

# **Appendix A**

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## **Primacy Revision Crosswalk**

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<b>SUBPART A—GENERAL</b>			
<b>§ 141.2 DEFINITIONS</b>			
Comprehensive performance evaluation	§ 141.2		
Disinfection profile	§ 141.2		
Ground water under the direct influence of surface water	§ 141.2		
<b>SUBPART H—FILTRATION AND DISINFECTION</b>			
<b>§ 141.70 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>			
<i>Additional requirements for systems serving fewer than 10,000 people.</i> In addition to complying with requirements in this subpart, systems serving fewer than 10,000 people must also comply with the requirements in subpart T of this part.	§ 141.70 (e)		
<b>§ 141.73 FILTRATION</b>			
Beginning January 1, 2005, systems serving fewer than 10,000 people must meet the turbidity requirements in §§141.550 through 141.553.	§ 141.73(a)(4)		

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<p><u>Other filtration technologies.</u> A public water system may use a filtration technology not listed in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section if it demonstrates to the State, using pilot plant studies or other means, that the alternative filtration technology, in combination with disinfection treatment that meets the requirements of §141.72(b), consistently achieves 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of <i>Giardia lamblia</i> cysts and 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses. For a system that makes this demonstration, the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section apply. Beginning January 1, 2002, systems serving at least 10,000 people must meet the requirements for other filtration technologies in §141.173(b). Beginning January 1, 2005, systems serving fewer than 10,000 people must meet the requirements for other filtration technologies in §141.550 through 141.553.</p>	§ 141.73 (d)		
<b>SUBPART O—CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS</b>			
<b>§ 141.153      CONTENT OF THE REPORTS</b>			
<p>When it is reported pursuant to §141.73 or §141.173 or §141.551: the highest single measurement and the lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits specified in §141.73 or §141.173, or §141.551 for the filtration technology being used. The report should include an explanation of the reasons for measuring turbidity;</p>	§ 141.153 (d) (4) (v) (C)		

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<b>SUBPART P—ENHANCED FILTRATION AND DISINFECTION - SYSTEMS SERVING 10,000 OR MORE PEOPLE</b>			
<b>§ 141.170 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>			
Subpart H systems that did not conduct optional monitoring under §141.172 because they served fewer than 10,000 persons when such monitoring was required, but serve more than 10,000 persons prior to January 1, 2005 must comply with §§141.170, 141.171, 141.173, 141.174, and 141.175. These systems must also consult with the State to establish a disinfection benchmark. A system that decides to make a significant change to its disinfection practice, as described in §141.172(c)(1)(i) through (iv) must consult with the State prior to making such change.	§ 141.170 (d)		
<b>SUBPART Q - PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF DRINKING WATER VIOLATIONS</b>			
<b>§ 141.202 TIER 1 PUBLIC NOTICE- FORM, MANNER, AND FREQUENCY OF NOTICE</b>			
Table 1- Violation Categories and other Situations Requiring a Tier 1 Public Notice	§ 141.202 (a)		
Violation of the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) or Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR) treatment technique requirement resulting from a single exceedance of the maximum allowable turbidity limit (as identified in Appendix A), where the primacy agency determines after consultation that a Tier 1 notice is required or where consultation does not take place within 24 hours after the system learns of the violation;	§ 141.202 (a)(6)		

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<b>§ 141.203 TIER 2 PUBLIC NOTICE- FORM, MANNER, AND FREQUENCY OF NOTICE</b>											
Violation of the SWTR, IESWTR or LT1ESWTR treatment technique requirement resulting from a single exceedance of the maximum allowable turbidity limit.	§ 141.203 (b)(3)(ii)										
<b>APPENDIX A TO SUBPART Q OF PART 141 - NPDWR VIOLATIONS AND OTHER SITUATIONS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE</b>											
<p>5. Turbidity (for TT violations resulting from a single exceedance of maximum allowable turbidity level)</p> <p>MCL/MRDL/TT violations</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tier of Public Notice Required</td> <td>Citation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2,1</td> <td>141.71(a)(2) and (c)(2)(i); 141.73(a)(2), (b)(2), (c)(2), and (d); 141.173(a)(2) and (b); 141.551(b)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Monitoring and testing procedure violations</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tier of Public Notice Required</td> <td>Citation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>141.74(a)(1), (b)(2), and (c)(1); 141.174; 141.560(a)-(c); 141.561</td> </tr> </table>	Tier of Public Notice Required	Citation	2,1	141.71(a)(2) and (c)(2)(i); 141.73(a)(2), (b)(2), (c)(2), and (d); 141.173(a)(2) and (b); 141.551(b)	Tier of Public Notice Required	Citation	3	141.74(a)(1), (b)(2), and (c)(1); 141.174; 141.560(a)-(c); 141.561	Appendix A I.A.5		
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<p>7. Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule violations, other than violations resulting from single exceedance of max. turbidity level (TT)</p> <p>MCL/MRDL/TT violations</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tier of Public Notice Required</td> <td>Citation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>141.170-141.173 141.500-141.553</td> </tr> </table> <p>Monitoring and testing procedure violations</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tier of Public Notice Required</td> <td>Citation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>141.172, 141.174, 141.530-141.544, 141.560-141.564</td> </tr> </table>	Tier of Public Notice Required	Citation	2	141.170-141.173 141.500-141.553	Tier of Public Notice Required	Citation	3	141.172, 141.174, 141.530-141.544, 141.560-141.564	Appendix A I.A.7		
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<b>APPENDIX B TO SUBPART Q OF PART 141 - STANDARD HEALTH EFFECTS LANGUAGE FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION</b>			
<p>Contaminant:  2c. Turbidity (IESWTR TT and LT1ESWTR TT)  MCLG (mg/L): None  MCL (mg/L): TT  Standard Health Effects Language for PN:  Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.</p>	Appendix B A.2c		
<p>B. Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR), Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR), and the Filter Backwash Recycling Rule (FBRR) violations:</p> <p>Contaminant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <i>Giardia lamblia</i> (SWTR/IESWTR/LT1ESWTR)</li> <li>4. Viruses (SWTR/IESWTR/LT1ESWTR)</li> <li>5. Heterotrophic plate count (HPC) bacteria (SWTR/IESWTR/LT1ESWTR)</li> <li>6. <i>Legionella</i> (SWTR/IESWTR/LT1ESWTR)</li> <li>7. <i>Cryptosporidium</i> (IESWTR/FBRR/LT1ESWTR)</li> </ol> <p>MCLG (mg/L): Zero  MCL (mg/L): TT  Standard Health Effects Language for PN:  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.</p>	Appendix B B.3-B.7		



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<p>There are various regulations that set turbidity standards for different types of systems, including 40 CFR 141.13, and the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule, the 1998 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and the 2002 Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. The MCL for the monthly turbidity average is 1 NTU; the MCL for the 2-day average is 5 NTU for systems that are required to filter but have not yet installed filtration (40 CFR 141.13).</p>	<p>Appendix B - Endnote 4</p>		
<p>There are various regulations that set turbidity standards for different types of systems, including 40 CFR 141.13, and the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule, the 1998 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and the 2001 Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. Systems subject to the Surface Water Treatment Rule (both filtered and unfiltered) may not exceed 5 NTU. In addition, in filtered systems, 95 percent of samples each month must not exceed 0.5 NTU in systems using conventional or direct filtration and must not exceed 1 NTU in systems using slow sand or diatomaceous earth filtration or other filtration technologies approved by the primacy agency.</p>	<p>Appendix B - Endnote 6</p>		

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<p>There are various regulations that set turbidity standards for different types of systems, including 40 CFR 141.13, the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), the 1998 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) and the 2002 Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR). For systems subject to the IESWTR (systems serving at least 10,000 people, using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water), that use conventional filtration or direct filtration, after January 1, 2002, the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent may not exceed 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of monthly measurements, and the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent must not exceed 1 NTU at any time. Systems subject to the IESWTR using technologies other than conventional, direct, slow sand, or diatomaceous earth filtration must meet turbidity limits set by the primacy agency. For systems subject to the LT1ESWTR (systems serving fewer than 10,000 people, using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water) that use conventional filtration or direct filtration, after January 1, 2005, the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent may not exceed 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of monthly measurements, and the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent must not exceed 1 NTU at any time. Systems subject to the LT1ESWTR using technologies other than conventional, direct, slow sand, or diatomaceous earth filtration must meet turbidity limits set by the primacy agency.</p>	<p>Appendix B - Endnote 8</p>		
<p>SWTR, IESWTR, and LT1ESWTR treatment technique violations that involve turbidity exceedances may use the health effects language for turbidity instead.</p>	<p>Appendix B - Endnote 10</p>		

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<b>SUBPART T — ENHANCED FILTRATION AND DISINFECTION - SYSTEMS SERVING FEWER THAN 10,000 PEOPLE</b>			
<b>§141.500 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>			
The requirements of this subpart constitute national primary drinking water regulations. These regulations establish requirements for filtration and disinfection that are in addition to criteria under which filtration and disinfection are required under subpart H of this part. The regulations in this subpart establish or extend treatment technique requirements in lieu of maximum contaminant levels for the following contaminants: <i>Giardia lamblia</i> , viruses, heterotrophic plate count bacteria, <i>Legionella</i> , <i>Cryptosporidium</i> and turbidity. The treatment technique requirements consist of installing and properly operating water treatment processes which reliably achieve:	§ 141.500		
At least 99 percent (2 log) removal of <i>Cryptosporidium</i> 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 for filtered systems, or <i>Cryptosporidium</i> control under the watershed control plan for unfiltered systems; and	§ 141.500 (a)		
Compliance with the profiling and benchmark requirements in §§141.530 through 141.544.	§ 141.500 (b)		
<b>§141.501 WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPART T?</b>			
You are subject to these requirements if your system:	§ 141.501		
Is a public water system;	§ 141.501 (a)		
Uses surface water or GWUDI as a source; and	§ 141.501 (b)		
Serves fewer than 10,000 persons.	§ 141.501 (c)		

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<b>§141.502 WHEN MUST MY SYSTEM COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS?</b>			
You must comply with these requirements beginning January 1, 2005 except where otherwise noted.	§ 141.502		
<b>§141.503 WHAT DOES SUBPART T REQUIRE?</b>			
There are seven requirements of this subpart, and you must comply with all requirements that are applicable to your system. These requirements are:	§ 141.503		
You must cover any finished water reservoir that you began to construct on or after March 15, 2002 as described in §§141.510 and 141.511;	§ 141.503 (a)		
If your system is an unfiltered system, you must comply with the updated watershed control requirements described in §§141.520-141.522;	§ 141.503 (b)		
If your system is a community or non-transient non-community water system you must develop a disinfection profile as described in §§141.530-141.536;	§ 141.503 (c)		
If your system is considering making a significant change to its disinfection practices, you must develop a disinfection benchmark and consult with the State for approval of the change as described in §§141.540-141.544;	§ 141.503 (d)		
If your system is a filtered system, you must comply with the combined filter effluent requirements as described in §§141.550-141.553;	§ 141.503 (e)		
If your system is a filtered system that uses conventional or direct filtration, you must comply with the individual filter turbidity requirements as described in §§141.560-141.564; and	§ 141.503 (f)		
You must comply with the applicable reporting and recordkeeping requirements as described in §§141.570-141.571.	§ 141.503 (g)		

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<b>§141.510 IS MY SYSTEM SUBJECT TO THE NEW FINISHED WATER RESERVOIR REQUIREMENTS?</b>			
All subpart H systems which serve fewer than 10,000 are subject to this requirement.	§ 141.510		
<b>§141.511 WHAT IS REQUIRED OF NEW FINISHED WATER RESERVOIRS?</b>			
If your system begins construction of a finished water reservoir on or after March 15, 2002 the reservoir must be covered. Finished water reservoirs for which your system began construction prior to March 15, 2002 are not subject to this requirement.	§ 141.511		
<b>§141.520 IS MY SYSTEM SUBJECT TO THE UPDATED WATERSHED CONTROL REQUIREMENTS?</b>			
If you are a subpart H system serving fewer than 10,000 persons which does not provide filtration, you must continue to comply with all of the filtration avoidance criteria in §141.71, as well as the additional watershed control requirements in §141.521.	§ 141.520		
<b>§141.521 WHAT UPDATED WATERSHED CONTROL REQUIREMENTS MUST MY UNFILTERED SYSTEM IMPLEMENT TO CONTINUE TO AVOID FILTRATION?</b>			
Your system must take any additional steps necessary to minimize the potential for contamination by <i>Cryptosporidium</i> oocysts in the source water. Your system's watershed control program must, for <i>Cryptosporidium</i> :	§ 141.521		
Identify watershed characteristics and activities which may have an adverse effect on source water quality; and	§ 141.521 (a)		
Monitor the occurrence of activities which may have an adverse effect on source water quality.	§ 141.521 (b)		

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<b>§141.522 HOW DOES THE STATE DETERMINE WHETHER MY SYSTEM'S WATERSHED CONTROL REQUIREMENTS ARE ADEQUATE?</b>			
During an onsite inspection conducted under the provisions of §141.71(b)(3), the State must determine whether your watershed control program is adequate to limit potential contamination by <i>Cryptosporidium</i> oocysts. The adequacy of the program must be based on the comprehensiveness of the watershed review; the effectiveness of your program to monitor and control detrimental activities occurring in the watershed; and the extent to which your system has maximized land ownership and/or controlled land use within the watershed.	§ 141.522		
<b>§141.530 WHAT IS A DISINFECTION PROFILE AND WHO MUST DEVELOP ONE?</b>			
A disinfection profile is a graphical representation of your system's level of <i>Giardia lamblia</i> or virus inactivation measured during the course of a year. If you are a subpart H community or non-transient non-community water system which serves fewer than 10,000 persons, your system must develop a disinfection profile unless your State determines that your system's profile is unnecessary. Your State may approve the use of a more representative data set for disinfection profiling than the data set required under §§141.532-141.536.	§ 141.530		
<b>§141.531 WHAT CRITERIA MUST A STATE USE TO DETERMINE THAT A PROFILE IS UNNECESSARY?</b>			
States may only determine that a system's profile is unnecessary if a system's TTHM and HAA5 levels are below 0.064 mg/L and 0.048 mg/L, respectively. To determine these levels, TTHM and HAA5 samples must be collected after January 1, 1998, during the month with the warmest water temperature, and at the point of maximum residence time in your distribution system. Your State may approve a more representative TTHM and HAA5 data set to determine these levels.	§ 141.531		

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<b>§141.532 HOW DOES MY SYSTEM DEVELOP A DISINFECTION PROFILE AND WHEN MUST IT BEGIN?</b>			
A disinfection profile consists of three steps:	§ 141.532		
First, your system must collect data for several parameters from the plant as discussed in §141.533 over the course of 12 months. If your system serves between 500 and 9,999 persons you must begin to collect data no later than July 1, 2003. If your system serves fewer than 500 persons you must begin to collect data no later than January 1, 2004.	§ 141.532 (a)		
Second, your system must use this data to calculate weekly log inactivation as discussed in §§141.534 and 141.535; and	§ 141.532 (b)		
Third, your system must use these weekly log inactivations to develop a disinfection profile as specified in §141.536.	§ 141.532 (c)		
<b>§141.533 WHAT DATA MUST MY SYSTEM COLLECT TO CALCULATE A DISINFECTION PROFILE?</b>			
Your system must monitor the following parameters to determine the total log inactivation using the analytical methods in §141.74 (a), once per week on the same calendar day, over 12 consecutive months:	§ 141.533		
The temperature of the disinfected water at each residual disinfectant concentration sampling point during peak hourly flow;	§ 141.533 (a)		
If your system uses chlorine, the pH of the disinfected water at each residual disinfectant concentration sampling point during peak hourly flow;	§ 141.533 (b)		
The disinfectant contact time(s) (“T”) during peak hourly flow; and	§ 141.533 (c)		
The residual disinfectant concentration(s) (“C”) of the water before or at the first customer and prior to each additional point of disinfection during peak hourly flow.	§ 141.533 (d)		

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<b>§141.534 HOW DOES MY SYSTEM USE THIS DATA TO CALCULATE AN INACTIVATION RATIO?</b>			
Use the tables in Sec. 141.74(b)(3)(v) to determine the appropriate CT <sub>99.9</sub> value. Calculate the total inactivation ratio as follows, and multiply the value by 3.0 to determine log inactivation of <i>Giardia lamblia</i> :	§ 141.534		
If your system uses only one point of disinfectant application, you must determine one inactivation ratio (CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ) before or at the first customer during peak hourly flow, or	§ 141.534 (a) (1)		
If your system uses only one point of disinfectant application, you must determine successive CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> values, representing sequential inactivation ratios, between the point of disinfectant application and a point before or at the first customer during peak hourly flow. Under this alternative, your system must calculate the total inactivation ratio by determining (CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ) for each sequence and then adding the (CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ) values together to determine ( $\sum$ CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ).	§ 141.534 (a) (2)		
If your system uses more than one point of disinfectant application before the first customer, you must determine the CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> 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 using the procedure specified in §141.534(a)(2).	§ 141.534 (b)		
<b>§141.535 WHAT IF MY SYSTEM USES CHLORAMINES, OZONE, OR CHLORINE DIOXIDE FOR PRIMARY DISINFECTION?</b>			
If your system uses chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection, you must also calculate the logs of inactivation for viruses and develop an additional disinfection profile for viruses using methods approved by the State.	§ 141.535		



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<b>§141.536 MY SYSTEM HAS DEVELOPED AN INACTIVATION RATIO; WHAT MUST WE DO NOW?</b>			
Each log inactivation serves as a data point in your disinfection profile. Your system will have obtained 52 measurements (one for every week of the year). This will allow your system and the State the opportunity to evaluate how microbial inactivation varied over the course of the year by looking at all 52 measurements (your Disinfection Profile). Your system must retain the Disinfection Profile data in graphic form, such as a spreadsheet, which must be available for review by the State as part of a sanitary survey. Your system must use this data to calculate a benchmark if you are considering changes to disinfection practices.	§ 141.536		
<b>§141.540 WHO HAS TO DEVELOP A DISINFECTION BENCHMARK?</b>			
If you are a subpart H system required to develop a disinfection profile under §§141.530 through 141.536, your system must develop a Disinfection Benchmark if you decide to make a significant change to your disinfection practice. Your system must consult with the State for approval before you can implement a significant disinfection practice change.	§ 141.540		
<b>§141.541 WHAT ARE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO DISINFECTION PRACTICE?</b>			
Significant changes to disinfection practice include:	§ 141.541		
Changes to the point of disinfection;	§ 141.541 (a)		
Changes to the disinfectant(s) used in the treatment plant;	§ 141.541 (b)		
Changes to the disinfection process; or	§ 141.541 (c)		
Any other modification identified by the State.	§ 141.541 (d)		

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<b>§141.542 WHAT MUST MY SYSTEM DO IF WE ARE CONSIDERING A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE TO DISINFECTION PRACTICES?</b>			
If your system is considering a significant change to its disinfection practice, your system must calculate a disinfection benchmark(s) as described in §§141.543 and 141.544 and provide the benchmark(s) to your State. Your system may only make a significant disinfection practice change after consulting with the State for approval. Your system must submit the following information to the State as part of the consultation and approval process:	§ 141.542		
A description of the proposed change;	§ 141.542 (a)		
The disinfection profile for <i>Giardia lamblia</i> (and, if necessary, viruses) and disinfection benchmark;	§ 141.542 (b)		
An analysis of how the proposed change will affect the current levels of disinfection; and	§ 141.542 (c)		
Any additional information requested by the State.	§ 141.542 (d)		
<b>§141.543 HOW IS THE DISINFECTION BENCHMARK CALCULATED?</b>			
If your system is making a significant change to its disinfection practice, it must calculate a disinfection benchmark using the following procedure: Step 1: Using the data your system collected to develop the Disinfection Profile, determine the average <i>Giardia lamblia</i> inactivation for each calendar month by dividing the sum of all <i>Giardia lamblia</i> inactivations for that month by the number of values calculated for that month. Step 2: Determine the lowest monthly average value out of the twelve values. This value becomes the disinfection benchmark.	§ 141.543		

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<b>§141.544 WHAT IF MY SYSTEM USES CHLORAMINES, OZONE, OR CHLORINE DIOXIDE FOR PRIMARY DISINFECTION?</b>			
If your system uses chloramines, ozone or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection your system must calculate the disinfection benchmark from the data your system collected for viruses to develop the disinfection profile in addition to the <i>Giardia lamblia</i> disinfection benchmark calculated under §141.543. This viral benchmark must be calculated in the same manner used to calculate the <i>Giardia lamblia</i> disinfection benchmark in §141.543.	§ 141.544		
<b>§141.550 IS MY SYSTEM REQUIRED TO MEET SUBPART T COMBINED FILTER EFFLUENT TURBIDITY LIMITS?</b>			
All subpart H systems which serve populations fewer than 10,000, are required to filter, and utilize filtration other than slow sand filtration or diatomaceous earth filtration must meet the combined filter effluent turbidity requirements of §§141.551-141.553. If your system uses slow sand or diatomaceous earth filtration you are not required to meet the combined filter effluent turbidity limits of subpart T, but you must continue to meet the combined filter effluent turbidity limits in §141.73.	§ 141.550		
<b>§ 141.551 WHAT STRENGTHENED COMBINED FILTER EFFLUENT TURBIDITY LIMITS MUST MY SYSTEM MEET?</b>			
Your system must meet two strengthened combined filter effluent turbidity limits.	§ 141.551		
The first combined filter effluent turbidity limit is a “95 <sup>th</sup> percentile” turbidity limit that your system must meet in at least 95 percent of the turbidity measurements taken each month. Measurements must continue to be taken as described in §141.74(a) and (c). Monthly reporting must be completed according to §141.570. The required limits for specific filtration technologies follow:	§ 141.551 (a)		
If your system consists of conventional filtration or direct filtration, your 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile turbidity value is 0.3 NTU.	§ 141.551 (a) (1)		

