td>
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<td>Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines</td>
<td>Selenium is an essential nutrient. However, some people who drink water containing selenium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair or fingernail losses, numbness in fingers or toes, or problems with their circulation.</td>
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<td>(27) Thallium (ppb)</td>
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<td>1000</td>
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<td>0.5</td>
<td>Leaching from ore-processing sites; Discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing thallium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair loss, changes in their blood, or problems with their</td>
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## Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

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<td>28</td>
<td>2,4-D (ppb)</td>
<td>0.07</td>
<td>Runoff from herbicides used on row crops</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing the weed killer 2,4-D well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys, liver, or adrenal glands.</td>
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<td>29</td>
<td>2,4,5-TP [Silvex] (ppb)</td>
<td>0.05</td>
<td>Residue of banned herbicide</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing silvex in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver problems.</td>
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<td>30</td>
<td>Acrylamide</td>
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<td>Added to water during sewage/wastewater treatment</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing high levels of acrylamide over a long period of time could have problems with their nervous system or blood, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>31</td>
<td>Alachlor (ppb)</td>
<td>0.002</td>
<td>Runoff from herbicide used on row crops</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing alachlor in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their eyes, liver, kidneys, or spleen, or experience anemia, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>32</td>
<td>Atrazine (ppb)</td>
<td>0.003</td>
<td>Runoff from herbicide used on row crops</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing the atrazine well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their cardiovascular system or reproductive difficulties.</td>
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<td>33</td>
<td>Benzo(a)pyrene[PAH]</td>
<td>0.0002</td>
<td>Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing benzo(a)pyrene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>34</td>
<td>Carbofuran (ppb)</td>
<td>0.04</td>
<td>Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing carbofuran in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their blood, or nervous or reproductive systems.</td>
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| 35     | Chlordane (ppb) | 0.002 | Residue of banned termicide | Some people who drink water containing chlordane...
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<td>Some people who drink water containing dalapon well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience minor kidney changes.</td>
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<td>Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate (ppb)</td>
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<td>Some people who drink water containing di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience toxic effects, such as weight loss, liver enlargement or possible reproductive difficulties.</td>
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<td>Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (ppb)</td>
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<td>Discharge from rubber and chemical factories</td>
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<td>Some people who drink water containing di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate in excess of the MCL over many years may have problems with their liver, or experience reproductive difficulties, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>Dibromochloropropane (ppt)</td>
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<td>Some people who drink water containing DBCP well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive problems and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>Dinoseb (ppb)</td>
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<td>Diquat (ppb)</td>
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<td>Some people who drink water containing diquat in excess of the MCL over many years could get cataracts.</td>
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<td>Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD] (ppq)</td>
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<td>Epichlorohydrin</td>
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<td>Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on apples, potatoes and tomatoes</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing ethylene oxamyl in excess of the MCL over many years could experience slight nervous system effects.</td>
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<td>PCBs [Polychlorinated biphenyls] (ppt)</td>
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<td>Runoff from landfills; Discharge of waste chemicals</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing PCBs in excess of the MCL over many years could experience changes in their skin, problems with their thymus gland, immune deficiencies, or reproductive or nervous system difficulties, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>Pentachlorophenol (ppb)</td>
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<td>Herbicide runoff</td>
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<td>(59) Toxaphene (ppb)</td>
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**Volatile Organic Contaminants**

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<th>(60) Benzene (ppb)</th>
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<th>Some people who drink water containing benzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience anemia or a decrease in blood platelets, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</th>
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<th>(61) Carbon tetrachloride (ppb)</th>
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<th>Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities</th>
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<th>(62) Chlorobenzene (ppb)</th>
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<th>(63) o-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)</th>
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<td>0.1</td>
<td>Discharge from industrial chemical factories</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing trans-1,2-dichloroethylene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.</td>
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<td>Dichloromethane (ppb)</td>
<td>0.005</td>
<td>Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing dichloromethane in excess of the MCL over many years could have liver problems and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)</td>
<td>0.005</td>
<td>Discharge from industrial chemical factories</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing 1,2-dichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>Ethylbenzene (ppb)</td>
<td>0.7</td>
<td>Discharge from petroleum refineries</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing ethylbenzene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys.</td>
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<td>Styrene (ppb)</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td>Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; Leaching from landfills</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing styrene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or circulatory system.</td>
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<td>Tetrachloroethylene (ppb)</td>
<td>0.005</td>
<td>Discharge from factories and dry cleaners</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing tetrachloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their liver, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (ppb)</td>
<td>0.07</td>
<td>Discharge from textile-finishing</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>(75) 1,1,1-Trichloroethane (ppb)</td>
<td>0.2</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing 1,1,1-trichloroethane well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, nervous system, or circulatory system.</td>
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<td>(76) 1,1,2-Trichloroethane (ppb)</td>
<td>0.005</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Discharge from industrial chemical factories</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing 1,1,2-trichloroethane well in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their liver, kidneys, or immune systems.</td>
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<td>(77) Trichloroethylene (ppb)</td>
<td>0.005</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing trichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>(78) Toluene (ppm)</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Discharge from petroleum factories</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing toluene well in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their nervous system, kidneys, or liver.</td>
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<td>(79) Vinyl Chloride (ppb)</td>
<td>0.002</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Leaching from PVC piping; Discharge from plastic factories</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing vinyl chloride in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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<td>(80) Xylenes (ppm)</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories</td>
<td>Some people who drink water containing xylenes in excess of the MCL over many years could experience damage to their nervous system.</td>
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**Disinfection By-Products, Precursors, and Residuals**

| (81) TTHMs [total trihalomethanes] (ppb) | 0.080 | 1000 | 80 | n/a | By-product of drinking water disinfection | Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. |
| (82) Haloacetic acids (HAA) (ppb) | 0.060 | 1000 | 60 | n/a | By-product of drinking water disinfection | Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. |
| (83) Bromate (ppb) | 0.010 | 1000 | 10 | 0 | By-product of drinking water disinfection | Some people who drink water containing bromate in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. |
| (84) Chloramines (ppm) | MRDL=4.0 | - | MRDL=4.0 | MRDLG=4 | Water additive used to control microbes | Some people who use water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort or anemia. |
| (85) Chlorine (ppm) | MRDL=4.0 | - | MRDL=4.0 | MRDLG=4 | Water additive used to control microbes | Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort. |
| (86) Chlorine dioxide (ppb)$^2$ | MRDL=0.8 | 1000 | MRDL=800 | MRDLG=800 | Water additive used to control microbes | Some infants and young children who drink water containing chlorine dioxide in excess of the MRDL could experience nervous system effects. Similar effects may occur in fetuses of pregnant women who drink water containing chlorine dioxide in excess of the MRDL. Some people may experience anemia. |
| (86a) Chlorine dioxide, where any two consecutive daily samples taken at the entrance to the distribution system are above the MRDL.$^1$ | MRDL=0.8 | - | MRDLG=0.8 | | | The chlorine dioxide violations reported today are the result of exceedances at the treatment facility only, not within the distribution system which delivers water to consumers. Continued compliance with chlorine dioxide levels within the distribution system minimizes the
(86b) Chlorine dioxide, where one or more distribution system samples are above the MRDL.\(^1\)

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<td>The chlorine dioxide violations reported today include exceedances of the EPA standard within the distribution system which delivers water to consumers. Violations of the chlorine dioxide standard within the distribution system may harm human health based on short-term exposures. Certain groups, including fetuses, infants, and young children, may be especially susceptible to nervous system effects from excessive chlorine dioxide exposure.</td>
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(87) Chlorite (ppm) 1.0 - 1.0 0.8 By-product of drinking water disinfection

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<td>Some infants and young children who drink water containing chlorite in excess of the MCL could experience nervous system effects. Similar effects may occur in fetuses of pregnant women who drink water containing chlorite in excess of the MCL. Some people may experience anemia.</td>
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(88) Total organic carbon (ppm) TT - TT n/a Naturally present in the environment

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<td>Total organic carbon (TOC) has no health effects. However, total organic carbon provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts. These byproducts include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Drinking water containing these byproducts in excess of the MCL may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous systems effects, and may lead to an increased risk of getting cancer.</td>
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\(^1\)This information is for public notification purposes only.