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If your system consists of all other “alternative” filtration, your 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile turbidity value is a value determined by the State (not to exceed 1 NTU) based on the demonstration described in §141.552	§ 141.551 (a) (2)		
The second combined filter effluent turbidity limit is a “maximum” turbidity limit which your system may at no time exceed during the month. Measurements must continue to be taken as described in §141.74(a) and (c). Monthly reporting must be completed according to §141.570. The required limits for specific filtration technologies follow:	§ 141.551 (b)		
If your system consists of conventional filtration or direct filtration, your maximum turbidity value is 1 NTU.	§ 141.551 (b) (1)		
If your system consists of all other “alternative filtration,” your maximum turbidity value is a value determined by the State (not to exceed 5 NTU) based on the demonstration as described in §141.552	§ 141.551 (b) (2)		
<b>§141.552 MY SYSTEM CONSISTS OF “ALTERNATIVE FILTRATION” AND IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A DEMONSTRATION - WHAT IS REQUIRED OF MY SYSTEM AND HOW DOES THE STATE ESTABLISH MY TURBIDITY LIMITS?</b>			
If your system consists of alternative filtration (filtration other than slow sand filtration, diatomaceous earth filtration, conventional filtration, or direct filtration) you are required to conduct a demonstration (see tables in §141.551), your system must demonstrate to the State, using pilot plant studies or other means, that your system’s filtration, in combination with disinfection treatment, consistently achieves:	§ 141.552 (a)		
99 percent removal of <i>Cryptosporidium</i> oocysts;	§ 141.552 (a) (1)		
99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of <i>Giardia lamblia</i> cysts; and	§ 141.552 (a) (2)		
99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses.	§ 141.552 (a) (3)		
[Reserved]	§ 141.552 (b)		

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<b>§141.553 MY SYSTEM PRACTICES LIME SOFTENING - IS THERE ANY SPECIAL PROVISION REGARDING MY COMBINED FILTER EFFLUENT?</b>			
If your system practices lime softening, you may acidify representative combined filter effluent turbidity samples prior to analysis using a protocol approved by the State.	§ 141.553		
<b>§141.560 IS MY SYSTEM SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL FILTER TURBIDITY REQUIREMENTS?</b>			
If your system is a subpart H system serving fewer than 10,000 people and utilizing conventional filtration or direct filtration, you must conduct continuous monitoring of turbidity for each individual filter at your system. The following requirements apply to continuous turbidity monitoring:	§ 141.560		
Monitoring must be conducted using an approved method in §141.74(a);	§ 141.560 (a)		
Calibration of turbidimeters must be conducted using procedures specified by the manufacturer;	§ 141.560 (b)		
Results of turbidity monitoring must be recorded at least every 15 minutes;	§ 141.560 (c)		
Monthly reporting must be completed according to § 141.570; and	§ 141.560 (d)		
Records must be maintained according to § 141.571.	§ 141.560 (e)		
<b>§141.561 WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SYSTEM'S TURBIDITY MONITORING EQUIPMENT FAILS?</b>			
If there is a failure in the continuous turbidity monitoring equipment, your system must conduct grab sampling every four hours in lieu of continuous monitoring until the turbidimeter is back on-line. Your system has 14 days to resume continuous monitoring before a violation is incurred.	§ 141.561		

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<b>§141.562 MY SYSTEM ONLY HAS TWO OR FEWER FILTERS - IS THERE ANY SPECIAL PROVISION REGARDING INDIVIDUAL FILTER TURBIDITY MONITORING?</b>			
Yes, if your system only consists of two or fewer filters, you may conduct continuous monitoring of combined filter effluent turbidity in lieu of individual filter effluent turbidity monitoring. Continuous monitoring must meet the same requirements set forth in §141.560(a) through (d) and §141.561.	§141.562		
<b>§141.563 WHAT FOLLOW-UP ACTION IS MY SYSTEM REQUIRED TO TAKE BASED ON CONTINUOUS TURBIDITY MONITORING?</b>			
Follow-up action is required as follows:	§ 141.563		
If the turbidity of an individual filter (or the turbidity of combined filter effluent (CFE) for systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters) exceeds 1.0 NTU in two consecutive recordings 15 minutes apart, your system must report to the State by the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the following month and include the filter number(s), corresponding date(s), turbidity value(s) which exceeded 1.0 NTU, and the cause (if known) for the exceedance(s).	§ 141.563 (a)		
If a system was required to report to the State for three months in a row and turbidity exceeded 1.0 NTU in two consecutive recordings 15 minutes apart at the same filter (or CFE for systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters), your system must conduct a self-assessment of the filter(s) within 14 days of the day the filter exceeded 1.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the third straight month unless a CPE as specified in §141.563(c) was required. Systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters must conduct a self assessment on both filters. The self-assessment must 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.	§ 141.563 (b)		

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<p>If a system was required to report to the State for two months in a row and turbidity exceeded 2.0 NTU in 2 consecutive recordings 15 minutes apart at the same filter (or CFE for systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters), your system must arrange to have a comprehensive performance evaluation (CPE) conducted by the State or a third party approved by the State not later than 60 days following the day the filter exceeded 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the second straight month. If a CPE has been completed by the State or a third party approved by the State within the 12 prior months or the system and State are jointly participating in an ongoing Comprehensive Technical Assistance (CTA) project at the system, a new CPE is not required. If conducted, a CPE must be completed and submitted to the State no later than 120 days following the day the filter exceeded 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the second straight month.</p>	§ 141.563 (c)		
<p><b>§ 141.564 MY SYSTEM PRACTICES LIME SOFTENING. IS THERE ANY SPECIAL PROVISION REGARDING MY INDIVIDUAL FILTER TURBIDITY MONITORING?</b></p>			
<p>If your system utilizes lime softening, you may apply to the State for alternative turbidity exceedance levels for the levels specified in §141.563. You must be able to demonstrate to the State that higher turbidity levels are due to lime carryover only, and not due to degraded filter performance.</p>	§ 141.564		
<p><b>§ 141.570 WHAT DOES SUBPART T REQUIRE THAT MY SYSTEM REPORT TO THE STATE?</b></p>			
<p>The following table describes the items which must be reported and the frequency of reporting. Your system is required to report the information described in the following table, if it is subject to the specific requirement shown in the first column:</p>	§ 141.570		
<p>If your system is subject to combined filter effluent requirements, §§ 141.550-141.553, your system must report:</p>	§ 141.570 (a)		
<p>The total number of filtered water turbidity measurements taken during the month by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month</p>	§ 141.570 (a) (1)		

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The number and percentage of filtered water turbidity measurements taken during the month which are less than or equal to your system's required 95th percentile limit by the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the following month	§ 141.570 (a) (2)		
The date and value of any turbidity measurements taken during the month which exceed the maximum turbidity value for your filtration system by the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the following month	§ 141.570 (a) (3)		
If your system is subject to individual filter turbidity requirements, §§ 141.560-141.564, your system must report:	§ 141.570 (b)		
That your system conducted individual filter turbidity monitoring during the month, by the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the following month	§ 141.570 (b) (1)		
The filter number(s), corresponding date(s), and the turbidity value(s) which exceeded 1.0 NTU during the month, and the cause (if known) for the exceedance(s), but only if 2 consecutive measurements exceeded 1.0 NTU by the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the following month.	§ 141.570 (b) (2)		
If a self-assessment is required, the date that it was triggered and the date that it was completed, by the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the following month (or 14 days after the self-assessment was triggered only if the self-assessment was triggered during the last four days of the month)	§ 141.570 (b) (3)		
If a CPE is required, that the CPE is required and the date that it was triggered, by the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the following month	§ 141.570 (b) (4)		
Copy of completed CPE report, within 120 days after the CPE was triggered	§ 141.570 (b) (5)		
If your system is subject to disinfection profiling, §§141.530-141.536, your system must report the following information:	§ 141.570 (c)		
Results of optional monitoring which show TTHM levels < 0.064 mg/L and HAA5 levels < 0.048 mg/L (Only if your system wishes to forgo profiling), or that your system has begun disinfection profiling by:	§ 141.570 (c) (1)		
For systems serving 500-9,999 July 1, 2003	§ 141.570 (c) (1) (i)		
For systems serving fewer than 500 January 1, 2004	§ 141.570 (c) (1) (ii)		



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If your system is subject to disinfection benchmarking requirements, §§141.540-141.544, your system must report the following information:	§ 141.570 (d)		
A description of the proposed change in disinfection, your system's disinfection profile for <i>Giardia lamblia</i> (and, if necessary, viruses) and disinfection benchmark, and an analysis of how the proposed change will affect the current levels of disinfection, anytime your system is considering a significant change to its disinfection practice.	§ 141.570 (d)(1)		
<b>§ 141.571 WHAT RECORDS DOES SUBPART T REQUIRE MY SYSTEM TO KEEP?</b>			
Your system must keep several types of records based on the requirements of subpart T, in addition to recordkeeping requirements under § 141.75. A description of the necessary records, the length of time these records must be kept, and for which requirement the records pertain follows. Your system is required to maintain the records described, if it is subject to the specific requirement.	§ 141.571		
If your system is subject to individual filter turbidity requirements, §§141.560-141.564, your system must keep results of individual filter monitoring for at least 3 years.	§ 141.571 (a)		
If your system is subject to disinfection profiling, §§141.530-141.536, your system must keep results of profile (including raw data and analysis) indefinitely.	§ 141.571 (b)		
If your system is subject to disinfection benchmarking, §§141.540-141.544, your system must keep the benchmark (including raw data and analysis) indefinitely.	§ 141.571 (c)		

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENT	FEDERAL CITATION	EXPLANATION OF STATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
<b>PART 142-NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION</b>		
<b>§ 142.14 RECORDS KEPT BY STATES</b>		
Records of turbidity measurements must be kept for not less than one year. The information retained must be set forth in a form which makes possible comparison with the limits specified in §§141.71, 141.73, 141.173 and 141.175, 141.550-141.553 and 141.560-141.564 of this chapter. Until June 29, 1993, for any public water system which is providing filtration treatment and until December 30, 1991, for any public water system not providing filtration treatment and not required by the State to provide filtration treatment, records kept must be set forth in a form which makes possible comparison with the limits contained in §141.13 of this chapter.	§ 142.14 (a) (3)	
Records of disinfectant residual measurements and other parameters necessary to document disinfection effectiveness in accordance with §§141.72 and 141.74 of this chapter and the reporting requirements of §§141.75, 141.175, and 141.570, of this chapter must be kept for not less than one year.	§ 142.14 (a) (4) (i)	
Records of decisions made on a system-by-system and case-by-case basis under provisions of part 141, subpart H, subpart P, or subpart T of this chapter, must be made in writing and kept by the State.	§ 142.14 (a) (4) (ii)	
Any decisions made pursuant to the provisions of part 141, subpart P or subpart T of this chapter.	§ 142.14 (a) (7)	
Records of systems consulting with the State concerning a modification to disinfection practice under §§141.170(d), 141.172(c), and 141.542 of this chapter, including the status of the consultation.	§ 142.14 (a) (7) (i)	

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENT	FEDERAL CITATION	EXPLANATION OF STATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Records of decisions that a system using alternative filtration technologies, as allowed under §§141.173(b) and §141.552 of this chapter, can consistently achieve a 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of <i>Giardia lamblia</i> cysts, 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses, and 99 percent removal of <i>Cryptosporidium</i> oocysts. The decisions must include State-set enforceable turbidity limits for each system. A copy of the decision must be kept until the decision is reversed or revised. The State must provide a copy of the decision to the system.	§ 142.14 (a) (7) (ii)	
Records of systems required to do filter self-assessment, CPE, or CCP under the requirements of §141.175 and §141.563 of this chapter.	§ 142.14 (a) (7) (iii)	
<b>§ 142.16 SPECIAL PRIMACY REQUIREMENTS</b>		
Requirements for States to adopt 40 CFR part 141, Subpart T - Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection - Systems Serving Fewer than 10,000 People. In addition to the general primacy requirements enumerated elsewhere in this part, including the requirement that State provisions are no less stringent than the Federal requirements, an application for approval of a State program revision that adopts 40 CFR part 141, Subpart T - Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection - Systems Serving Fewer than 10,000 People, must contain the information specified in this paragraph:	§ 142.16 (p)	

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENT	FEDERAL CITATION	EXPLANATION OF STATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
<p>Enforceable requirements. States must have rules or other authority to require systems to participate in a Comprehensive Technical Assistance (CTA) activity, the performance improvement phase of the Composite Correction Program (CCP). The State must determine whether a CTA must be conducted based on results of a CPE which indicate the potential for improved performance, and a finding by the State that the system is able to receive and implement technical assistance provided through the CTA. A CPE is a thorough review and analysis of a system's performance-based capabilities and associated administrative, operation and maintenance practices. It is conducted to identify factors that may be adversely impacting a plant's capability to achieve compliance. During the CTA phase, the system must identify and systematically address factors limiting performance. The CTA is a combination of utilizing CPE results as a basis for follow-up, implementing process control priority-setting techniques and maintaining long-term involvement to systematically train staff and administrators.</p>	<p>§ 142.16 (p) (1)</p>	
<p>State practices or procedures.</p>	<p>§ 142.16 (p) (2)</p>	
<p>Section 141.530-141.536 - How the State will approve a more representative data set for optional TTHM and HAA5 monitoring and profiling.</p>	<p>§ 142.16 (p) (2) (i)</p>	
<p>Section 141.535 of this chapter- How the State will approve a method to calculate the logs of inactivation for viruses for a system that uses either chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection.</p>	<p>§ 142.16 (p) (2) (ii)</p>	
<p>Section 141.542 of this chapter- How the State will consult with the system and approve significant changes to disinfection practices.</p>	<p>§ 142.16 (p) (2) (iii)</p>	

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENT	FEDERAL CITATION	EXPLANATION OF STATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
<p>Section 141.552 of this chapter—For filtration technologies other than conventional filtration treatment, direct filtration, slow sand filtration, or diatomaceous earth filtration, how the State will determine that a public water system may use a filtration technology if the PWS demonstrates to the State, using pilot plant studies or other means, that the alternative filtration technology, in combination with disinfection treatment that meets the requirements of §141.72(b) of this chapter, consistently achieves 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of <i>Giardia lamblia</i> cysts and 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses, and 99 percent removal of <i>Cryptosporidium</i> oocysts. For a system that makes this demonstration, how the State will set turbidity performance requirements that the system must meet 95 percent of the time and that the system may not exceed at any time at a level that consistently achieves 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of <i>Giardia lamblia</i> cysts, 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses, and 99 percent removal of <i>Cryptosporidium</i> oocysts.</p>	<p>§ 142.16 (p) (2) (iv)</p>	

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# **Appendix B**

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## **LT1ESWTR Regulatory Language**

This appendix contains the rule language for the LT1ESWTR incorporating the minor technical corrections. Changes to the original rule language are shown as highlighted text. Also included is a complete copy of the LT1ESWTR, including preamble as published on January 14, 2002, and a complete copy of the minor technical corrections, including preamble as published on June 29, 2004.

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For the reasons set forth in the preamble, title 40 chapter I of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

**PART 9--[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for part 9 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 135 et seq., 136-136y; 15 U.S.C. 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2601-2671; 21 U.S.C. 331j, 346a, 348; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., 1311, 1313d, 1314, 1318, 1321, 1326, 1330, 1342, 1344, 1345 (d) and (e), 1361; Executive Order 11735, 38 FR 21243, 3 CFR, 1971-1975 Comp. p. 973; 42 U.S.C. 241, 242b, 243, 246, 300f, 300g, 300g-1, 300g-2, 300g-3, 300g-4, 300g-5, 300g-6, 300j-1, 300j-2, 300j-3, 300j-4, 300j-9, 1857 et seq., 6901-6992k, 7401-7671q, 7542, 9601-9657, 11023, 11048.

2. In Sec. 9.1 the table is amended by adding under the indicated heading:

a. By adding entries 141.530-141.536, 141.540-141.544, 141.550-141.553, 141.560-141.564 and 141.570-141.571 in numerical order.

b. By removing the entry 142.14(a)-(d)(7) and adding in its place a new entry Sec. 142.14(b)-(d)(7).

c. By adding a new entry for 142.14(a) in numerical order.

d. By adding new entries for 142.16(g) and 142.16(j) in numerical order.

The additions read as follows:

**Sec. 9.1 OMB approvals under the Paperwork Reduction Act.**

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141.530-141.536.....	2040-0229
141.540-141.544.....	2040-0229
141.550-141.553.....	2040-0229
141.560-141.564.....	2040-0229
141.570-141.57 .....	2040-0229

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142.14(a).....		2040-0229
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142.14(b)-(d)(7).....		2040-0090
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142.16(g).....		2040-0229
142.16(j).....		2040-0229

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3. The authority citation for part 141 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 300f, 300g-1, 300g-2, 300g-3, 300g-4, 300g-5, 300g-6, 300j-4, 300j-9, and 300j-11.

4. Section 141.2 is amended by revising the definitions of "Comprehensive performance evaluation" (CPE), "Ground water under the direct influence of surface water" and "Disinfection profile" to read as follows:

**Sec. 141.2 Definitions.**

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*Comprehensive performance evaluation (CPE)* is a thorough review and analysis of a treatment plant's performance-based capabilities and associated administrative, operation 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 purpose of compliance with subparts P and T of this part, the comprehensive performance evaluation must 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.

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*Disinfection profile* is a summary of *Giardia lamblia* inactivation through the treatment plant. The procedure for developing a disinfection profile is contained in Sec. 141.172 (Disinfection profiling and benchmarking) in subpart P and Secs. 141.530-141.536 (Disinfection profile) in subpart T of this part.

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*Ground water under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI)* 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*, or significant and

relatively rapid shifts in water characteristics such as turbidity, temperature, conductivity, or pH which closely correlate to climatological or surface water conditions. Direct influence must be determined for individual sources in accordance with criteria established by the State. The State determination of direct influence may be based on site-specific measurements of water quality and/or documentation of well construction characteristics and geology with field evaluation.

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5. Section 141.70 is amended by adding paragraph (e) to read as follows:

**Sec. 141.70 General requirements.**

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(e) *Additional requirements for systems serving fewer than 10,000 people.* In addition to complying with requirements in this subpart, systems serving fewer than 10,000 people must also comply with the requirements in subpart T of this part.

6. Section 141.73 is amended by adding paragraph (a)(4) and revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

**Sec. 141.73 Filtration.**

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(a) \* \* \*

(4) Beginning **January 1, 2005**, systems serving fewer than 10,000 people must meet the turbidity requirements in Secs. 141.550 through 141.553.

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(d) Other filtration technologies. A public water system may use a filtration technology not listed in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section if it demonstrates to the State, using pilot plant studies or other means, that the alternative filtration technology, in combination with disinfection treatment that meets the requirements of Sec. 141.72(b), consistently achieves 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts and 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses. For a system that makes this demonstration, the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section apply. Beginning January 1, 2002, systems serving at least 10,000 people must meet the requirements for other filtration technologies in Sec. 141.173(b). Beginning January 14, 2005, systems serving fewer than 10,000 people must meet the requirements for other filtration technologies in Sec. 141.550 through 141.553.

7. Section 141.153 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph (d)(4)(v)(C) to read as follows:

**Sec. 141.153 Content of the reports.**

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(d) \* \* \*

(4) \* \* \*

(v) \* \* \*

(C) When it is reported pursuant to Sec. 141.73 or Sec. 141.173 or Sec. 141.551: the highest single measurement and the lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits specified in Sec. 141.73 or Sec. 141.173, or Sec. 141.551 for the filtration technology being used. \* \* \* \* \*

8. The heading to Subpart P is revised to read as follows:

**Subpart P--Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection--Systems Serving 10,000 or More People**  
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9. Section 141.170 is amended by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

**Sec. 141.170 General requirements.**  
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(d) Subpart H systems that did not conduct optional monitoring under Sec. 141.172 because they served fewer than 10,000 persons when such monitoring was required, but serve more than 10,000 persons prior to **January 1, 2005** must comply with Secs. 141.170, 141.171, 141.173, 141.174, and 141.175. These systems must also consult with the State to establish a disinfection benchmark. A system that decides to make a significant change to its disinfection practice, as described in Sec. 141.172(c)(1)(i) through (iv) must consult with the State prior to making such change.

10. Section 141.202 is amended in Table 1 by revising entry 6 to read as follows:

**Sec. 141.202 Tier 1 Public Notice--Form, manner, and frequency of notice.**  
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(a) \* \* \*

Table 1 to Sec. 141.202.--Violation Categories and Other Situations Requiring a Tier 1 Public Notice

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<p>(6) Violation of the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) or Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (<b>LT1ESWTR</b>) treatment technique requirement resulting from a single exceedance of the maximum allowable turbidity limit (as identified in Appendix A), where the primacy agency determines after consultation that a Tier 1 notice is required or where consultation does not take place within 24 hours after the system learns of the violation;</p>						
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11. Section 141.203 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(3)(ii) to read as follows:

**Sec. 141.203 Tier 2 Public Notice--Form, manner, and frequency of notice.**

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(b) \* \* \*

(3) \* \* \*

(ii) Violation of the SWTR, IESWTR or **LTIESWTR** treatment technique requirement resulting from a single exceedance of the maximum allowable turbidity limit.

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12. Appendix A to subpart Q is amended:

a. Under I.A. by revising entry 5.

b. Under I.A. by revising entry 7.

c. Adding a new entry 9.

d. Under I.G. by revising entry 10.

e. Revising endnote 6.

The additions and revisions read as follows:

Appendix A to Subpart Q of Part 141.--NPDWR Violations and Other Situations Requiring Public Notice \1\				
Contaminant	MCL/MRDL/TT violations \2\		Monitoring & testing procedure violations	
	Tier of public notice required	Citation	Tier of public notice required	Citation
I. Violations of National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR):\3\				
* * * * *	*	*	*	*
A. Microbiological Contaminants				
* * * * *	*	*	*	*
5. Turbidity (for TT violations resulting from a single exceedance of maximum allowable turbidity level).	\6\ 2,1	141.71(a)(2), 141.71(c)(2)(i), 141.73(a)(2), 141.73(b)(2), 141.73(c)(2), 141.73(d), 141.173(a)(2), 141.173(b), 141.551(b)	3	141.74(a)(1), 141.74(b)(2), 141.74(c)(1), 141.174, 141.560(a)-(c), 141.561.
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7. Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule violations, other than violations resulting from single exceedance of max. turbidity level (TT).	\7\ 2	141.170-141.173, 141.500-141.553	3	141.172, 141.174, 141.530-141.544, 141.560-141.564.

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9. Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule violations	2	141.500-141.553.....	3	141.530-141.544, 141.560-141.564.		
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<p>G. Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs), Byproduct Precursors, Disinfectant Residuals. Where disinfection is used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants combine with organic and inorganic matter present in water to form chemicals called disinfection byproducts (DBPs). EPA sets standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and DBPs in drinking water, including trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs).\9\</p>						
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10. Bench marking and disinfection profiling	N/A	N/A	3	141.172 141.530-141.544.		
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**Appendix A-Endnotes:**

\1\ Violations and other situations not listed in this table (e.g., reporting violations and failure to prepare Consumer Confidence Reports), do not require notice, unless otherwise determined by the primacy agency. Primacy agencies may, at their option, also require a more stringent public notice tier (e.g., Tier 1 instead of Tier 2 or Tier 2 instead of Tier 3) for specific violations and situations listed in this Appendix, as authorized under Sec. 141.202(a) and Sec. 141.203(a).

\2\ MCL--Maximum contaminant level, MRDL--Maximum residual disinfectant level, TT--Treatment technique

\3\ The term Violations of National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) is used here to include violations of MCL, MRDL, treatment technique, monitoring, and testing procedure requirements.

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\6\ Systems with treatment technique violations involving a single exceedance of a maximum turbidity limit under the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR), or the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR) are required to consult with the primacy agency within 24 hours after learning of the violation. Based on this consultation, the primacy agency may subsequently decide to elevate the violation to Tier 1. If a system is unable to make contact with the primacy agency in the 24-hour period, the violation is automatically elevated to Tier 1.

\7\ Most of the requirements of the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (63 FR 69477) (Secs. 141.170-- 141.171, 141.173--141.174) become effective January 1, 2002 for the Subpart H systems (surface water systems and ground water systems under the direct influence of surface water) serving at least 10,000 persons. However, Sec. 141.172 has some requirements that become effective as early as April 16, 1999. The Surface Water Treatment Rule remains in effect for systems serving at least 10,000 persons even after 2002; the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule adds additional requirements and does not in many cases supercede the SWTR.

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\9\ Subpart H community and non-transient non-community systems serving 10,000 must comply with new DBP MCLs, disinfectant MRDLs, and related monitoring requirements beginning January 1, 2002. All other community and non-transient non-community systems must meet the MCLs and MRDLs beginning January 1, 2004. Subpart H transient non-community systems serving 10,000 or more persons and using chlorine dioxide as a disinfectant or oxidant must comply with the chlorine dioxide MRDL beginning January 1, 2002. Subpart H transient non-community systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons and using only ground water not under the direct influence of surface water and using chlorine dioxide as a disinfectant or oxidant must comply with the chlorine dioxide MRDL beginning January 1, 2004.

**Appendix B--[Amended]**

13. Appendix B to subpart Q is amended by:

a. Revising entry A.2c.

- b. Revising heading B.
- c. Revising entries B.3., B.4, B.5, B.6., and B.7.
- d. Revising endnotes 4, 6 and 10.
- e. Revising endnote 8.

The revisions read as follows:

Appendix B to Subpart Q of Part 141.--Standard Health Effects Language for Public Notification

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Contaminant	MCLG \1\, mg/L	MCL \2\ mg/L	Standard health effects language for public notification
National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR):			
A. Microbiological Contaminants			
* * *	*	*	*
2c. Turbidity (IESWTR TT and <b>LTIESWTR</b> TT) \8\,	None.....	TT	Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.
* * *	*	*	*
B. Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR), Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule ( <b>LTIESWTR</b> ) and the Filter Backwash Recycling Rule (FBRR) violations:			
* * *	*	*	*
3. <i>Giardia lamblia</i> ..... (SWTR/IESWTR/ <b>LTIESWTR</b> ).....	Zero.....	TT \10\	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.
4. Viruses (SWTR/IESWTR/ <b>LTIESWTR</b> )			
5. Heterotrophic plate count (HPC) bacteria \9\ (SWTR/IESWTR/ <b>LTIESWTR</b> )			
6. <i>Legionella</i> (SWTR/IESWTR/ <b>LTIESWTR</b> )			
7. <i>Cryptosporidium</i> (IESWTR/FBRR/ <b>LTIESWTR</b> )			
* * *	*	*	* *
\1\ MCLG--Maximum contaminant level goal.			

\2\ MCL–Maximum contaminant level.

\4\ There are various regulations that set turbidity standards for different types of systems, including 40 CFR 141.13, and the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule, the 1998 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and the 2002 Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. The MCL for the monthly turbidity average is 1 NTU; the MCL for the 2-day average is 5 NTU for systems that are required to filter but have not yet installed filtration (40 CFR 141.13).

\6\ There are various regulations that set turbidity standards for different types of systems, including 40 CFR 141.13, and the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule, the 1998 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and the 2001 Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. Systems subject to the Surface Water Treatment Rule (both filtered and unfiltered) may not exceed 5 NTU. In addition, in filtered systems, 95 percent of samples each month must not exceed 0.5 NTU in systems using conventional or direct filtration and must not exceed 1 NTU in systems using slow sand or diatomaceous earth filtration or other filtration technologies approved by the primacy agency.

\8\ There are various regulations that set turbidity standards for different types of systems, including 40 CFR 141.13, the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), the 1998 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) and the 2002 Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR). For systems subject to the IESWTR (systems serving at least 10,000 people, using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water), that use conventional filtration or direct filtration, after January 1, 2002, the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent may not exceed 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of monthly measurements, and the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent must not exceed 1 NTU at any time. Systems subject to the IESWTR using technologies other than conventional, direct, slow sand, or diatomaceous earth filtration must meet turbidity limits set by the primacy agency. For systems subject to the LT1ESWTR (systems serving fewer than 10,000 people, using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water) that use conventional filtration or direct filtration, after January 1, 2005, the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent may not exceed 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of monthly measurements, and the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent must not exceed 1 NTU at any time. Systems subject to the LT1ESWTR using technologies other than conventional, direct, slow sand, or diatomaceous earth filtration must meet turbidity limits set by the primacy agency.

\9\ The bacteria detected by heterotrophic plate count (HPC) are not necessarily harmful. HPC is simply an alternative method of determining disinfectant residual levels. The number of such bacteria is an indicator of whether there is enough disinfectant in the distribution system.

\10\ SWTR, IESWTR, and LT1ESWTR treatment technique violations that involve turbidity exceedances may use the health effects language for turbidity instead.

14. Part 141 is amended by adding a new subpart T to read as follows:

## **Subpart T--Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection--Systems Serving Fewer Than 10,000 People**

### **General Requirements**

141.500 General requirements

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141.550 Is my system required to meet subpart T combined filter effluent turbidity limits?

141.551 What strengthened combined filter effluent turbidity limits must my system meet?

141.552 My system consists of "alternative filtration" and is required to conduct a demonstration. What is required of my system and how does the State establish my turbidity limits?

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141.560 Is my system subject to individual filter turbidity requirements?

141.561 What happens if my system's turbidity monitoring equipment fails?

141.562 My system only has two or fewer filters--is there any special provision regarding individual filter turbidity monitoring?

141.563 What follow-up action is my system required to take based on continuous turbidity monitoring?

141.564 My system practices lime softening--is there any special provision regarding my individual filter turbidity monitoring?

#### **Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements**

141.570 What does subpart T require that my system report to the State?

141.571 What records does subpart T require my system to keep?

### **Subpart T--Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection--Systems Serving Fewer Than 10,000 People**

#### **General Requirements**

##### **Sec. 141.500 General requirements.**

The requirements of this subpart constitute national primary drinking water regulations. These regulations establish requirements for filtration and disinfection that are in addition to criteria under which filtration and disinfection are required under subpart H of this part. The regulations in this subpart establish or extend treatment technique requirements in lieu of maximum contaminant levels for the following contaminants: *Giardia lamblia*, viruses, heterotrophic plate count bacteria, *Legionella*, *Cryptosporidium* and turbidity. The treatment technique requirements consist of installing and properly operating water treatment processes which reliably achieve:

(a) At least 99 percent (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 for filtered systems, or *Cryptosporidium* control under the watershed control plan for unfiltered systems; and

(b) Compliance with the profiling and benchmark requirements in Secs. 141.530 through 141.544.

### **Sec. 141.501 Who is subject to the requirements of subpart T?**

You are subject to these requirements if your system:

- (a) Is a public water system;
- (b) Uses surface water or GWUDI as a source; and
- (c) Serves fewer than 10,000 persons.

### **Sec. 141.502 When must my system comply with these requirements?**

You must comply with these requirements in this subpart beginning **January 1, 2005**, except where otherwise noted.

### **Sec. 141.503 What does subpart T require?**

There are seven requirements of this subpart, and you must comply with all requirements that are applicable to your system. These requirements are:

- (a) You must cover any finished water reservoir that you began to construct on or after March 15, 2002 as described in Secs. 141.510 and 141.511;
- (b) If your system is an unfiltered system, you must comply with the updated watershed control requirements described in Secs. 141.520-141.522;
- (c) If your system is a community or non-transient non-community water systems you must develop a disinfection profile as described in Secs. 141.530-141.536;
- (d) If your system is considering making a significant change to its disinfection practices, you must develop a disinfection benchmark and consult with the State for approval of the change as described in Secs. 141.540-141.544;
- (e) If your system is a filtered system, you must comply with the combined filter effluent requirements as described in Secs. 141.550-141.553;
- (f) If your system is a filtered system that uses conventional or direct filtration, you must comply with the individual filter turbidity requirements as described in Secs. 141.560-141.564; and
- (g) You must comply with the applicable reporting and recordkeeping requirements as described in Secs. 141.570 and 141.571.

### **Finished Water Reservoirs**

**Sec. 141.510 Is my system subject to the new finished water reservoir requirements?**

All subpart H systems which serve fewer than 10,000 are subject to this requirement.

**Sec. 141.511 What is required of new finished water reservoirs?**

If your system begins construction of a finished water reservoir on or after March 15, 2002 the reservoir must be covered. Finished water reservoirs for which your system began construction prior to March 15, 2002 are not subject to this requirement.

**Additional Watershed Control Requirements for Unfiltered Systems**

**Sec. 141.520 Is my system subject to the updated watershed control requirements?**

If you are a subpart H system serving fewer than 10,000 persons which does not provide filtration, you must continue to comply with all of the filtration avoidance criteria in Sec. 141.71, as well as the additional watershed control requirements in Sec. 141.521.

**Sec. 141.521 What updated watershed control requirements must my unfiltered system implement to continue to avoid filtration?**

Your system must take any additional steps necessary to minimize the potential for contamination by *Cryptosporidium* oocysts in the source water. Your system's watershed control program must, for *Cryptosporidium*:

- (a) Identify watershed characteristics and activities which may have an adverse effect on source water quality; and
- (b) Monitor the occurrence of activities which may have an adverse effect on source water quality.

**Sec. 141.522 How does the State determine whether my system's watershed control requirements are adequate?**

During an onsite inspection conducted under the provisions of Sec. 141.71(b)(3), the State must determine whether your watershed control program is adequate to limit potential contamination by *Cryptosporidium* oocysts. The adequacy of the program must be based on the comprehensiveness of the watershed review; the effectiveness of your program to monitor and control detrimental activities occurring in the watershed; and the extent to which your system has maximized land ownership and/or controlled land use within the watershed.

**Disinfection Profile**

**Sec. 141.530 What is a Disinfection Profile and who must develop one?**

A disinfection profile is a graphical representation of your system's level of *Giardia lamblia* or virus inactivation measured during the course of a year. If you are a subpart H community or non-transient non-community water systems which serves fewer than 10,000 persons, your system must develop a disinfection profile unless your State determines that your system's

profile is unnecessary. Your State may approve the use of a more representative data set for disinfection profiling than the data set required under Secs. 141.532-141.536.

**Sec. 141.531 What criteria must a State use to determine that a profile is unnecessary?**

States may only determine that a system's profile is unnecessary if a system's TTHM and HAA5 levels are below 0.064 mg/L and 0.048 mg/L, respectively. To determine these levels, TTHM and HAA5 samples must be collected after January 1, 1998, during the month with the warmest water temperature, and at the point of maximum residence time in your distribution system. **Your State may approve a more representative TTHM and HAA5 data set to determine these levels.**

**Sec. 141.532 How does my system develop a Disinfection Profile and when must it begin?**

A disinfection profile consists of three steps:

- (a) First, your system must collect data for several parameters from the plant as discussed in Sec. 141.533 over the course of 12 months. If your system serves between 500 and 9,999 persons you must begin to collect data no later than July 1, 2003. If your system serves fewer than 500 persons you must begin to collect data no later than January 1, 2004.
- (b) Second, your system must use this data to calculate weekly log inactivation as discussed in Secs. 141.534 and 141.535; and
- (c) Third, your system must use these weekly log inactivations to develop a disinfection profile as specified in Sec. 141.536.

**Sec. 141.533 What data must my system collect to calculate a Disinfection Profile?**

Your system must monitor the following parameters to determine the total log inactivation using the analytical methods in Sec. 141.74 (a), once per week on the same calendar day, over 12 consecutive months:

- (a) The temperature of the disinfected water at each residual disinfectant concentration sampling point during peak hourly flow;
- (b) If your system uses chlorine, the pH of the disinfected water at each residual disinfectant concentration sampling point during peak hourly flow;
- (c) The disinfectant contact time(s) ("T") during peak hourly flow; and
- (d) The residual disinfectant concentration(s) ("C") of the water before or at the first customer and prior to each additional point of disinfection during peak hourly flow.

**Sec. 141.534 How does my system use this data to calculate an inactivation ratio?**

**Use the tables in Sec. 141.74(b)(3)(v) to determine the appropriate CT<sub>99.9</sub> value.** Calculate the total inactivation ratio as follows, and multiply the value by 3.0 to determine log inactivation of *Giardia lamblia*:

(a) Uses only one point of disinfectant application.	(1) One inactivation ratio (CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ) before or at the first customer during peak hourly flow or (2) Successive CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> values, representing sequential inactivation ratios, between the point of disinfectant application and a point before or at the first customer during peak hourly flow. Under this alternative, your system must calculate the total inactivation ratio by determining (CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ) for each sequence and then adding the (CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ) values together to determine (ΣCT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ).
(b) Uses more than one point of disinfectant application before the first customer.	The (CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ) 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 using the procedure specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

### **Sec. 141.535 What if my system uses chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection?**

If your system uses chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection, you must also calculate the logs of inactivation for viruses and develop an additional disinfection profile for viruses using methods approved by the State.

### **Sec. 141.536 My system has developed an inactivation ratio; what must we do now?**

Each log inactivation serves as a data point in your disinfection profile. Your system will have obtained 52 measurements (one for every week of the year). This will allow your system and the State the opportunity to evaluate how microbial inactivation varied over the course of the year by looking at all 52 measurements (your Disinfection Profile). Your system must retain the Disinfection Profile data in graphic form, such as a spreadsheet, which must be available for review by the State as part of a sanitary survey. Your system must use this data to calculate a benchmark if you are considering changes to disinfection practices.

## **Disinfection Benchmark**

### **Sec. 141.540 Who has to develop a Disinfection Benchmark?**

If you are a subpart H system required to develop a disinfection profile under Sec. Sec. 141.530 through 141.536, your system must develop a Disinfection Benchmark if you decide to make a significant change to your disinfection practice. Your system must consult with the State for approval before you can implement a significant disinfection practice change.

### **Sec. 141.541 What are significant changes to disinfection practice?**

Significant changes to disinfection practice include:

- (a) Changes to the point of disinfection;
- (b) Changes to the disinfectant(s) used in the treatment plant;
- (c) Changes to the disinfection process; or
- (d) Any other modification identified by the State.

**Sec. 141.542 What must my system do if we are considering a significant change to disinfection practices?**

If your system is considering a significant change to its disinfection practice, your system must calculate a disinfection benchmark(s) as described in Secs. 141.543 and 141.544 and provide the benchmark(s) to your State. Your system may only make a significant disinfection practice change after consulting with the State for approval. Your system must submit the following information to the State as part of the consultation and approval process:

- (a) A description of the proposed change;
- (b) The disinfection profile for *Giardia lamblia* (and, if necessary, viruses) and disinfection benchmark;
- (c) An analysis of how the proposed change will affect the current levels of disinfection; and
- (d) Any additional information requested by the State.

**Sec. 141.543 How is the Disinfection Benchmark calculated?**

If your system is making a significant change to its disinfection practice, it must calculate a disinfection benchmark using the procedure specified in the following table.

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To calculate a disinfection benchmark your system must perform the following steps

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Step 1: Using the data your system collected to develop the Disinfection Profile, determine the average *Giardia lamblia* inactivation for each calendar month by dividing the sum of all *Giardia lamblia* inactivations for that month by the number of values calculated for that month.  
Step 2: Determine the lowest monthly average value out of the twelve values. This value becomes the disinfection benchmark.

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**Sec. 141.544 What if my system uses chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection?**

If your system uses chloramines, ozone or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection your system must calculate the disinfection benchmark from the data your system collected for viruses to develop the disinfection profile in addition to the *Giardia lamblia* disinfection benchmark

calculated under Sec. 141.543. This viral benchmark must be calculated in the same manner used to calculate the *Giardia lamblia* disinfection benchmark in Sec. 141.543.

### Combined Filter Effluent Requirements

#### Sec. 141.550 Is my system required to meet subpart T combined filter effluent turbidity limits?

All subpart H systems which serve populations fewer than 10,000, are required to filter, and utilize filtration other than slow sand filtration or diatomaceous earth filtration must meet the combined filter effluent turbidity requirements of Secs. 141.551-141.553 . If your system uses slow sand or diatomaceous earth filtration you are not required to meet the combined filter effluent turbidity limits of subpart T, but you must continue to meet the combined filter effluent turbidity limits in Sec. 141.73.

#### Sec. 141.551 What strengthened combined filter effluent turbidity limits must my system meet?

Your system must meet two strengthened combined filter effluent turbidity limits.

(a) The first combined filter effluent turbidity limit is a "95th percentile" turbidity limit that your system must meet in at least 95 percent of the turbidity measurements taken each month. Measurements must continue to be taken as described in Sec. 141.74(a) and (c). Monthly reporting must be completed according to Sec. 141.570. The following table describes the required limits for specific filtration technologies.

If your system consists of * * *	Your 95th percentile turbidity value is * * *
(1) Conventional Filtration or Direct Filtration.	0.3 NTU.
(2) All other "Alternative"	A value determined by the State (nonot to exceed 1 NTU) based on the demonstration described in Sec. 141.552.

(b) The second combined filter effluent turbidity limit is a "maximum" turbidity limit which your system may at no time exceed during the month. Measurements must continue to be taken as described in Sec. 141.74(a) and (c). Monthly reporting must be completed according to Sec. 141.570. The following table describes the required limits for specific filtration technologies.