\(^2\)This information is for Consumer Confidence Report purposes only.

\(^3\)Violations of the treatment technique requirements for filtration and disinfection that involve turbidity exceedances may use the health effects language for turbidity instead.
Best available technologies (BATs) for radionuclides. The commissioner identifies as indicated in the following table the best technology available for achieving compliance with the maximum contaminant levels for combined radium-226 and radium-228, uranium, gross alpha particle activity, and beta particle and photon radioactivity.

### Table I.
BAT for Combined Radium-226 and Radium-228, Uranium, Gross Alpha Particle Activity, and Beta Particle and Photon Radioactivity.

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<td>2. Uranium.</td>
<td>2. Ion exchange, reverse osmosis, lime softening, coagulation/ filtration.</td>
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<td>4. Beta particle and photon radioactivity.</td>
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Small systems compliance technologies list for radionuclides.

### Table II.
List of Small Systems Compliance Technologies for Radionuclides and Limitations to Use.

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<th>Raw water quality range and considerations</th>
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<td>1. Ion exchange (IE).</td>
<td>(a)</td>
<td>Intermediate.</td>
<td>All ground waters.</td>
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<td>2. Point of use (POU³) IE.</td>
<td>(b)</td>
<td>Basic.</td>
<td>All ground waters.</td>
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<td>3. Reverse osmosis (RO).</td>
<td>(c)</td>
<td>Advanced.</td>
<td>Surface waters usually require pre-filtration.</td>
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<td>4. POU³ RO.</td>
<td>(b)</td>
<td>Basic.</td>
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<td>5. Lime softening.</td>
<td>(d)</td>
<td>Advanced.</td>
<td>All waters.</td>
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<td>6. Green sand filtration.</td>
<td>(e)</td>
<td>Basic.</td>
<td>All waters.</td>
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<td>8. Electrodialysis/Electrodialysis Reversal.</td>
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<td>Basic to Intermediate.</td>
<td>All ground waters.</td>
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<td>9. Pre-formed hydrous Manganese oxide.</td>
<td>(g)</td>
<td>Intermediate.</td>
<td>All ground waters.</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Activated alumina.</td>
<td>(a), (h)</td>
<td>Advanced.</td>
<td>All ground waters; competing anion concentrations may affect regeneration frequency.</td>
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<td>11. Enhanced coagulation/</td>
<td>(i)</td>
<td>Advanced.</td>
<td>Can treat a wide range of</td>
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Limitations Footnotes: Technologies for Radionuclides:

a. The regeneration solution contains high concentrations of the contaminant ions. Disposal options should be carefully considered before choosing this technology.

b. When POU devices are used for compliance, programs for long-term operation, maintenance, and monitoring must be provided by water utility to ensure proper performance.

c. Reject water disposal options should be carefully considered before choosing this technology. See other RO limitations described in the SWTR Compliance Technologies Table.

d. The combination of variable source water quality and the complexity of the water chemistry involved may make this technology too complex for small surface water systems.

e. Removal efficiencies can vary depending on water quality.

f. This technology may be very limited in application to small systems. Since the process requires static mixing, detention basins, and filtration, it is most applicable to systems with sufficiently high sulfate levels that already have a suitable filtration treatment train in place.

g. This technology is most applicable to small systems that already have filtration in place.

h. Handling of chemicals required during regeneration and pH adjustment may be too difficult for small systems without an adequately trained operator.

i. Assumes modification to a coagulation/filtration process already in place.

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3A POU, or “point-of-use” technology is a treatment device installed at a single tap used for the purpose of reducing contaminants in drinking water at that one tap. POU devices are typically installed at the kitchen tap. See the April 21, 2000, NODA for more details.

### Table III.

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<th>Contaminant</th>
<th>Compliance technologies[^1] for system size categories (population served)</th>
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<td>25 – 500</td>
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<td>1. Combined radium-226 and radium-228.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Beta particle activity and photon activity.</td>
<td>1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 4, 10, 11.</td>
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<td>4. Uranium.</td>
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[^1]: Numbers correspond to those technologies found listed in Table II.

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