If your system consists of * * *	Your maximum turbidity value is * * *
(1) Conventional Filtration or Direct Filtration.	1 NTU.
(2) All other "Alternative" "Alternative"	A value determined by the State (not to exceed

**Sec. 141.552 My system consists of “alternative filtration” and is required to conduct a demonstration--what is required of my system and how does the State establish my turbidity limits?**

(a) If your system consists of alternative filtration (filtration other than slow sand filtration, diatomaceous earth filtration, conventional filtration, or direct filtration) you are required to conduct a demonstration (see tables in Sec. 141.551). Your system must demonstrate to the State, using pilot plant studies or other means, that your system's filtration, in combination with disinfection treatment, consistently achieves:

- (1) 99 percent removal of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts;
- (2) 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts; and
- (3) 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses.

(b) [Reserved]

**Sec. 141.553 My system practices lime softening--is there any special provision regarding my combined filter effluent?**

If your system practices lime softening, you may acidify representative combined filter effluent turbidity samples prior to analysis using a protocol approved by the State.

Individual Filter Turbidity Requirements

**Sec. 141.560 Is my system subject to individual filter turbidity requirements?**

If your system is a subpart H system serving fewer than 10,000 people and utilizing conventional filtration or direct filtration, you must conduct continuous monitoring of turbidity for each individual filter at your system. The following requirements apply to continuous turbidity monitoring:

- (a) Monitoring must be conducted using an approved method in Sec. 141.74(a);
- (b) Calibration of turbidimeters must be conducted using procedures specified by the manufacturer;
- (c) Results of turbidity monitoring must be recorded at least every 15 minutes;
- (d) Monthly reporting must be completed according to Sec. 141.570; and
- (e) Records must be maintained according to Sec. 141.571.

**Sec. 141.561 What happens if my system's turbidity monitoring equipment fails?**



If there is a failure in the continuous turbidity monitoring equipment, your system must conduct grab sampling every four hours in lieu of continuous monitoring until the turbidimeter is back on-line. Your system has 14 days to resume continuous monitoring before a violation is incurred.

**Sec. 141.562 My system only has two or fewer filters--is there any special provision regarding individual filter turbidity monitoring?**

Yes, if your system only consists of two or fewer filters, you may conduct continuous monitoring of combined filter effluent turbidity in lieu of individual filter effluent turbidity monitoring. Continuous monitoring must meet the same requirements set forth in Sec. 141.560(a) through (d) and Sec. 141.561.

**Sec. 141.563 What follow-up action is my system required to take based on continuous turbidity monitoring?**

Follow-up action is required according to the following tables:

If * * *	Your system must * * *
<p>(a) The turbidity of an individual of filter (or the turbidity of combined filter effluent (CFE) for systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters) exceeds 1.0 NTU in two consecutive recordings 15 minutes apart.</p>	<p>Report to the State by the 10th the following month and include the filter number(s), corresponding date(s), turbidity value(s) which exceeded 1.0 NTU, and the cause (if known) for the exceedance(s).</p>
<p>If a system was required to report to the State * * *</p>	<p>Your system must * * *</p>
<p>(b) For three months in a row and turbidity exceeded 1.0 NTU in two consecutive recordings 15 minutes apart at the same filter (or CFE for systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters).</p>	<p>Conduct a self-assessment of the filter(s) within 14 days of the day the filter exceeded 1.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the third straight month unless a CPE as specified in paragraph (c) of this section was required. Systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters must conduct a self assessment on both filters. The self-assessment must 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. <b>If a self-assessment is required, the date that it was triggered and the date that it was completed.</b></p>

(c) For two months in a row and turbidity exceeded 2.0 **BTUNTU** in 2 consecutive recordings 15 minutes apart at the same filter (or CFE for systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters).

Arrange to have a comprehensive performance evaluation (CPE) conducted by the State or a third party approved by the State not later than 60 days following the day the filter exceeded 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the second straight month. If a CPE has been completed by the State or a third party approved by the State within the 12 prior months or the system and State are jointly participating in an ongoing Comprehensive Technical Assistance (CTA) project at the system, a new CPE is not required. If conducted, a CPE must be completed and submitted to the State no later than 120 days following the day the filter exceeded 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the second straight month.

**Sec. 141.564 My system practices lime softening--is there any special provision regarding my individual filter turbidity monitoring?**

If your system utilizes lime softening, you may apply to the State for alternative turbidity exceedance levels for the levels specified in the table in Sec. 141.563. You must be able to demonstrate to the State that higher turbidity levels are due to lime carryover only, and not due to degraded filter performance.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements**

**Sec. 141.570 What does subpart T require that my system report to the State?**

This subpart T requires your system to report several items to the State. The following table describes the items which must be reported and the frequency of reporting. Your system is required to report the information described in the following table, if it is subject to the specific requirement shown in the first column.

Corresponding requirement	Description of information to report	Frequency
(a) Combined Filter Effluent Requirements. (Secs. 141.550-141.553).....	(1) The total number of filtered water turbidity measurements taken during the month.	By the 10th of the following month.
	(2) The number and percentage of filtered water turbidity measurements taken during the month which are less than or equal to your system's required 95th percentile limit.	By the 10th of the following month.

	(3) The date and value of any turbidity measurements taken during the month which exceed the maximum turbidity value for your filtration system.	By the 10th of the following month.
(b) Individual Turbidity Requirements. (Secs. 141.560-141.564).....	(1) That your system conducted individual filter turbidity monitoring during the month.	By the 10th of the following month.
	(2) The filter number(s), corresponding date(s), and the turbidity value(s) which exceeded 1.0 NTU during the month, <b>and the cause (if known) for the exceedance(s)</b> , but only if 2 consecutive measurements exceeded 1.0 NTU.	By the 10th of the following month.
	(3) If a self-assessment is required, the date that it was triggered and the date that it was completed.	By the 10th of the following month (or 14 days after the self-assessment was triggered only if the self-assessment was triggered during the last four days of the month)
	(4) If a CPE is required, that the CPE is required and the date that it was triggered.	By the 10th of the following month.
	(5) Copy of completed CPE report.	Within 120 days after the CPE was triggered.
(c) Disinfection Profiling.... (Secs. 141.530-141.536).....	(1) Results of optional monitoring which show TTHM levels 0.064 mg/l and HAA5 levels 0.048 mg/l (Only if your system wishes to forgo profiling) or	(i) For systems serving 500-9,999 by July 1, 2003;  (ii) For systems serving fewer than 500 by January 1, 2004.

that your system has begun disinfection profiling.

(d) Disinfection Benchmarking. (Secs. 141.540-141.544).....	(1) A description of the proposed change in disinfection, your system's disinfection profile for <i>Giardia lamblia</i> (and, if necessary, viruses) and disinfection benchmark, and an analysis of how the proposed change will affect the current levels of disinfection.	Anytime your system is considering a significant change to its disinfection practice.
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**Sec. 141.571 What records does subpart T require my system to keep?**

Your system must keep several types of records based on the requirements of subpart T, in addition to recordkeeping requirements under Sec. 141.75. The following table describes the necessary records, the length of time these records must be kept, and for which requirement the records pertain. Your system is required to maintain records described in this table, if it is subject to the specific requirement shown in the first column.

Corresponding requirement	Description of necessary records	Duration of time records must be kept
(a) Individual Filter Turbidity Requirements. (Secs. 141.560-141.564)	Results of individual filter monitoring.	At least 3 years.
(b) Disinfection Profiling..... (Secs. 141.530-141.536)	Results of Profile (including raw data and analysis).	Indefinitely.
(c) Disinfection Benchmarking..... (Secs. 141.540-141.544)	Benchmark (including raw data and analysis).	Indefinitely.

**PART 142--NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION**

15. The authority citation for Part 142 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 300f, 300g-1, 300g-2, 300g-3, 300g-4, 300g-5, 300g-6, 300j-4, 300j-9, and 300j-11.

16. Section 142.14 is amended by revising paragraphs (a)(3), (a)(4)(i), (a)(4)(ii) introductory text, and (a)(7) to read as follows:

**Sec. 142.14 Records kept by States.**

(a) \* \* \*

(3) Records of turbidity measurements must be kept for not less than one year. The information retained must be set forth in a form which makes possible comparison with the limits specified in Secs. 141.71, 141.73, 141.173 and 141.175, 141.550-141.553 and 141.560-141.564 of this chapter. Until June 29, 1993, for any public water system which is providing filtration treatment and until December 30, 1991, for any public water system not providing filtration treatment and not required by the State to provide filtration treatment, records kept must be set forth in a form which makes possible comparison with the limits contained in Sec. 141.13 of this chapter.

(4)(i) Records of disinfectant residual measurements and other parameters necessary to document disinfection effectiveness in accordance with Secs. 141.72 and 141.74 of this chapter and the reporting requirements of Secs. 141.75, 141.175, and 141.570, of this chapter must be kept for not less than one year.

(ii) Records of decisions made on a system-by-system and case-by-case basis under provisions of part 141, subpart H, subpart P, or subpart T of this chapter, must be made in writing and kept by the State.  
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(7) Any decisions made pursuant to the provisions of part 141, subpart P or subpart T of this chapter.

(i) Records of systems consulting with the State concerning a modification to disinfection practice under Secs. 141.170(d), 141.172(c), and 141.542 of this chapter, including the status of the consultation.

(ii) Records of decisions that a system using alternative filtration technologies, as allowed under Secs. 141.173(b) and Sec. 141.552 of this chapter, can consistently achieve a 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts, 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses, and 99 percent removal of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts. The decisions must include State-set enforceable turbidity limits for each system. A copy of the decision must be kept until the decision is reversed or revised. The State must provide a copy of the decision to the system.

(iii) Records of systems required to do filter self-assessment, CPE, or CCP under the requirements of Secs. 141.175 and 141.563 of this chapter.  
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17. Section 142.16 is amended by revising paragraph (g) introductory text and adding paragraph (j) to read as follows:

**Sec. 142.16 Special primacy requirements.**

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(g) Requirements for States to adopt 40 CFR part 141, Subpart P Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection--Systems Serving 10,000 or More People. In addition to the general primacy requirements enumerated elsewhere in this part, including the requirement that State provisions

are no less stringent than the Federal requirements, an application for approval of a State program revision that adopts 40 CFR part 141, Subpart P Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection--Systems Serving 10,000 or More People, must contain the information specified in this paragraph:

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**(m) [Reserved]**

**(n) [Reserved]**

**(o) [Reserved]**

**(jp)** Requirements for States to adopt 40 CFR part 141, Subpart T Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection--Systems Serving Fewer than 10,000 People. In addition to the general primacy requirements enumerated elsewhere in this part, including the requirement that State provisions are no less stringent than the Federal requirements, an application for approval of a State program revision that adopts 40 CFR part 141, Subpart T Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection--Systems Serving Fewer than 10,000 People, must contain the information specified in this paragraph:

(1) Enforceable requirements. States must have rules or other authority to require systems to participate in a Comprehensive Technical Assistance (CTA) activity, the performance improvement phase of the Composite Correction Program (CCP). The State must determine whether a CTA must be conducted based on results of a CPE which indicate the potential for improved performance, and a finding by the State that the system is able to receive and implement technical assistance provided through the CTA. A CPE is a thorough review and analysis of a system's performance-based capabilities and associated administrative, operation and maintenance practices. It is conducted to identify factors that may be adversely impacting a plant's capability to achieve compliance. During the CTA phase, the system must identify and systematically address factors limiting performance. The CTA is a combination of utilizing CPE results as a basis for follow-up, implementing process control priority-setting techniques and maintaining long-term involvement to systematically train staff and administrators.

(2) State practices or procedures.

(i) Section 141.530-141.536--How the State will approve a more representative data set for optional TTHM and HAA5 monitoring and profiling.

(ii) Section **141.536 141.535** of this chapter--How the State will approve a method to calculate the logs of inactivation for viruses for a system that uses either chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection.

(iii) Section 141.542 of this chapter--How the State will consult with the system and approve significant changes to disinfection practices.

(iv) Section 141.552 of this chapter--For filtration technologies other than conventional filtration treatment, direct filtration, slow sand filtration, or diatomaceous earth filtration, how the State will determine that a public water system may use a filtration technology if the PWS demonstrates to the State, using pilot plant studies or other means, that the alternative filtration

technology, in combination with disinfection treatment that meets the requirements of Sec. 141.72(b) of this chapter, consistently achieves 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts and 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses, and 99 percent removal of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts. For a system that makes this demonstration, how the State will set turbidity performance requirements that the system must meet 95 percent of the time and that the system may not exceed at any time at a level that consistently achieves 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts, 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses, and 99 percent removal of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts.

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**Part II**

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**40 CFR Parts 9, 141, and 142  
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Regulations: Long Term 1 Enhanced  
Surface Water Treatment Rule; Final Rule**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Parts 9, 141, and 142**

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**National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, EPA is finalizing the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR). The purposes of the LT1ESWTR are to improve control of microbial pathogens, specifically the protozoan *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water and address risk trade-offs with disinfection byproducts. The rule will require systems to meet strengthened filtration requirements as well as to calculate levels of microbial inactivation to ensure that microbial protection is not jeopardized if systems make changes to comply with disinfection requirements of the Stage 1 Disinfection and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The LT1ESWTR applies to public water systems that use surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water and serve fewer than 10,000 persons. The LT1ESWTR builds upon the framework established for systems serving a population of 10,000 or more in the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR). This rule was proposed in combination with the Filter Backwash Recycling Rule (FBRR) in April 2000.

**DATES:** This regulation is effective February 13, 2002. As discussed in the supplementary information section and consistent with sections 1412(b)(10) and 1445 of SDWA, regulated entities must comply with this rule starting March 15, 2002. For judicial review purposes, this final rule is promulgated as of 1 p.m. eastern time on January 14, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Public comments, the comment/response document, applicable **Federal Register** notices, other major supporting documents, and a copy of the index to the public docket for this rulemaking (W-99-10, Final Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule) are available for review at EPA's Drinking Water Docket: 401 M Street, SW., Rm. EB57, Washington, DC 20460 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. For access to

docket materials or to schedule an appointment please call (202) 260-3027.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Regulated Entities**

Entities potentially regulated by the LT1ESWTR are public water systems (PWSs) that use surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI) and serve fewer than 10,000 persons. Regulated categories and entities include:

Category	Examples of regulated entities
Industry .....	PWSs that use surface water or GWUDI.
State, Local, Tribal or Federal Governments.	PWSs that use surface water or GWUDI.

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be regulated by the LT1ESWTR. This table lists the types of entities that EPA is now aware could potentially be regulated by this rule. Other types of entities not listed in this table could also be regulated. To determine whether your facility is regulated by this action, you should carefully examine the definition of PWS in § 141.2 of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations and applicability criteria in § 141.501 of today's final rule. If you have questions regarding the applicability of the LT1ESWTR to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**List of Abbreviations Used in This Document:**

- AWWA American Water Works Association
- AWWSCo American Water Works Service Company
- °C Degrees Celsius
- CCP Composite Correction Program
- CCR Consumer Confidence Report
- CDC Centers for Disease Control
- CFR Code of Federal Regulations
- CFSII Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals
- COI Cost of Illness

- CPE Comprehensive Performance Evaluation
- CTA Comprehensive Technical Assistance
- DAF Dissolved Air Flotation
- DBP Disinfection Byproducts
- DBPR Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproduct Rule
- EPA Environmental Protection Agency
- ESWTR Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule
- FACA Federal Advisory Committee Act
- FBRR Filter Backwash Recycle Rule
- FR Federal Register
- gpm Gallons per Minute
- GWUDI Ground Water Under Direct Influence of Surface Water
- HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (Monochloroacetic, Dichloroacetic, Trichloroacetic, Monobromoacetic and Dibromoacetic Acids)
- HRRCA Health Risk Reduction and Cost Analysis
- ICR Information Collection Request
- IESWTR Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule
- LT1ESWTR Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule
- MCLG Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
- M-DBP Microbial and Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts
- NDWAC National Drinking Water Advisory Council
- NPDWR National Primary Drinking Water Regulation
- NODA Notice of Data Availability
- NTTAA National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act
- NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Units
- O&M Operation and Maintenance
- OMB Office of Management and Budget
- PBMS Performance-based Measurement System
- PRA Paperwork Reduction Act
- PWS Public Water System
- PWSS Public Water Supply Supervision
- RFA Regulatory Flexibility Act
- RIA Regulatory Impact Analysis
- SAB Science Advisory Board
- SBA Small Business Administration
- SBAR Small Business Advocacy Review
- SBREFA Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996
- SDWA Safe Drinking Water Act
- SDWIS Safe Drinking Water Information System
- SWTR Surface Water Treatment Rule
- TTHM Total Trihalomethanes
- UMRA Unfunded Mandates Reform Act
- WTP Willingness to Pay

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## I. Summary

### A. Why Is EPA Promulgating the LT1ESWTR?

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires EPA to set enforceable standards to protect public health from contaminants that may occur in drinking water. As explained in more detail in the April 10, 2000 proposal for today's rule (65 FR 19046), EPA has determined that the presence of microbiological contaminants is a substantial health concern. If finished water supplies contain microbiological contaminants, disease outbreaks may result. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, jaundice, headaches, and fatigue. EPA has set enforceable drinking water treatment techniques to reduce the risk of waterborne disease outbreaks. Treatment technologies such as filtration and disinfection can remove or inactivate microbiological contaminants.

Physical removal is critical to the control of *Cryptosporidium* because it is highly resistant to standard disinfection practices. Cryptosporidiosis, the infection caused by *Cryptosporidium*, may manifest itself as a severe infection that can last several weeks and may cause the death of individuals with compromised immune systems. In 1993, *Cryptosporidium* caused over 400,000 people in Milwaukee, WI to experience

intestinal illness. More than 4,000 were hospitalized and at least 50 deaths were attributed to the cryptosporidiosis outbreak. There have also been cryptosporidiosis outbreaks in Nevada, Oregon, and Georgia over the past several years.

In 1990, the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) cited drinking water contamination as one of the most important environmental risks and indicated that disease causing microbial contaminants (i.e., bacteria, protozoa, and viruses) are probably the greatest remaining health risk management challenge for drinking water suppliers (USEPA/SAB, 1990). The LT1ESWTR addresses this challenge by improving the control of a wide range of microbial pathogens in public drinking water systems and, specifically addressing *Cryptosporidium* for the first time in systems serving fewer than 10,000 people.

### B. What Is Cryptosporidium?

*Cryptosporidium* is a protozoan parasite found in humans, other mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles. It is common in the environment and widely found in surface water supplies (Rose, 1998; LeChevallier and Norton, 1995; Atherholt *et al.*, 1998; EPA, 2000a). In the infected animal, the parasite multiplies in the gastrointestinal tract. The animal then excretes oocysts of the parasite in its feces. These oocysts are tiny spore-like organisms 4 to 6 microns in diameter (too small to be seen without a microscope), which carry within them the infective sporozoites. The oocysts of *Cryptosporidium* are very resistant to adverse factors in the environment and can survive dormant for months in cool, dark conditions such as moist soil, or for up to a year in clean water. When ingested by another animal they can transmit the cryptosporidiosis disease and start a new cycle of infection. Cryptosporidiosis is primarily a waterborne disease, but has also been transmitted by consumption of contaminated food, unhygienic diaper changing practices (and other person-to-person contact), and contact with young farm animals.

*Cryptosporidium* oocysts are not easily killed by commonly-used disinfectants. They are relatively unaffected by chlorine and chloramines in the concentrations that are used for drinking water treatment. Oocyst infectivity appears to persist under normal temperatures, although oocysts may lose infectivity if sufficiently cooled or heated (USEPA, 2000a). Research indicates that oocysts may remain viable even after freezing (Fayer and Nerad, 1996).

### C. What Are the Health Concerns Associated With *Cryptosporidium*?

When someone is infected with *Cryptosporidium*, they may contract cryptosporidiosis, a disease which can cause diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, loss of appetite, and a mild fever. *Cryptosporidium* has become recognized as one of the most common causes of waterborne disease (drinking and recreational) in humans in the United States. The parasite is found in every region of the United States and throughout the world ([www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/cryptosporidiosis/factsht\\_cryptosporidiosis.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/cryptosporidiosis/factsht_cryptosporidiosis.htm)). The symptoms of cryptosporidiosis begin an average of seven days after infection. Persons with a normal, healthy immune system can expect their illness to last for two weeks or less, with constant or intermittent diarrhea. However, even after symptoms cease, an individual can still pass *Cryptosporidium* in the stool for up to two months, and may be a source of infection for others.

Cryptosporidiosis is not treatable with antibiotics, so prevention of infection is critical. People with weakened immune systems (those with HIV/AIDS, on cancer chemotherapy, or who have received organ transplants) will have cryptosporidiosis for a longer period of time, and it could become life-threatening. Young children, pregnant women, or the elderly infected with cryptosporidiosis can quickly become severely dehydrated.

Twelve waterborne cryptosporidiosis outbreaks have occurred at drinking water systems since 1984 (Craun, 1998; USEPA, 2000a). The largest of the known outbreaks occurred in Milwaukee and was responsible for over 400,000 illnesses and at least 50 deaths (Hoxie, *et al.*, 1997; MacKenzie *et al.*, 1994); other known outbreaks have occurred in smaller communities and have involved many fewer people. An incident such as a rainstorm that flushes many oocysts into the source water or causes a sanitary sewer overflow combined with a water treatment plant upset could allow a large pulse of oocysts to move past the multiple barriers of a water treatment plant.

### D. Does This Regulation Apply to My Water System?

Today's final regulation applies to all small (serving less than 10,000 people) public water systems (PWSs) that use surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI).

### E. How Is the EPA Regulating *Cryptosporidium* in the LT1ESWTR?

In the IESWTR (63 FR 69478), EPA established a maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) of zero for *Cryptosporidium*. When establishing an MCLG, EPA must also establish either a corresponding Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) or a treatment technique. In the IESWTR and in today's LT1ESWTR, the Agency chose to establish a treatment technique that relies on strengthening water treatment processes already in place. For filtered systems this means achieving at least 2-log (99 percent) removal of *Cryptosporidium* by meeting strengthened combined filter effluent turbidity limits as established by today's rule. For unfiltered systems it means maintaining and improving *Cryptosporidium* control under existing watershed control plans.

### F. What Other Requirements Are Included in This Rule?

Today's final regulation includes several requirements.

- All surface water and GWUDI systems serving fewer than 10,000 people must meet the requirements for achieving a 2-log removal or control of *Cryptosporidium*;
- Conventional and direct filtration systems must comply with specific combined filter effluent turbidity requirements while alternative filtration systems (systems using filtration other than conventional filtration, direct filtration, slow sand filtration, or diatomaceous earth filtration), must demonstrate the ability to achieve 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium* and comply with specific State-established combined filter effluent turbidity requirements;
- Conventional and direct filtration systems must continuously monitor the turbidity of individual filters and perform follow-up activities if this monitoring indicates a potential problem;
- Systems must develop a disinfection profile unless they can demonstrate that their TTHM and HAA5 disinfection byproduct (DBP) levels are less than 0.064 mg/L and 0.048 mg/L respectively;
- Systems considering a significant change to their disinfection practice must develop a disinfection inactivation benchmark of their existing level of microbial protection and consult with the State for approval prior to implementing the disinfection change;
- Finished water reservoirs for which construction begins after the effective

date of today's rule must be covered; and  
 —Unfiltered systems must comply with updated watershed control requirements that add *Cryptosporidium* as a pathogen of concern.

### G. How Will This Regulation Protect Public Health?

Today's rule for the first time establishes *Cryptosporidium* control requirements for small systems by requiring a minimum 2-log removal for *Cryptosporidium*. The rule also strengthens filter performance requirements to ensure 2-log *Cryptosporidium* removal, establishes individual filter monitoring to minimize contaminant pass-through and support improved performance, includes *Cryptosporidium* in the definition of GWUDI, and explicitly considers unfiltered system watershed control provisions. Today's rule also reflects a commitment to the importance of maintaining existing levels of microbial protection in public water systems as plants take steps to comply with newly applicable DBP standards. Systems considering significant changes to their disinfection practices must first evaluate current levels of *Giardia* inactivation (and virus inactivation if applicable) and consult with their State Primacy Agency for approval before implementing those changes to assure that current microbial protection is not significantly reduced. Thus, compliance with the provisions of today's rule will improve public health protection by reducing the risk of exposure to *Cryptosporidium* in small systems serving fewer than 10,000 people even as those systems begin to take steps to comply with related DBP standards.

## II. Background

### A. What Is the Statutory Authority for the LT1ESWTR?

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA or the Act), as amended in 1986, requires EPA to publish a maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) for each contaminant which in the judgement of the EPA Administrator, may have an adverse effect on the health of persons, occurs in public water systems with a frequency and at a level of public health concern, and whose regulation would represent a meaningful public health risk reduction (Section 1412(b)(1)(A)). MCLGs are non-enforceable health goals to be set at a level at which no known or anticipated adverse effect on the health of persons occur and which allows an adequate margin of safety (Section 1412(b)(4)). The Act was again

amended in August 1996 (Public Law 104-83), resulting in the renumbering and augmentation of certain sections with additional statutory language. New sections were added establishing new drinking water requirements.

The 1986 Amendments to SDWA requires EPA to publish an enforceable National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) that specifies either a maximum contaminant level (MCL) or treatment technique (Sections 1401(1) and 1412(7)(a)) at the same time it publishes an MCLG. EPA is authorized to promulgate a NPDWR that requires the use of a treatment technique in lieu of establishing an MCL, if the Agency finds that it is not economically or technologically feasible to ascertain the level of the contaminant. Today's rule relies upon the treatment technique of improved filter performance based on strengthened turbidity limits to control for *Cryptosporidium* because an analytical method suitable for finished water compliance purposes is currently not economically or technologically feasible. In accordance with a schedule established by Section 1412(b)(2)(C) of SDWA as added by the 1996 Amendments to SDWA, EPA is required to promulgate today's rule by November 2000.

#### *B. What Is the Regulatory History for the LT1ESWTR?*

In 1989, EPA promulgated the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR) (54 FR 27486, June 29, 1989 (USEPA, 1989)) that set MCLGs of zero for *Giardia lamblia*, viruses, and *Legionella* and promulgated regulatory requirements for all PWSs using surface water or GWUDI. The SWTR includes treatment technique requirements for filtered and unfiltered systems that are intended to protect against the adverse health effects of exposure to *Giardia lamblia*, viruses, and *Legionella*, as well as many other pathogenic organisms. Briefly, those requirements include (1) requirements for maintenance of a disinfectant residual in the distribution system; (2) removal and/or inactivation of 3-log (99.9 percent) for *Giardia* and 4-log (99.99 percent) for viruses; (3) combined filter effluent turbidity performance standard of 5 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) as a maximum and 0.5 NTU at the 95th percentile monthly, based on 4-hour monitoring for treatment plants using conventional treatment or direct filtration (with separate standards for other filtration technologies); and (4) watershed protection and other requirements for unfiltered systems. Systems seeking to avoid filtration were required to meet avoidance criteria and

obtain avoidance determinations from States by December 30, 1991, otherwise filtration must have been provided by June 29, 1993. For systems properly avoiding filtration, later failures to meet avoidance criteria triggered a requirement that filtration be provided within 18 months.

The intention of the SWTR was to provide appropriate multiple barriers of treatment to control pathogen occurrence in finished drinking water. *Cryptosporidium*, however, was not addressed under the SWTR, because EPA lacked sufficient health, occurrence, and water treatment control data regarding this organism at the time of the rule's development. The IESWTR and today's final rule address these gaps in microbial protection.

In 1992, EPA initiated a negotiated rulemaking (Reg-Neg) to develop a disinfectants and disinfection byproducts rule. The Reg-Neg Committee consisting of a variety of stakeholder groups met from November 1992 through June 1993. As part of this effort, the Committee concluded that the SWTR needed to be revised to address the health risk of high densities of pathogens in poorer quality source waters than the SWTR addressed as well as the health risks of *Cryptosporidium*. The Committee recommended the development of three sets of rules: a two-staged Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR), an "interim" Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR), a "long term" Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR), and an Information Collection Rule. The IESWTR was only to apply to those systems serving 10,000 or more persons. The Committee agreed that the "long term" Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule would be needed for systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons.

Congress legislatively affirmed this Microbial/Disinfection Byproduct (M-DBP) strategy as part of the 1996 SDWA Amendments. As part of those new Amendments, Congress also established a new schedule for EPA promulgation of these rules (which is the basis for the November 2000 schedule for today's rule). EPA established the M-DBP Advisory Committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) in 1997 to seek advice on how to proceed towards these deadlines in light of new information available since the 1993 negotiated rulemaking discussions. The Committee met five times in March through July 1997 to discuss issues related to the IESWTR and the Stage 1 DBPR. The Committee reached agreement in July of 1997 and its recommendations are embodied in an

Agreement in Principle document dated July 15, 1997, which is also found in two Notices of Data Availability (NODA) (USEPA1997a,b). The major issues addressed in the Agreement in Principle were discussed in the NODA for the IESWTR (62 FR 59486, November 3, 1997) and Stage 1 DBPR (62 FR 59388, November 3, 1997).

On December 16, 1998, EPA promulgated the IESWTR (63 FR 69478), which applies to surface water and GWUDI systems serving 10,000 or more persons. The purposes of the IESWTR are to improve control of microbial pathogens (specifically *Cryptosporidium*) and to address risk trade-offs with DBPs. Key provisions established in the IESWTR include: (1) An MCLG of zero for *Cryptosporidium*; (2) a 2-log *Cryptosporidium* removal requirements for systems that filter; (3) strengthened combined filter effluent turbidity performance standards and individual filter turbidity provisions; (4) disinfection benchmarking provisions to assure continued levels of microbial protection while facilities take the necessary steps to comply with new DBP standards; (5) inclusion of *Cryptosporidium* in the definition of GWUDI, as another pathogen that would indicate the presence of GWUDI, and in the watershed control requirements for unfiltered public water systems; (6) requirements for covers on new finished water reservoirs; and (7) sanitary surveys for all surface water and GWUDI systems regardless of size.

Today's rule is based in large part upon the data, research, and technical analysis that supported the major components included in the 1998 IESWTR. To that degree, it reflects the national interim microbial protection control strategy ratified by a wide range of experts and stakeholders as part of the 1997 M/DBP Agreement in Principle. However, as was discussed in the April 10, 2000 proposal, today's rule also is based on new small system information that became available since 1998 and, equally important, it also reflects a major commitment to significantly reduce small system compliance burdens wherever possible, while maintaining public health protection.

#### *C. How Were Stakeholders Involved in the Development of the LT1ESWTR?*

EPA began outreach efforts to develop the LT1ESWTR in the summer of 1998 with two public meetings: one in Denver, Colorado and the other in Dallas, Texas (USEPA, 1999a,b). Building on these two public meetings, EPA has also held a number of additional meetings with stakeholders,

trade associations, environmental groups, and representatives of State and local elected officials. Of particular importance for this rule, given its focus on small systems, EPA received valuable input from small entity representatives as part of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) panel. The panel was initiated in April of 1998 and officially convened in August of 1998. Many of the panel's recommendations are reflected in today's rule.

EPA provided numerous opportunities for stakeholder and public involvement. In early June 1999, EPA mailed an informal draft of the LT1ESWTR preamble to the approximately 100 stakeholders who attended either of the public stakeholder meetings. Members of trade associations and the SBREFA panel also received the draft preamble. EPA received valuable suggestions and stakeholder input from 15 State representatives, trade associations, environmental interest groups, and individual stakeholders. EPA proposed the LT1ESWTR on April 10, 2000. During the comment period, the Agency held a public meeting in Washington D.C. on April 14, 2000. Additionally, the proposed rule was presented to industry, State representatives, and the public in nearly 50 meetings across the US, including a May 30, 2000 meeting in Washington, D.C. with ten representatives of elected State and local officials (USEPA 2000g,h). Finally, EPA mailed approximately 200 copies of the proposed rule to stakeholders.

#### D. What Did the April 10, 2000 Proposal Contain?

The proposed rulemaking package, which is the basis for today's final rule, was entitled The Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment and Filter Backwash Proposed Rule (USEPA, 2000b).

The proposed rule included two distinct sets of provisions: LT1ESWTR provisions and Filter Backwash Recycling Rule (FBRR) provisions. The Agency promulgated the final FBRR in a **Federal Register** announcement on June 8, 2001 (66 FR 31086), separate from today's final rule. The LT1ESWTR proposed rule provisions applied to surface and GWUDI systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons and included the following provisions:

- 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium*;
- Compliance with specific combined filter effluent turbidity requirements;
- Continuous turbidity monitoring for individual filters with follow-up activities if monitoring results indicated a potential problem;

- Development of a disinfection profile unless optional monitoring at a particular plant demonstrated TTHM and HAA5 levels less than 0.064 mg/L and 0.048 mg/L respectively;
- Development of a *Giardia* inactivation disinfection benchmark and consultation with the State for approval before making a significant change in disinfection practices;
- Mandatory covers for all newly constructed finished water reservoirs; and
- Unfiltered system compliance with updated watershed control requirements that add *Cryptosporidium* as a pathogen of concern.

### III. Discussion of the Final Rule

#### A. What Level of *Cryptosporidium* Removal Does the LT1ESWTR Require?

##### 1. What Does Today's Rule Require?

Today's final rule establishes a treatment technique requirement for 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium* for surface water and GWUDI systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons. This requirement applies between a point where the raw water is not subject to contamination by surface water runoff and a point downstream before or at the first customer.

##### 2. How Was This Requirement Developed?

As discussed previously in today's rule, *Cryptosporidium* is a microbiological contaminant that has caused several outbreaks of cryptosporidiosis and poses serious health risks. For these reasons, the Agency set forth to develop requirements to minimize risks associated with *Cryptosporidium* in drinking water. In the IESWTR, EPA established a MCLG of zero for *Cryptosporidium*. EPA decided to establish 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium* as the accompanying treatment technique for this MCLG. This requirement is based on a number of treatment effectiveness studies that demonstrate the ability of well-operated conventional and direct filtration plants to achieve at least a 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium* (Patania *et al.*, 1995; Nieminski and Ongerth, 1995; Ongerth and Pecoraro, 1995; LeChevallier and Norton, 1992; LeChevallier *et al.*, 1991; Foundation for Water Research, 1994; Kelly *et al.*, 1995; and West *et al.*, 1994). The information and data in these eight studies provide convincing evidence that conventional and direct filtration plants that employ coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation (in conventional filtration only), and

filtration steps, have the ability to achieve a minimum of 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium* when meeting specific turbidity limits. EPA has also provided data in the proposal for today's final rule that indicate the ability of slow sand filtration, diatomaceous earth filtration, and alternative filtration (membrane filtration, cartridge filtration, etc.) to achieve at least 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium* (Jacangelo *et al.*, 1995; Drozd & Schartzbrod, 1997; Hirata & Hashimoto, 1998; Goodrich *et al.*, 1995; Collins *et al.*, 1996; Lykins *et al.*, 1994; Adham *et al.*, 1998; Shuler & Ghosh, 1991; Timms *et al.*, 1995; Shuler *et al.*, 1990; and Ongerth & Hutton, 1997). The Agency believes that the technological feasibility for 2-log removal is demonstrated for both large and small systems and therefore today's rule extends the 2-log *Cryptosporidium* removal requirement established for large and medium systems in the 1998 IESWTR to small systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons.

##### 3. What Major Comments Were Received?

The majority of the commenters on the proposed rule agreed with the appropriateness of establishing a 2-log removal requirement for *Cryptosporidium*. A few commenters noted that small systems should not be required to meet the same *Cryptosporidium* log removal requirements as large systems. EPA disagrees. The technological feasibility of 2-log removal is well demonstrated (as shown in the studies discussed in the proposal for today's final rule) and the Agency believes that persons served by all sized systems should be afforded comparable levels of public health protection (i.e., the small systems subject to the LT1ESWTR should have the same MCLG, and the 2-log *Cryptosporidium* removal treatment technique as large systems subject to the IESWTR).

#### B. What Combined Filter Effluent Requirements Does the LT1ESWTR Contain?

##### 1. What Does Today's Rule Require?

Today's final rule requires strengthened combined filter effluent performance for conventional filtration, direct filtration, and alternative filtration systems (systems using filtration technologies other than conventional filtration, direct filtration, diatomaceous earth filtration, or slow sand filtration) as the treatment technique for achieving a 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium*. For conventional and direct filtration systems, the



turbidity level of representative samples of a system's combined filter effluent water must be less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of the measurements taken each month. The turbidity level of representative samples of a system's filtered water must at no time exceed 1 NTU. Under today's rule, conventional and direct filtration plants meeting these filter performance requirements are presumed to achieve at least a 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium*. Slow sand and diatomaceous earth filtration plants are presumed to achieve at least 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium* if they continue to meet the existing filter performance requirements established in the SWTR. Systems using alternative filtration (i.e., membrane filtration, cartridge filtration, etc.) must demonstrate to the State that their system achieves 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium*. The State will then establish appropriate turbidity limits to reflect this performance. At the end of each month, systems must report the total number of combined filter effluent turbidity measurements taken each month, as well as the number and percentage of turbidity measurements that exceeded their 95th percentile turbidity limit and the number of measurements that exceeded their maximum turbidity limit. Combined filter effluent turbidity measurements must be kept for at least three years.

## 2. How Was This Requirement Developed?

In establishing the 2-log removal as a treatment technique for *Cryptosporidium*, the Agency relied on the aforementioned studies to demonstrate the technological feasibility of establishing the 2-log removal. These studies demonstrated that specific treatment would achieve 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium* when operated to achieve specific turbidity performance limits. For conventional and direct filtration systems, studies demonstrated that achieving a turbidity of 0.3 NTU 95 percent of the time and never exceeding 1 NTU would ensure at least 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium*. For slow sand and diatomaceous earth filtration systems, the studies demonstrated that meeting existing SWTR turbidity limits would ensure at least 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium*. Alternative filtration systems were shown to achieve at least 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium* at a variety of turbidities based on the type of filtration and other site-specific characteristics. The requirements of today's final rule reflect the recommendations of the 1997 M-DBP Committee.

As part of the LT1ESWTR development process, EPA analyzed performance data from 211 small systems in 15 different States. That data indicated that a substantial number of small systems are presently meeting the tighter performance standards of today's rule. For example, 50 percent of the 211 systems are currently meeting 0.3 NTU 12 months out of the year. In addition, 93 percent of the 211 systems never exceeded the 1 NTU maximum 12 months out of the year. Therefore, EPA believes that the strengthened filter performance standards established for small systems in today's final rule are feasible and achievable.

## 3. What Major Comments Were Received?

The majority of the commenters on the proposal agreed with the appropriateness of the combined filter effluent requirements. Many commenters raised concerns with the proposal's reliance on turbidity as an indicator for demonstrating that membrane filtration meets the same *Cryptosporidium* removal requirements as conventional and direct filtration systems. Commenters indicated that although turbidity is the most prevalent form of water quality monitoring, establishing a 0.3 NTU 95th percentile limit and 1 NTU maximum limit would not be as appropriate an indicator of the performance of membranes than other parameters such as flux or membrane integrity. They noted that using turbidity was appropriate if site specific turbidity limits were utilized. At most facilities these limits would typically be much lower than 0.3 NTU. Additionally, commenters asserted that since the typical operational turbidities of membranes (< 0.05 NTU) were so much lower than those of conventional filtration, it would be inappropriate to require membranes to meet turbidity limits that were significantly higher than standard operating practices. In response, EPA notes that in the proposed rule, EPA allowed membrane systems to meet either conventional filtration or alternative filtration combined filter effluent requirements. After further evaluating existing studies and information provided by commenters, EPA agrees that other appropriate indicators may be used to determine the treatment efficiency of membrane filtration, and that given the different operational turbidities of conventional filtration and membrane filtration, different turbidity limits are appropriate. Therefore, today's final rule treats membrane filtration as an available alternative filtration technology, instead of requiring

membranes to meet the same turbidity limits as conventional and direct filtration.

## C. What Individual Filter Monitoring Requirements Does the LT1ESWTR Contain?

### 1. What Does Today's Rule Require?

Today's final rule establishes a requirement that all systems using surface water or GWUDI, serving fewer than 10,000 persons, and utilizing conventional or direct filtration must continuously monitor the individual filter turbidity for each filter used at the system. For purposes of this rule, continuous monitoring means at least every 15 minutes. Systems must keep the results of this monitoring for at least three years. Each month systems must report to the State that they have conducted individual filter turbidity monitoring, and are required to indicate the dates, filter number, and turbidities of any measurements that exceeded 1.0 NTU. Today's rule provides that systems with two or fewer filters may monitor combined filter effluent turbidity continuously, in lieu of individual filter turbidity monitoring. Based on this monitoring, if a system exceeds 1.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements the system must include the filter number, date, time and reason for the exceedance at the end of the month in its monthly filter performance report to the State. If this occurs three months in a row for the same filter, a system is required to conduct a self-assessment of the filter. If a self-assessment is required, it must take place within 14 days of the day the filter exceeded 1.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the third straight month. The system must report to the State that the self-assessment was completed. A self-assessment must include 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 self-assessment report.

If a system exceeds 2.0 NTU (in two consecutive measurements 15 minutes apart) for two months in a row, the system must contact the State to arrange for the State or an approved third party to conduct a Comprehensive Performance Evaluation (CPE) not later than 60 days following the day the filter exceeded 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the second straight month. The CPE must be completed and

submitted to the State no later than 120 days following the day the filter exceeded 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the second straight month.

## 2. How Was This Requirement Developed?

Performance of individual filters within a plant is of paramount importance in preventing pathogen breakthrough. Two important concepts regarding individual filters underlie today's individual filter monitoring requirement. First, as discussed in more detail in the April 10, 2000 proposal, poor performance (and potential pathogen breakthrough) of one filter can be masked by optimal performance of the remaining filters, without exceeding combined filter effluent turbidity performance standards. Second, recent filter performance research demonstrates that individual filters are susceptible to turbidity spikes of short duration that may not be captured by four-hour combined filter effluent measurements. Several studies (Amirthatajah, 1988; Bucklin *et al.*, 1988; Cleasby 1990; Hall and Croll 1996; and McTigue *et al.*, 1998) have confirmed the frequency and magnitude of individual filter turbidity spikes. To address these spikes and the potential for masking, and provide system operators with information and advanced warning with regards to individual filter performance problems before they lead to treatment technique violations, the Agency proposed individual filter turbidity monitoring. EPA proposed one option and requested comment on two alternative approaches. The alternatives consisted of an approach identical to the IESWTR that entailed significantly more burden, and an approach that included 95th percentile and maximum triggers instead of a trigger based on two consecutive measurements. The proposed option has been revised in three minor ways. In today's rule:

- Systems with two or fewer filters may monitor combined filter effluent turbidity continuously, in lieu of individual filter turbidity (the proposal required all filters be monitored);
- Systems must schedule CPEs within 60 days and complete them within 120 days (the proposal required 30 and 90 days);
- A system has 14 days following a turbidimeter malfunction to resume continuous individual filter monitoring before a violation occurs (the proposal required 5 days).

## 3. What Major Comments Were Received?

The majority of the commenters on the proposal agreed with the appropriateness of the individual filter monitoring requirements. The Agency requested comment on a variety of issues to which commenters responded. Most commenters supported the modification that States be provided the opportunity to allow systems with two or fewer filters to monitor combined filter effluent turbidity continuously, in lieu of individual filter turbidity indicating that poor performance of one filter could not simply be masked by optimal performance of an additional filter. The Agency has included this modification in today's final rule because it reduces the burden on small systems while still providing continuous monitoring that can be used to indicate whether filters are performing poorly.

Several commenters supported a modification to lengthen CPE schedules by 30 days. The Agency has included this modification in today's final rule in order to provide States added flexibility in performing these activities. The extra 30 days will provide States the opportunity to marshal unique resources (specifically, employees trained in conducting CPEs) and prioritize the conduct of CPEs, when several systems trigger them during the same time period.

Several commenters indicated that allowing only five working days for an on-line turbidimeter to be off-line before a violation resulted would be inappropriate for small systems. Commenters indicated that smaller systems often do not have back-up units onsite and would be required to contact manufacturers and await shipping and installation which could easily exceed the five days. EPA agrees and has modified the requirement to allow systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons, 14 days to resume online monitoring prior to incurring a violation.

Several commenters noted that systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons should be subject to less frequent monitoring of individual filter effluent. EPA believes that continuous individual filter monitoring is feasible and assures improved performance of filtration systems. As explained in the proposal, continuous filter monitoring is necessary to identify short duration turbidity spikes which are likely to be missed with less frequent monitoring. This is true for systems of all sizes. Less frequent monitoring would not identify many turbidity spikes and accordingly

would not provide a comparable level of public health protection as that of continuous monitoring required for large systems under the IESWTR. In fact, the actual frequency of individual filter monitoring has little effect on burden as much of the costs associated with monitoring are derived from the purchase of the necessary equipment and would be incurred regardless of the frequency. Reduced monitoring would represent reduced public health protection and the Agency firmly believes that the consumers of these small systems should be afforded a comparable level of public health protection as larger systems.

## D. What Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking Requirements Does the LT1ESWTR Contain?

### 1. What Does Today's Rule Require?

Today's final rule requires community and non-transient non-community systems that use surface water or GWUDI and serve fewer than 10,000 persons to develop a disinfection profile based on a 52 week period. Systems serving between 500 and 9,999 must begin profiling and notify the State to this effect by July 1, 2003. Systems serving fewer than 500 must begin profiling and notify the State to this effect by January 1, 2004. To conduct the profile, systems must:

- Monitor disinfectant residual concentration, water temperature in degrees Celsius, pH, and contact time during peak hourly flow once a week (on the same calendar day) during all months that the system is operational;
- Calculate *Giardia lamblia* inactivation for each of the 52 weeks; and
- Plot graphically, the 52 weekly inactivations.

Results of the profile must be kept indefinitely. EPA is developing guidance materials that provide detailed information on this procedure. A State may determine that a system's profile is unnecessary where a system submits TTHM and HAA5 data that:

- Is taken during the month of warmest water temperature (beginning no earlier than 1998);
- Is taken at the point of maximum residence time; and
- Reports levels of TTHM and HAA5 of less than 0.064 mg/L and 0.048 mg/L respectively.

Today's final rule also requires any system which developed a profile and which decides to make a significant change to their disinfection practice to determine their disinfection benchmark (the average microbial inactivation during the month with the lowest

inactivation), consult with the State for approval, and provide the following information during consultation:

- Description of the proposed change;
- Disinfection profile (and data used to develop profile); and
- Analysis of how the proposed change will affect the current levels of disinfection.

Results of the disinfection benchmark (including the raw data and analysis) must be kept indefinitely.

## 2. How Was This Requirement Developed?

The disinfection benchmarking requirements provide the necessary link between simultaneous compliance with microbial protection requirements of the IESWTR and LT1ESWTR and disinfection byproduct requirements of the DBPR. The requirements were established pursuant to the authority of Section 1445 of SDWA to ensure that systems would not jeopardize microbial protection when making changes in disinfection practices to comply with the DBPR.

During the 1997 M/DBP FACA deliberations, all participants agreed to the fundamental premise that new standards for control of DBPs must not lead to significant reductions in existing levels of microbial protection. This premise is reflected in the 1997 M-DBP Advisory Committee Agreement in Principle document. The Advisory Committee reached agreement on the use of a microbial profiling and benchmarking process, whereby a system and State, working together, could assure that there would not be a significant increase in microbial risk as a result of modifying disinfection practices to meet MCLs for TTHM and HAA5. The final IESWTR established the disinfection benchmark procedure to require large systems (serving 10,000 or more persons) that might be considering a significant change to their disinfection practice (defined as systems with TTHM or HAA5 concentrations at or above 80 percent of the respective MCLs (e.g., 0.064 mg/L TTHM or 0.048 mg/L HAA5)) to evaluate the impact on microbial risk. Under the IESWTR, large systems whose TTHM and/or HAA5 average levels exceeded the aforementioned values were required to develop a disinfection profile of microbial inactivation over the course of a year by calculating the daily level of *Giardia* inactivation. Those large systems required to develop a disinfection profile that also plan to make a significant change to disinfection practices were required to develop a "benchmark" of existing

levels of *Giardia* microbial protection and to consult with the State prior to implementing the change.

In developing the disinfection benchmarking requirements of the LT1ESWTR, EPA used the IESWTR requirements as a starting point and, using significant input from stakeholders, modified the requirements to significantly reduce burden yet maintain a comparable level of public health protection. The April 10, 2000 proposal included several alternatives for establishing the microbial profiling and benchmarking process.

Of the four TTHM and HAA5 monitoring alternatives, the first was identical to the IESWTR, and included four quarters of monitoring at four points in the distribution system. The second alternative matched DBP compliance monitoring, requiring systems serving fewer than 500 to monitor once per year, and systems serving 500 or greater to monitor quarterly. A third alternative required only one sample taken at the point of maximum residence time for all systems. The fourth alternative (which was proposed) made TTHM and HAA5 monitoring optional. This alternative was chosen over the others, because it significantly reduces burden and the concern about "early implementation," that is, the need for systems to comply with requirements of a rule before primacy states have adopted new conforming regulations, while still retaining the ability for systems and States to utilize monitoring data to demonstrate low TTHM and HAA5 levels, and therefore avoid profiling. Since this monitoring is no longer required to determine the applicability of systems to conduct profiles, the final LT1ESWTR refers to this monitoring as "optional monitoring." The associated TTHM and HAA5 samples that must be conducted under this optional monitoring, are described in section 141.531. Of the four profiling alternatives, the first was identical to the IESWTR, requiring daily profiling for a year. The second alternative did not require profiling. The third alternative, which was proposed, required weekly profiling for a year. The fourth alternative required daily profiling during a single month. The Agency proposed weekly profiling over the course of a full year because it significantly reduces burden associated with conducting profiling (as compared to the first alternative), but still provides information on the seasonal variation associated with microbial inactivation, and develops an accurate microbial benchmark as systems moved to comply with the Stage 1 DBPR. The second and

fourth profiling alternatives would not provide such information. The Agency has revised the proposed option in one minor way. In today's rule:

- Systems serving between 500 and 9,999 persons must begin weekly profiling no later than July 1, 2003, and systems serving fewer than 500 persons must begin weekly profiling no later than January 1, 2004 (the proposal required all systems to begin profiling no later than January 7, 2003).

## 3. What Major Comments Were Received?

The Agency received significant comment on the disinfection benchmarking provisions of the proposed rule. Commenters both supported and opposed the proposed "optional" TTHM and HAA5 monitoring. Several commenters argued that EPA should not require systems or states to undertake activities, even optional monitoring, before three years from the date a rule is promulgated because it would result in early implementation of the rule. While the Agency agrees that to the extent possible, implementation should be minimized in the first three years after the promulgation of a national primary drinking water regulation, as required by Section 1412(b)(10) of SDWA, the Agency continues to believe that allowing systems to conduct optional monitoring prior to three years after promulgation is appropriate and authorized under section 1445 of SDWA.

Several commenters raised "early implementation" concerns with profiling as well, and suggested profiling should take place only after using the first round of DBP monitoring in 2004 as optional monitoring for profiling activities. The Agency does agree, that to the extent possible, early implementation should be minimized in the first two years after the promulgation of the rule. However, the Agency believes that developing a microbial profile and benchmark prior to compliance monitoring under the Stage 1 DBPR is key to ensuring that systems do not jeopardize existing microbial protection when making changes to their disinfection practices to comply with the Stage 1 DBPR. Consequently, today's final rule requires systems serving fewer than 500 persons to begin profiling in January 2004, while systems serving greater than 500 to 9,999 persons are required to begin profiling in July 2003.

Other commenters believed that the proposed requirement represented burden reduction for small systems and

States while still achieving the goals of optional monitoring and profiling as developed by the 1997 FACA and EPA. Additionally, commenters noted that EPA should provide States and systems the ability to use more representative data if available (i.e., allowing systems to average over several quarters of data similar to the IESWTR requirements). EPA agrees that systems and States should be allowed the opportunity to use more representative samples, and today's final rule affords States the opportunity to allow more representative data for optional monitoring and profiling.

*E. How Does the Definition of Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water Change?*

1. What Does Today's Rule Require?

Today's final rule modifies the definition of ground water under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI) to include *Cryptosporidium*, as another pathogen that would indicate the presence of GWUDI, for all PWSs.

2. How Was This Requirement Developed?

Although ground water is typically protected from microbial contaminants that are characteristic of surface water supplies, some ground water systems are susceptible to microbial contamination from surface water. Ground water that exhibits physical water quality indicators that closely correlate with nearby surface water and which contain surface water indicator organisms is "under the influence," of that surface water. In order to protect customers of such systems from illnesses resulting from exposure to *Giardia* and other microbial pathogens, the Agency addressed this issue during development of the 1989 SWTR. The final SWTR requires that systems with source water found to be GWUDI are subject to the filtration and disinfection requirements of Section 141 subpart H.

During development of today's final rule, the Agency proposed to modify the definition of GWUDI to include *Cryptosporidium*, as another pathogen that would indicate the presence of GWUDI. This is consistent with the approach taken by the Agency in the IESWTR and is further supported by recently available data indicating *Cryptosporidium* occurrence in 21 public water system wells (Hancock et al., 1998). As a result, EPA believes it appropriate and necessary to include *Cryptosporidium* in the definition of GWUDI for systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons in today's rule.

3. What Major Comments Were Received?

Commenters agreed with the appropriateness of modifying the definition of GWUDI to include *Cryptosporidium* for all PWSs. Today's final rule reflects the GWUDI definition as proposed.

*F. What Additional Requirements Does the LT1ESWTR Contain for Unfiltered Systems?*

1. What Does Today's Rule Require?

Today's rule modifies the requirements for surface water or GWUDI systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons that do not provide filtration by including *Cryptosporidium* in the watershed control provisions everywhere *Giardia lamblia* is mentioned.

2. How Was This Requirement Developed?

Watershed control requirements were initially established in 1989 as part of the SWTR. The SWTR contains specific conditions that a system must meet in order to avoid filtration. These conditions include good source water quality disinfection requirements, periodic on-site inspections, the absence of waterborne disease outbreaks, compliance with the Total Coliform Rule, and a watershed control program. The SWTR requires that the watershed control program must be maintained specifically to minimize the potential for contamination by *Giardia lamblia* cysts and viruses in the source water.

During development of today's rule, the Agency proposed that *Cryptosporidium* should also be included as a focus in watershed program for unfiltered systems. For the same public health reasons explained in detail as part of the April 10, 2000 proposal and outlined earlier regarding the risks associated with exposure to *Cryptosporidium*, the Agency believes it is important that watershed control requirements for unfiltered systems be revised to include *Cryptosporidium*. This is particularly important since such systems do not have the additional treatment barrier provided by filtration to protect against possible pass-through of *Cryptosporidium* into the distribution system.

3. What Major Comments Were Received?

Commenters agreed with the appropriateness of including *Cryptosporidium* in the watershed control program requirements for unfiltered systems. No substantive

changes were made to this provision between proposal and today's final rule.

*G. What Does the LT1ESWTR Require for Finished Water Reservoirs*

1. What Does Today's Rule Require?

Today's final rule requires that all finished water reservoirs, holding tanks, or storage water facilities for finished water at systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons, for which construction begins after March 15, 2002 must be covered.

2. How Was This Requirement Developed?

Open finished water reservoirs, holding tanks, and storage tanks are utilized by PWSs throughout the country. Because these reservoirs are open to the environment and outside influences, they can be subject to the reintroduction of contaminants that the treatment plant was designed to remove. Existing EPA guidelines recommend that all finished water reservoirs and storage tanks be covered (USEPA, 1991). Additionally, many States currently require that finished water storage be covered, and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) has issued a policy statement strongly supporting the covering of reservoirs that store potable water (AWWA, 1983). In the July 29, 1994 IESWTR proposal (59 FR 38832), the Agency requested comment on whether to issue regulations requiring systems to cover finished water storage. Most commenters supported either Federal or State requirements, with some suggesting requirements should only apply to newly constructed reservoirs. In the final IESWTR, the Agency required systems using surface water and GWUDI and serving 10,000 persons or more to cover any newly constructed finished water reservoirs, holding tanks, or storage tanks. Through discussions with stakeholders and evaluations of available information, the Agency is unaware of any newly constructed uncovered finished water reservoirs at small systems since discussions with stakeholders regarding the LT1ESWTR began in 1998. The Agency is furthermore unaware of any future plans of small systems to construct uncovered finished water reservoirs. In fact the drinking water industry (regulators, consultants, and industry groups) have discouraged the construction of new uncovered reservoirs for many years. Furthermore, creating a prohibition on newly constructed uncovered finished water reservoirs would not affect current unfinished water reservoirs or even any system, which, despite the industry

standard of constructing only covered finished water reservoirs, may have already commenced construction on an uncovered finished water reservoir unbeknownst to the Agency or stakeholders which provided input on the rule. Therefore, in accordance with Section 1412(b)(10) of SDWA, the Agency has determined it is practicable to require as part of today's rule that systems serving fewer than 10,000 people provide covers for all finished water reservoirs, holding tanks, or

storage reservoirs constructed after March 15, 2002.

3. What Major Comments Were Received?

Commenters agreed with the appropriateness of requiring that newly constructed finished water storage be covered. Several States noted that they currently require that all finished water reservoirs be covered. No substantive changes were made to this provision between proposal and today's final rule.

H. What Is the Compliance Schedule for the LT1ESWTR?

1. When Must My System Comply With Each of the Requirements of the Rule?

Each of the components of the final LT1ESWTR has a specific compliance date. The following table lists each requirement, along with the appropriate **Federal Register** citation and the compliance date:

Rule requirements	FR citation	Compliance date
Cover new finished water reservoirs .....	§ 141.511 .....	March 15, 2002.
Comply with updated watershed control requirements (unfiltered PWSs).	§§ 141.520, 141.521 & 141.522 .....	January 14, 2005.
Begin Developing Disinfection Profile .....	§§ 141.530–141.536 .....	July 1, 2003 for systems serving between 500 and 9,999 persons and January 1, 2004 for systems serving fewer than 500 persons.
Complete the Disinfection Profile .....	§§ 141.530–141.536 .....	July 1, 2004 for systems serving between 500 and 9,999 persons and January 1, 2005 for systems serving fewer than 500 persons.
Combined Filter Effluent Turbidity Limits	§§ 141.550, 141.551, 141.552, & 141.553.	January 11, 2005.
Individual Filter Turbidity Monitoring .....	§§ 141.560, 141.561, 141.562, 141.563, 141.564.	January 11, 2005.

2. What Major Comments Were Received?

Many commenters noted that they would not support requirements that would take place prior to two years after the promulgation of today's final rule. Several others recommended requiring that no portions of the rule should take effect until three years after the date of promulgation. The Agency does agree that to the extent possible, implementation should be minimized in the first two years after the promulgation of the rule. However, today's final rule requires systems serving fewer than 500 persons to begin profiling in January 2004, while systems serving greater than 500 to 9,999 persons are required to begin profiling in July 2003. This would allow time for States to work with systems, yet still provide profiling data prior to compliance sampling under the Stage 1 DBPR.

I. What Public Notification and Consumer Confidence Report Requirements Are Contained in the LT1ESWTR?

Today's final rule modifies the Public Notification (PN) requirements found in Appendix A and B of subpart Q of Part 141 to include public notification requirements for systems subject to the LT1ESWTR that are consistent with those for systems subject to the IESWTR.

Today's rule does not specifically modify the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Requirements found in subpart O of Part 141. However, consumer confidence reports must contain any violations of treatment techniques or requirements of NPDWRs as specified in § 141.153(d)(6) and § 141.153(f). This includes any such violations of the LT1ESWTR.

Updated CCR and PN appendices can be found on the Agency's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tables.html>.

IV. State Implementation

A. What Special State Primacy Requirements does the LT1ESWTR Contain?

In addition to adopting drinking water regulations at least as stringent as the Federal regulations of the LT1ESWTR, EPA requires that States adopt certain additional provisions related to this regulation to have their program revision application approved by EPA. This information advises the regulated community of State requirements and assists EPA in its oversight of State programs.

Under the final LT1ESWTR, there are several special primacy requirements that a State's application must include:

—Description of how the State will consult with the system and approve modifications to disinfection practices;

- Description of how the State will approve a more representative data set for optional monitoring and profiling under §§ 141.530–141.536.
- Description of how existing rules, adoption of appropriate rules or other authority under § 142.16(i)(1) require systems to participate in a Comprehensive Technical Assistance (CTA) activity, and the performance improvement phase of the Composite Correction Program (CCP);
- Description of how the State will approve a method to calculate the logs of inactivation for viruses for a system that uses either chloramines, chlorine dioxide, or ozone for primary disinfection; and
- For alternative filtration technologies (filtration other than conventional filtration treatment, direct filtration, slow sand filtration or diatomaceous earth filtration), a description of how the State will determine under § 142.16(i)(2)(iv), that a PWS may use a filtration technology if the PWS demonstrates to the State, using pilot plant studies or other means, that the alternative filtration technology, in combination with the disinfection treatment that meets the requirements of subpart T of this title, consistently achieves 3-log (99.9 percent) removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts and 4-log (99.99 percent) removal and/or inactivation of viruses, and 2-log (99 percent) removal of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts; and a description of how, for the

system that makes this demonstration, the State will set turbidity performance requirements that the system must meet 95 percent of the time and that the system may not exceed at any time.

*B. What State Recordkeeping Requirements Does the LT1ESWTR Contain?*

Today's rule includes changes to the existing recordkeeping provisions to implement the requirements in today's final rule. States must maintain records of the following:

(1) Records of turbidity measurements;

(2) Records of disinfectant residual measurements and other parameters necessary to document disinfection effectiveness;

(3) Decisions made on a system-by-system basis and case-by-case basis under provisions of section 141, subpart H or subpart P or subpart T;

(4) Records of systems consulting with the State concerning a significant modification to their disinfection practice (including the status of the consultation);

(5) Records of decisions that a system using alternative filtration technologies can consistently achieve a 2-log (99 percent) removal of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts, as well as the required levels of removal and/or inactivation of Giardia and viruses for systems using alternative filtration technologies, including State-set enforceable turbidity limits for each system. A copy of the decision must be kept until the decision is reversed or revised and the State must provide a copy of the decision to the system, and;

(6) Records of those systems required to perform filter self-assessments, CPE or CCP.

*C. What State Reporting Requirements Does the LT1ESWTR Contain?*

Currently States must report information to EPA under section 142.15 regarding violations, variances and exemptions, enforcement actions and general operations of State public water supply programs. There are no additional requirements under this rule, but States are required to report violations, variances and exemptions, and enforcement actions related to this rule.

*D. How Must a State Obtain Interim Primacy for the LT1ESWTR?*

To maintain primacy for the Public Water Supply Supervision (PWSS) program and to be eligible for interim primacy enforcement authority for future regulations, States must adopt today's final rule. A State must submit

a request for approval of program revisions that adopt the revised MCL or treatment technique and implement regulations within two years of promulgation, unless EPA approves an extension per § 142.12(b). Interim primacy enforcement authority allows States to implement and enforce drinking water regulations once State regulations are effective and the State has submitted a complete and final primacy revision application. To obtain interim primacy, a State must have primacy with respect to each existing NPDWR. Under interim primacy enforcement authority, States are effectively considered to have primacy during the period that EPA is reviewing their primacy revision application.

**V. Economic Analysis (Health Risk Reduction and Cost Analysis)**

This section summarizes the Health Risk Reduction and Cost Analysis (HRRCA) in support of the LT1ESWTR as required by section 1412(b)(3)(C) of the 1996 SDWA. In addition, under Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, EPA must estimate the costs and benefits of the LT1ESWTR. EPA has prepared an economic analysis to comply with the requirements of this order and the SDWA Health Risk Reduction and Cost Analysis (USEPA, 2001a). The final economic analysis has been published on the Agency's Web site, and can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/Lt1eswtr>. The analysis can also be found in the docket for this rulemaking.

EPA has estimated the total annualized cost for implementing the LT1ESWTR and analyzed the total benefits that result from the rule. Total annual costs for the rule are \$39.5 million, in 1999 dollars, using three percent discount rate [\$44.8 million using a seven percent discount rate]. The cost estimate includes capital costs for treatment changes and start-up and annual labor costs for monitoring and reporting activities. More detailed information, including the basis for these estimates and alternate cost estimates using different cost of capital assumptions are described in the LT1ESWTR economic analysis (USEPA, 2001a). Combining the value of illness and mortalities avoided, the estimate of the total quantified annual benefits of the LT1ESWTR range from \$18.9 million to \$90.9 million. However, this range does not incorporate many of the sources of uncertainty related to quantifying benefits, including many benefits the Agency was unable to evaluate. Accordingly, incorporating additional uncertainties would necessarily increase the size of the

range. For example, the number of avoided cases of cryptosporidiosis might be higher or lower than the number reflected in this range. More detailed information, including the basis for these estimates, are described in the LT1ESWTR economic analysis (USEPA, 2001a).

*A. What Are the Costs of the LT1ESWTR?*

In estimating the costs of today's final rule, the Agency considered impacts on PWSs and on States (including territories and EPA implementation in non-primacy States). The LT1ESWTR will result in increased costs to public water systems for implementing the components of today's final rule. States will also incur implementation costs. EPA estimates that the annualized cost of today's final rule will be \$39.5 million using a three percent discount rate (\$44.8 million using a seven percent discount rate).

Approximately 84 percent (\$33.1 million using a 3 percent discount rate and \$38.2 million using a 7 percent discount rate) of the rule's total annual costs are imposed on drinking water utilities. States incur the remaining 16 percent (\$6.4 million using 3 percent and \$6.6 million using 7 percent) of the LT1ESWTR's total annual cost. The turbidity provisions, which include treatment changes, monitoring, and reporting, account for the largest portion of the total rule costs (\$37.7 million using 3 percent and \$42.7 million using 7 percent). Systems will incur most of the turbidity provision costs and this is discussed in more detail in the next section. The national estimate of annual system costs is based on estimates of system-level costs for the rule and estimates of the number of systems expected to incur each type of cost. Total capital costs for the LT1ESWTR (non-annualized) is \$173.6 million.

*Turbidity Provision Costs*—The turbidity provisions are estimated to cost both public drinking water systems and States approximately \$37.7 million annually using a three percent discount rate (\$42.7 million using 7 percent). However, the majority of these costs will be borne by the systems and are the result of treatment changes to meet the 0.3 NTU turbidity standard as well as the cost for some systems to purchase turbidimeters in order to meet the monitoring requirements of this rule. The Agency estimates that 2,207 systems will modify their water treatment in response to this rule provision while 2,327 conventional and direct filtration systems will need to install turbidimeters. In addition to the capital costs associated with this rule

provision there will also be increases in operation and maintenance (O&M) costs. These combined capital and O&M costs have an estimated cost to systems of \$27.1 million annually using a 3 percent discount rate (\$31.8 million using a 7 percent discount rate). The O&M expenditures account for 59 percent of the \$27.1 million using a 3 percent discount rate (\$31.8 million using a 7 percent discount rate) while the remaining 41 percent represents annualized capital costs. In addition to the turbidity treatment costs, turbidity monitoring costs apply to all small surface water or GWUDI systems using conventional or direct filtration methods. There are an estimated 5,817 systems that fall under this criterion. The annualized individual filter turbidity monitoring cost to PWSs is approximately \$4.5 million using a 3 percent discount rate (\$4.7 million using 7 percent). In addition to the turbidity treatment and monitoring costs, individual filter turbidity exceedance reporting is estimated to cost systems \$0.6 million annually (using either a 3 percent or 7 percent discount rate).

The Agency estimated that the total State cost for the turbidity provision (monitoring and exceptions) is \$6.1 million annually (using either a 3 percent or 7 percent discount rate), with start-up and monitoring comprising of 81 percent of these annual costs (\$4.9 million annually using either a 3 percent or 7 percent discount rate). The remaining \$1.2 million (using either a 3 percent or 7 percent discount rate) in annual costs includes the costs for States to review the individual filter turbidity exceedance reports and individual filter self-assessment costs.

**Disinfection Benchmarking Costs**—The disinfection benchmarking provision involves three components: benchmarking, profiling, and optional monitoring. The start-up costs for this provision are estimated to cost systems \$2.9 million (\$0.2 million annualized using a three percent discount rate and \$0.3 million using a seven percent discount rate). Disinfection benchmarking and profiling are estimated to cost systems approximately \$0.4 million annually using a 3 percent discount rate (\$0.5 million using 7 percent). TTHM and HAA5 monitoring is optional and estimated to cost \$0.3 million annually using a 3 percent discount rate (\$0.4 million using a 7 percent discount rate). State disinfection benchmarking annualized costs are estimated to be \$0.4 million using a 3 percent discount rate (\$0.5 million using a 7 percent discount rate). This estimate includes start-up, compliance

tracking/recordkeeping, and consultation costs.

**Covered Finished Water Reservoir Provision Costs**—The LT1ESWTR requires that small systems cover all newly constructed finished water reservoirs, holding tanks, or other storage facilities for finished water. Total annual costs, including annualized capital costs and one year of O&M costs are expected to be \$0.8 million (using either a 3 percent or 7 percent discount rate) for this provision. This estimate is calculated from a projected construction rate of new reservoirs and unit cost assumptions for covering new finished water reservoirs. Also, the Agency believes that this is an overestimate since there may be additional States that currently require finished water requirement.

Although EPA has estimated the cost of all the rule's components on drinking water systems and States, there are some costs that the Agency did not quantify. These non-quantifiable costs result from uncertainties surrounding rule assumptions and from modeling assumptions. For example, EPA did not estimate a cost for systems to acquire land if they needed to build a treatment facility or significantly expand their current facility because the need for and cost of land is highly system specific. Additionally, if the cost for land was prohibitive, an alternative compliance option may be available (such as connecting to another source). Once again, the Agency has not quantified costs for this scenario due to the high degree of site specificity. However, based on evaluations of Comprehensive Performance Evaluations (CPEs), EPA believes that most systems possess more than adequate property to construct new facilities.

In addition, other LT1ESWTR provisions may affect some systems but the Agency was not able to quantify these costs. These non-quantified costs include those for systems that incur incremental costs increases as a result of including *Cryptosporidium* in the definition of GWUDI and also by including *Cryptosporidium* in the watershed control requirements for unfiltered systems. The Agency lacked data on the number of systems potentially affected by these two provisions and was therefore, unable to estimate their costs. By including *Cryptosporidium* in the definition, more ground water systems may be determined to be under the direct influence of surface water resulting in additional cost because these systems must comply with the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule and today's rule. EPA also did not estimate the costs for

unfiltered systems to control *Cryptosporidium* in their watersheds. These systems already control for other pathogens from similar sources as *Cryptosporidium* so it is likely that this provision will have a relatively minor impact.

#### *B. What Are the Household Costs of the LT1ESWTR?*

The mean annual cost per household is \$6.24 and the cost per household is less than \$15 for 90 percent of 6.3 million households potentially affected by today's final rule. Of the remaining households, nine percent will experience a range of annual costs from \$15 to \$120 (\$10/month), while only one percent of households are estimated to experience annual costs exceeding \$120.

As indicated in the economic analysis supporting today's final rule, per-household costs exceed \$240/year for approximately 5,600 households out of the 6.3 million households potentially impacted by the LT1ESWTR. However, this analysis likely overestimates costs for most of these households, allowing that systems might choose to incur costs with up to 28 separate treatment changes when in fact it is likely to be more cost-effective to install a new treatment system. (This can be thought of as building an automobile piece by piece from an auto parts store compared to buying one at a dealership.) The aforementioned 5,600 households are associated with the end of the cost distribution where systems undertake an unrealistically large number of treatment changes.

#### *C. What Are the Benefits of the LT1ESWTR?*

The primary benefits of today's final rule come from reductions in the risks of microbial illness from drinking water. In particular, LT1ESWTR focuses on reducing the risk associated with disinfection resistant pathogens, such as *Cryptosporidium*. Exposure to other pathogenic protozoa, such as *Giardia*, or other waterborne bacteria, viral pathogens, and other emerging pathogens are likely to be reduced by the provisions of this rule as well, but are not quantified. In addition, LT1ESWTR produces non-quantifiable benefits associated with the risk reductions that result from the uncovered reservoir provision, including *Cryptosporidium* in GWUDI definition, and including *Cryptosporidium* in watershed requirements for unfiltered systems. Non-quantifiable benefits also include reducing the risks to sensitive subpopulations and the likelihood of



incurring costs associated with outbreaks.

### 1. Quantifiable Health Benefits

The quantified benefits from this rule are based solely on the reductions in the risk of cryptosporidiosis that result from the turbidity provision. As a result of data limitation, this analysis only addresses endemic illness and not illness that results from epidemic disease outbreaks. *Cryptosporidiosis* is an infection caused by *Cryptosporidium* which is an acute, self-limiting illness lasting 7 to 14 days, with symptoms that include diarrhea, abdominal cramping, nausea, vomiting and fever (Juraneck, 1995). The monetized value of an avoided case of cryptosporidiosis is estimated to range from \$796 to \$1,411 per case based on a cost-of-illness methodology (Harrington et al., 1985; USEPA 2001a). The high end of the range includes losses for medical costs, work time, productivity, and leisure time. However, the low end of the range only values medical costs and work time. The medical costs may be overestimated as they are assumed to be the same as medical costs for a case of Giardiasis which has a significantly longer duration. However, the Agency believes it is appropriate not to prorate medical costs for the shorter duration of Cryptosporidiosis because (1) available data suggests that the median length of hospital stays is essentially the same for Cryptosporidiosis compared to Giardiasis; (2) the Harrington et al. study was conducted in the mid-1980's, and consequently, the higher direct medical costs associated with treating individuals with HIV/AIDS, who are more severely impacted by Cryptosporidiosis, was not included; and (3) Cryptosporidiosis has no known medical treatment and available data indicates that the range of the length of hospital stays for immunocompromised individuals is larger for cases of Cryptosporidiosis compared to Giardiasis. The Agency also recognizes however, that many individuals with Cryptosporidiosis do not seek medical treatment and thus have little or no associated medical cost, and that the percentage of such cases may be higher for Cryptosporidiosis than Giardiasis given its shorter duration.

The benefits of the turbidity provisions of LT1ESWTR come from improvements in filtration performance at water systems. The benefits analysis accounts for some of the variability and uncertainty in the analysis by estimating benefits under two different current treatment and three improved removal assumptions. In addition, EPA used Monte Carlo simulations to derive a

distribution of estimates to address uncertainty.

In order to quantify the benefits of this rule, the Agency estimated changes in the incidence of cryptosporidiosis that would result from the rule. The analysis included estimating the baseline (pre-LT1ESWTR) level of exposure and risk from *Cryptosporidium* in drinking water and the reductions in such exposure and risk resulting from the turbidity provisions of the LT1ESWTR. Baseline levels of *Cryptosporidium* in finished water were estimated by assuming national source water occurrence distribution (based on data by LeChevallier and Norton, 1995) and a national distribution of *Cryptosporidium* removal by treatment.

In the LT1ESWTR economic analysis, the following two assumptions were made regarding the current *Cryptosporidium* oocyst removal performance to estimate finished water *Cryptosporidium* concentrations. First, based on treatment removal efficiency data presented in the proposal, EPA assumed a national distribution of physical removal efficiencies with a mean of 2.0 logs and a standard deviation of 0.63 logs. Because the finished water concentrations of oocysts represent the baseline against which improved removal from the LT1ESWTR is compared, variations in the log removal assumption could have considerable impact on the risk assessment. Second, to evaluate the impact of the removal assumptions on the baseline and resulting improvements, an alternative mean log removal/inactivation assumption of 2.5 logs and a standard deviation of 0.63 logs were also used to calculate finished water concentrations of *Cryptosporidium*.

For each of the two baseline assumptions, EPA assumed that a certain number of plants would show low, mid, or high improved removal as a result of the turbidity provisions. The amount of improved removal depends upon factors such as water matrix conditions, filtered water turbidity effluent levels, and coagulant treatment conditions. The low, mid, and high improved removals were derived from Patania et al., (1995). This study demonstrated that an incremental decrease in turbidity from 0.3 NTU to 0.1 NTU (or a 0.2 NTU reduction overall) resulted in increased oocyst removals of up to one-log. The Agency used this data to construct low, mid, and high removal assumptions that would capture uncertainty associated with improved removal. The Agency also utilized different low, mid, and

high removal assumptions for distinct categories of current turbidity performance (<.2NTU, 0.2–0.3 NTU, 0.3–0.4 NTU, and > 0.4 NTU). For instance, systems currently operating at greater than 0.4 NTU would need to target 0.2 NTU to ensure compliance with the 0.3 NTU limit and EPA accordingly assumed a low improved removal of 0.5-log, a mid improved removal of 0.75-log and a high improved removal of 0.9-log. However, systems currently operating between 0.2 NTU and 0.3 NTU were only expected to minimally improve turbidity performance and would therefore only expect improved log removals of 0.15, 0.25, and 0.3 (low, mid, and high). As a result, the economic analysis considers various baseline and with-rule scenarios to develop a range of endemic health damages avoided. Additional information is found in the Benefits chapter of the Economic Analysis supporting today's final rule.

The finished water *Cryptosporidium* distributions that would result from additional log removal with the turbidity provisions were derived assuming that additional log removal was dependent on current removal, i.e., that systems currently operating at the highest filtered water turbidity levels would show the largest improvements or high improved removal assumption. For example, plants now failing to meet a 0.4 NTU limit would show greater removal improvements than plants now meeting a 0.3 NTU limit.

In addition to assuming the more conservative baseline and removal assumptions, the lower-end of the LT1ESWTR's benefit estimate does not include valuations for leisure time, productivity losses (returning to work but still experiencing symptoms), and other loss categories that the authors discuss but do not quantify (e.g., "high valued" leisure). The authors (Harrington *et al.*) were highly confident in the estimates for direct medical expenditures and work losses which comprise the lower benefit estimate; and less confident in the values for leisure time losses and productivity losses which are included in the upper benefit estimate only. The decreased level of confidence was based on the data and methods used to estimate only these losses. The authors also conclude that: "\* \* \* nonetheless, the loss categories in this group—[productivity, leisure time, etc.] are unquestionably present and therefore, raise losses above those reported in [the lower-end benefit estimate]". The Agency believes that these categories have positive value as stated in Harrington *et al.* consequently the lower-end estimate for the



LT1ESWTR understates the true value of these loss categories.

The Agency further notes that the medical expense component of the valuation may be overstated because it is not prorated for the shorter duration of Cryptosporidiosis relative to Giardiasis (mean duration of 11.5 v. 41.6 days). The Agency believes this is appropriate however, because (1) available data suggests that the median length of hospital stays is essentially the same for Cryptosporidiosis compared to Giardiasis; (2) the Harrington et al. study was conducted in the mid-1980's, and consequently, the higher direct medical costs associated with treating individuals with HIV/AIDS, who are more severely impacted by Cryptosporidiosis, was not included; and (3) Cryptosporidiosis has no known medical treatment and available data indicates that the range of the length of hospital stays for immunocompromised individuals is larger for cases of Cryptosporidiosis compared to Giardiasis. The Agency also recognizes however, that many individuals with Cryptosporidiosis do not seek medical treatment and thus have little or no associated medical cost, and that the percentage of such cases may be higher for Cryptosporidiosis than Giardiasis given its shorter duration.

Table V.1 indicates estimated annual quantified benefits associated with implementing the LT1ESWTR. The benefits analysis examines only the endemic health damages avoided based on the LT1ESWTR for each of the turbidity provision scenarios discussed previously. For each of these scenarios, EPA calculated the mean of the distribution of the number of illnesses avoided. The 10th and 90th percentiles imply that there is a 10 percent chance that the estimated value could be lower

than the 10th percentile and there is a 10 percent chance that the estimated value could be higher than the 90th percentile. The modeling assumptions used to obtain the distribution of illness and mortality avoided for each baseline and the removal scenarios considers both variability and uncertainty. Specifically, the Agency used a 2-dimensional Monte Carlo simulation to include both uncertainty and variability inputs. The components that EPA considered uncertain include the probability of illness given an infection, the variability of *Cryptosporidium* to cause either an infection or illness, and the infectivity dose-response factor. The variability components include: *Cryptosporidium* occurrence in the finished water, individual daily drinking water consumption, and the number of days per year of exposure.

In the 2-dimensional simulation structure, a set of values for the uncertainty parameters is chosen from their respective distributions. This set of values is then "frozen" and a specified number of iterations are run where different values are chosen for the variability factors. This process is repeated for some specified number of sets of uncertainty parameters. For this analysis, 250 sets of uncertainty parameters were used, with 1,000 variability iterations performed on each of the 250 uncertainty sets.

This modeling exercise provides the Agency with 250 sets of statistics for individual annual risk of illness (e.g., mean, standard deviation) that each reflect different possible combinations of uncertainty factors. The 250 estimates for each set of statistics (i.e., mean, confidence intervals) were then used to compute an overall population average annual risk of illness.

Next, the Agency estimates cases of illness and mortality from the average

annual risk of illness estimates. In order to do this, the average annual probability of illness is multiplied by the number of exposed individuals. In a separate Monte Carlo simulation for this calculation, the average annual probability of illness is treated as an uncertainty variable. As a result, the Agency has mean estimates with confidence intervals for various baseline and post LT1ESWTR assumptions regarding *Cryptosporidium* removal from source water. The 90th percentile confidence bounds on the expected values largely reflect the following uncertainty variables: the probability of illness given infection, the variability of *Cryptosporidium* to cause either an infection or illness, and the infectivity dose-response factor.

The Agency has done its best to represent a reasonable range of quantifiable uncertainty using standard modeling techniques. However, the Agency recognizes that additional sources of uncertainty exist which could not be quantified. To the extent that these are significant, the true range of uncertainty may be greater than that reflected in the quantified analysis.

EPA has evaluated drinking water consumption data from USDA's 1994-1996 Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals (CSFII) Study. EPA's analysis of the CSFII Study using the "all sources, consumer only" information resulted in a daily water ingestion lognormally distributed with a mean of 1.2 liters per person per day (USEPA, 2000j). Results of alternative model calculations based on USDA consumption data for "community water supplies, all respondents" (mean of 0.93 liters per person per day) are presented in the appendix to the economic analysis as a lower bound estimate.

TABLE V.1.—QUANTIFIED BENEFITS FROM ILLNESSES AND MORTALITIES AVOIDED ANNUALLY FROM TURBIDITY PROVISIONS  
[\$Millions]\*

Quantified benefits	Daily drinking water ingestion and baseline <i>Cryptosporidium</i> log-removal assumptions, \$Millions, 1999					
	2.0 log			2.5 log		
	Low	Mild	High	Low	Mid	High
Mean Benefit from Avoided Illnesses .....	\$23.9–\$42.4	\$31.6–\$56.0	\$32.9–\$58.3	\$9.5–\$16.8	\$11.2–\$19.8	\$12.7–\$22.6
10th Percentile .....	11.4–20.3	15.2–27.0	14.1–24.9	2.2–3.9	2.8–5.0	4.2–7.5
90th Percentile .....	50.1–88.8	58.8–104.2	56.5–100.2	26.6–47.2	27.6–48.9	33.6–59.5
Mean Benefits from Avoided Mortalities .....	23.7	31.3	32.5	9.4	11.1	12.6
10th Percentile .....	11.3	15.0	13.9	2.2	2.8	4.2
90th Percentile .....	49.6	58.2	55.9	26.3	27.3	33.2
Total Mean Quantified Benefits .....	47.6–66.1	62.9–87.3	65.4–90.9	18.9–26.2	22.2–30.9	25.4–35.2

\* Totals may not equal due to rounding.

According to the economic analysis performed for the LT1ESWTR published today, the rule is estimated to reduce the mean annual number of illnesses caused by *Cryptosporidium* in water systems with improved filtration performance by 12,000 to 41,000 cases per year depending upon which of the six baseline and improved *Cryptosporidium* removal assumptions was used, and assuming the 1.2 liter drinking water consumption distribution. Based on these values, the mean estimated annual benefits of reducing the illnesses ranges from \$9.5 million to \$58.3 million per year. The economic analysis also indicated that the rule could result in a mean reduction of 1 to 5 fatalities each year,

depending upon the varied baseline and improved removal assumptions. Using a mean value of \$6.3 million per statistical life saved, reducing these fatalities could produce benefits in the range of \$9.4 million to \$32.5 million. Combining the value of illness and mortalities avoided, the estimate of the total quantified annual benefits of the LT1ESWTR range from \$18.9 million to \$90.9 million. However, this range does not incorporate many of the sources of uncertainty related to quantifying benefits, including many benefits the Agency was unable to evaluate. Accordingly, incorporating additional uncertainties would necessarily increase the size of the range.

New occurrence data and infectivity data is currently being evaluated by the

Agency in the context of the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR). The analysis is currently ongoing and peer review has not been completed. EPA conducted a sensitivity analysis in the economic analysis supporting today's final rule to predict the effect that new data may have on the benefits presented earlier. Table V.2 provides a summary of this sensitivity analysis and depicts the cumulative change to the benefits range that each of the four new changes (new occurrence data, new infectivity data, new morbidity data, and new viability data) could have on benefits. The economic analysis includes a more detailed analysis using this data.

TABLE V.2.—SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS TO PREDICT EFFECTS OF NEW DATA AND INFORMATION ON RANGE OF BENEFITS

	Current EA	New occurrence data	New infectivity data	New morbidity data	New viability data
Change .....	No Changes .....	Occurrence changes from 4.7 oocyst/L to 1.06 oocyst/L.	Rate of infection from .00424 to .02317.	Morbidity changes from 0.39 to 0.5.	Viability changes from 16.4 percent to 55.2 percent.
Benefits Range .....	\$18.9–\$90.9 .....	\$5.4–\$25.2 .....	\$17.3–\$74.4 .....	\$22.5–\$88.0 .....	\$51.2–\$195.8

2. Non-Quantified Health and Non-Health Related Benefits

The quantified benefits from filter performance improvements do not fully capture all the benefits of the turbidity provision. Even the upper bound estimates, which are based on a cost-of-illness (COI) methodology (expanded to incorporate lost leisure time and lost productivity while working), may not fully capture the willingness-to-pay to avoid a case of Cryptosporidiosis. In addition, the Harrington, et al. study was conducted in the mid-1980's in a rural community and may not be fully representative of the current national population including individuals with HIV/AIDS and chemotherapy patients that are more severely impacted by Cryptosporidiosis. If this population was more accurately represented, it may be that the average per-case valuation would be higher than the range presented in this analysis. Further, the turbidity provisions are also expected to decrease the risk of waterborne disease outbreaks. However, the quantified benefits reflect only the reduction in endemic Cryptosporidiosis and not any outbreak-related illness or mortalities.

Other disinfection resistant pathogens may also be removed more efficiently due to implementation of the LT1ESWTR. Exposure to other pathogenic protozoa, such as *Giardia*, or other waterborne bacterial or viral

pathogens are likely to be reduced by the provisions of this rule as well.

In addition to preventing illnesses, this rule is expected to have other non-health related benefits. During an outbreak, local governments and water systems must issue warnings and alerts and may need to provide an alternative source of water. Systems also face negative publicity and possibly legal costs. Businesses have to supply their customers and employees with alternative sources of water and some, especially restaurants, may even have to temporarily close. Households also have to boil their water, purchase water, or obtain water from another source. A study of a *Giardia* outbreak in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania showed that these non-health related outbreak costs can be quite significant (Harrington *et al.*, 1985). This outbreak resulted in an estimated loss to individuals of \$31 million to \$92 million. Additional losses were also calculated for restaurants and bars (\$2 million to \$7 million), government agencies (\$0.4 million) and the water supply utility (\$3 million).

The remaining rule provisions (disinfection benchmarking, covered finished water reservoirs, inclusion of *Cryptosporidium* in the GWUDI definition, and inclusion of *Cryptosporidium* in watershed control requirements for unfiltered systems) provide additional benefits. However,

EPA is only able to discuss the benefits of these rule provisions qualitatively because of data limitations. The disinfection benchmark provision will ensure that adequate microbial protection is in place if a system must make changes to its disinfection practices as a result of the Stage 1 DBP rule. Covering finished water reservoirs will protect the finished water from becoming re-contaminated from such things as animal or bird droppings, surface water runoff, and algae. If *Cryptosporidium* is found in ground water supplies, they will be required to change treatment practice to prevent illness. Finally, by requiring *Cryptosporidium* control in watersheds of unfiltered systems, this will minimize the potential for illness and may also lower the overall costs of drinking water treatment.

D. What Are the Incremental Costs and Benefits?

EPA evaluated the incremental or marginal costs of today's final rule turbidity provision by analyzing various turbidity limits, 0.3 NTU, 0.2 NTU, and 0.1 NTU. For each turbidity limit, EPA developed assumptions about which process changes systems might implement to meet the turbidity level and how many systems would adopt each change. The comparison of total compliance cost estimates shows that costs are expected to increase

significantly across other turbidity limits considered by the Agency. The total cost of a 0.2 NTU limit is 346 percent higher than the final rule limit of 0.3 NTU, and a 0.1 NTU limit would be 1,192 percent higher.

*E. Are There Benefits From the Reduction of Co-Occurring Contaminants?*

If a system chooses to install treatment, it may choose a technology that would also address other drinking water contaminants. For example, some membrane technologies installed to remove bacteria or viruses can reduce or eliminate many other drinking water contaminants including arsenic.

The technologies used to reduce individual filter turbidities have the potential to reduce concentrations of other pollutants as well. Reductions in turbidity that result from today's proposed rule are aimed at reducing *Cryptosporidium* by physical removal. However, health risks from *Giardia lamblia* and emerging disinfection resistant pathogens, such as microsporidia, *Toxoplasma*, and *Cyclospora*, are also likely to be reduced as a result of improvements in turbidity removal. The frequency and extent that LT1ESWTR would reduce risk from other contaminants has not been quantitatively evaluated because of the

Agency's lack of data on the removal efficiencies of various technologies for emerging pathogens and the lack of co-occurrence data for microbial pathogens and other contaminants from drinking water systems.

*F. Is There Increased Risk From Other Contaminants?*

It is unlikely that LT1ESWTR will result in any increased risk from other contaminants. Improvements in plant turbidity performance will not result in any increases in risk. In fact the disinfection benchmarking component of today's final LT1ESWTR will provide information to systems so they can minimize the increased risk from microbial contaminants as they take steps to address risks associated with DBPs under the Stage 1 DBPR.

*G. What Are the Uncertainties in the Risk, Benefit and Cost Estimates for the LT1ESWTR?*

EPA has included in the economic analysis, a detailed discussion of the possible sources of uncertainty in risk, benefit and cost estimates. Some sources of possible uncertainty associated with calculation of risk and benefits include occurrence of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts in source waters and finished waters, reduction of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts due to improved treatment, viability and

infectivity of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts, characterization of risk, and willingness to reduce risk and avoid costs. Uncertainty associated with costs includes assumptions with respect to treatment a system might choose to employ to comply with the rule, assumptions about costs of labor, maintenance, and capital, and the number of systems expected to undertake certain activities. The Agency believes that the risks, benefits, and costs have been accurately portrayed. Discussions and analyses of risks, benefits, and costs in the economic analysis indicate where uncertainty may be introduced and to the extent possible, the effect uncertainty may have on analysis (USEPA, 2001a).

*H. What Is the Benefit/Cost Determination for the LT1ESWTR?*

The Agency has determined that the benefits of the LT1ESWTR justify the costs. As shown in Table V.3, the quantified net benefits of this rule based on the Agency's estimate range from \$20.6 million to \$51.4 million using the 3 percent discount rate (\$25.9 million to \$46.1 million at the 7 percent discount rate). Additionally, EPA believes that quantified net benefits would be larger if both unquantified benefits and costs were able to be monetized.

TABLE V.3.—ANNUALIZED NET BENEFITS OF THE LT1ESWTR, MILLIONS, 1999 DOLLARS

	Benefit range	Costs using a 3 percent discount rate	Costs using a 7 percent discount rate	Net benefits (3 percent)	Net benefits (7 percent)
Estimate of Benefits .....	\$18.9–\$90.9	\$39.5	\$44.8	\$ – 20.6–\$51.4	\$ – 25.9–\$46.1

**VI. Other Requirements**

*A. Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), as Amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.*

The RFA generally requires an agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions.

The RFA provides default definitions for each type of small entity. It also authorizes an agency to use alternative definitions for each category of small entity, "which are appropriate to the activities of the agency" after proposing

the alternative definition(s) in the **Federal Register** and taking comment. 5 U.S.C. 601(3)–(5). In addition to the above, to establish an alternative small business definition, agencies must consult with SBA's Chief Counsel for Advocacy.

For purposes of assessing the impacts of today's rule on small entities, EPA considered small entities to be PWSs serving fewer than 10,000 persons. This is the cut-off level specified by Congress in the 1996 Amendments to the SDWA for small system flexibility provisions. In accordance with the RFA requirements, EPA proposed using this alternative definition in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 7620, February 13, 1998), requested comment, consulted with the Small Business Administration (SBA), and expressed its intention to use the alternative definition for all future drinking water regulations in the Consumer Confidence Reports

regulation (63 FR 44511, August 19, 1998). As stated in that final rule, the alternative definition would be applied to this regulation as well.

After considering the economic impacts of today's final rule on small entities, I certify that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

In accordance with section 603 of the RFA, EPA convened a Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) Panel to obtain advice and recommendations from representatives of small entities that would potentially be regulated by the rule in accordance with section 609(b) of the RFA. A detailed discussion of the Panel's advice and recommendations is found in the Panel Report found in the docket for today's final rule (USEPA, 1998k). The Panel recommendations emphasized the need to provide small systems flexibility. The Agency has structured today's final

LT1ESWTR with an emphasis on providing flexibility and reducing burden for small systems. For example, the Agency originally contemplated requiring four quarters of TTHM and HAA5 monitoring and disinfection profiling based on daily measurements. Today's final rule requires profiling based on weekly measurements and allows systems the option of using one quarter of TTHM and HAA5 monitoring to opt-out of profiling. Today's rule also provides systems with two or fewer filters the flexibility to monitor combined filter effluent in lieu of individual filter turbidity monitoring, effectively allowing these systems to reduce their recordkeeping burden. A complete summary of the Panel's recommendations is presented in the proposal (65 FR 19046, 19127–19130).

While EPA could have certified the proposed rule based on the proposed rule requirements, the Agency originally developed an IRFA (see 65 FR 19046, 19126–19127) and convened an SBAR Panel because several of the additional alternatives EPA was requesting comment on would have resulted in substantial costs for small systems thereby preventing the Agency from certifying. While EPA included these additional alternatives in the proposal and estimated costs in the economic analysis for the proposal, the Agency re-evaluated the economic effects on small entities after publication of the April 10, 2000 LT1ESWTR proposal using the rule requirements of today's final rule and was able to certify that today's final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

EPA's analysis showed that of the approximately 11,000 small entities potentially affected by the LT1ESWTR, over 5,000 are expected to incur average annualized costs of less than \$70 dollars (0.003 percent of average annual revenue) while slightly more than 3,000 are expected to incur average annualized costs of less than \$850 dollars (0.03 percent of average annual revenue). Of the remaining systems, approximately 500 systems are expected to incur average annualized costs of approximately \$2,500 dollars (0.1 percent of average annual revenue), approximately 2,000 systems are expected to incur average annualized costs of approximately \$13,000 dollars (0.6 percent of average annual revenue). Less than 100 systems are expected to incur average annualized costs of approximately \$15,700 dollars (0.7 percent of average annual revenue). The Agency has included a detailed description of this analysis in the Regulatory Flexibility Screening

Analysis prepared for the rule (USEPA, 2000e).

#### *B. Paperwork Reduction Act*

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements contained in this rule under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq, and has assigned OMB control number 2040–0229. The information collected as a result of this rule will allow the States and EPA to determine appropriate requirements for specific systems, in some cases, and to evaluate compliance with the rule. For the first three years after February 13, 2002, the major information requirements are related to disinfection profiling activities. The information collection requirements in §§ 141.530–141.536, 141.540–141.544, 141.550–141.553, 141.560–141.564, and 141.570–141.571, for systems, and §§ 142.14 and 142.16, for States, are mandatory. The information collected is not confidential. The final estimate of aggregate annual average burden hours for LT1ESWTR is 330,329. Annual average aggregate cost estimate is \$1,583,538 for capital (expenditures for monitoring equipment), and \$1,919,563 for operation and maintenance including lab costs (which is a purchase of service). The burden hours per response is 21.8. The frequency of response (average responses per respondent) is 2.8 annually. The estimated number of likely respondents is 5,404 (the product of burden hours per response, frequency, and respondents does not total the annual average burden hours due to rounding).

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information; processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed

in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. EPA is amending the table in 40 CFR part 9 of currently approved ICR control numbers issued by OMB for various regulations to list the information requirements contained in this final rule.

#### *C. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act*

##### 1. Summary of UMRA Requirements

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA), Public Law 104–4, establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on State, local, and Tribal governments and the private sector. Under UMRA section 202, EPA generally must prepare a written statement, including a cost-benefit analysis, for proposed and final rules with “Federal mandates” that may result in expenditures by State, local, and Tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year. Before promulgating an EPA rule for which a written statement is needed, section 205 of the UMRA generally requires EPA to identify and consider a reasonable number of regulatory alternatives and adopt the least costly, most cost-effective or least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule. The provisions of section 205 do not apply when they are inconsistent with applicable law. Moreover, section 205 allows EPA to adopt an alternative other than the least costly, most cost effective or least burdensome alternative if the Administrator publishes with the final rule an explanation why that alternative was not adopted.

Before EPA establishes any regulatory requirements that may significantly or uniquely affect small governments, including Tribal governments, it must have developed, under section 203 of the UMRA, a small government agency plan. The plan must provide for notifying potentially affected small governments, enabling officials of affected small governments to have meaningful and timely input in the development of EPA regulatory proposals with significant Federal intergovernmental mandates and informing, educating, and advising small governments on compliance with the regulatory requirements.

EPA has determined that this rule does not contain a Federal mandate that may result in expenditures of \$100 million or more for State, local and Tribal governments, in the aggregate, or the private sector in any one year. The estimated annual cost of this rule is \$39.5 million. Thus today's rule is not

subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of the UMRA.

EPA has determined that this rule contains no regulatory requirements that might significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Of the approximately 6,500 small government entities potentially affected by the LT1ESWTR, approximately 3,000 are expected to incur average annualized costs of less than \$70 dollars (0.003 percent of average annual revenue) while approximately 2,000 are expected to incur average annualized costs of less than \$850 dollars (0.03 percent of average annual revenue). Of the remaining systems, less than 300 are expected to incur average annualized costs of approximately \$2,500 dollars (0.1 percent of average annual revenue), approximately 1,200 systems are expected to incur average annualized costs of approximately \$13,000 dollars (0.6 percent of average annual revenue). Less than 100 systems are expected to incur average annualized costs of approximately \$15,700 dollars (0.7 percent of average annual revenue). While today's final rule only applies to systems serving fewer than 10,000, it is not unique as it provides a comparable level of health protection to individuals served by small systems as the IESWTR provided to individuals served by large systems. While there are small differences between the LT1ESWTR and IESWTR, these differences reflect an effort to reduce burden for small systems while still maintaining a comparable level of health protection. Thus, today's rule is not subject to the requirements of section 203 of UMRA.

Nevertheless, EPA has tried to ensure that State, local, and Tribal governments had opportunities to provide comment. EPA consulted with small governments to address impacts of regulatory requirements in the rule that might significantly or uniquely affect small governments. As discussed next, a variety of stakeholders, including small governments, were provided the opportunity for timely and meaningful participation in the regulatory development process. EPA used these opportunities to notify potentially affected small governments of regulatory requirements being considered.

EPA began outreach efforts to develop the LT1ESWTR in the summer of 1998. Two public stakeholder meetings, which were announced in the **Federal Register**, were held on July 22–23, 1998, in Lakewood, Colorado, and on March 3–4, 1999, in Dallas, Texas. Stakeholders include representatives of State, local and Tribal governments, environmental groups and publicly owned and privately owned public

water systems. In addition to these meetings, EPA has held several formal and informal meetings with stakeholders including the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators and representatives of State and local elected officials. A summary of each meeting and attendees is available in the public docket for this rule. EPA also convened a Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) Panel in accordance with the RFA, as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) to address small entity concerns including those of small local governments. The SBAR Panel allows small regulated entities to provide input to EPA early in the regulatory development process. In early June 1999, EPA mailed an informal draft of the LT1ESWTR preamble to the approximately 100 stakeholders who attended one of the public stakeholder meetings. Members of trade associations and the SBREFA Panel also received the draft preamble. EPA received valuable suggestions and stakeholder input from 15 State representatives, trade associations, environmental interest groups, and individual stakeholders. The majority of concerns dealt with reducing burden on small systems and maintaining flexibility.

To inform and involve Tribal governments in the rulemaking process, EPA presented the LT1ESWTR at three venues: the 16th Annual Consumer Conference of the National Indian Health Board, the annual conference of the National Tribal Environmental Council, and the EPA/Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. Tribal consultation meeting. Over 900 attendees representing Tribes from across the country attended the National Indian Health Board's Consumer Conference and over 100 Tribes were represented at the annual conference of the National Tribal Environmental Council. At the first two conferences, an EPA representative conducted two workshops on EPA's drinking water program and upcoming regulations, including the LT1ESWTR.

At the EPA/Inter Tribal Council of Arizona meeting, representatives from 15 Tribes participated. The presentation materials and meeting summary were sent to over 500 Tribes and Tribal organizations. Additionally, EPA contacted each of the 12 Native American Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Advisors to invite them, and representatives of their organizations to the stakeholder meetings described previously.

During the comment period for today's final rule, the Agency held a

public meeting in Washington D.C. on April 14, 2000. Additionally, the proposed rule was either presented or discussed in nearly 50 meetings across the U.S. Finally, EPA mailed approximately 200 copies of the proposed rule to stakeholders requesting comment. EPA received 67 comments from a variety of stakeholders including 24 States, 21 municipalities, one Tribe, one elected official, two consultants, eight trade groups, and four private industries.

In addition, EPA will educate, inform, and advise small systems, including those run by small governments, about the LT1ESWTR requirements. The Agency is developing plain-English guidance that will explain what actions a small entity must take to comply with the rule. Also, the Agency has developed a fact sheet that concisely describes various aspects and requirements of the LT1ESWTR. This fact sheet is available by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800–426–4791.

#### *D. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act*

As noted in the proposed rule, section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (NTTAA), Public Law No. 104–113, section 12(d) (15 U.S.C. 272 note), directs EPA to use voluntary consensus standards in its regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures, and business practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies. The NTTAA directs EPA to provide Congress, through the Office of Management and Budget, explanations when the Agency decides not to use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards.

Today's rule does not establish any technical standards, thus, NTTAA does not apply to this rule. It should be noted, however, that systems complying with this rule need to use one of three previously approved technical standards already included in § 141.74 (a). Method 2130B (APHA, 1995), is published in Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (19th ed.) and is a voluntary consensus standard. The Great Lakes Instrument Method 2, has been approved by USEPA as an alternate test procedure (Great Lakes Instruments, 1992). EPA Method 180.1 for turbidity measurement was published in August 1993 in Methods for the Determination of Inorganic

Substances in Environmental Samples (EPA-600/R-93-100) (USEPA, 1993).

Today's final rule also requires calibration of the individual turbidimeter to be conducted using procedures specified by the manufacturer. EPA encouraged comments on this aspect of the rulemaking and specifically invited the public to identify potentially applicable voluntary consensus standards and to explain why such standards should be used in this regulation. EPA received no comments on this issue.

#### *E. Executive Order 12866: Regulatory Planning and Review*

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), the Agency must determine whether the regulatory action is "significant" and therefore subject to OMB review and the requirements of the Executive Order. The Order defines "significant regulatory action" as one that is likely to result in a rule that may:

- (1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, Tribal governments or communities;
- (2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency;
- (3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or;
- (4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in the Executive Order.

Pursuant to the terms of the Executive Order 12866, it has been determined that this rule is a "significant regulatory action." As such, this action was submitted to OMB for review. Changes made in response to OMB suggestions or recommendations are documented in the public record.

#### *F. Executive Order 12898: Environmental Justice*

Executive Order 12898 establishes a Federal policy for incorporating environmental justice into Federal agency missions by directing agencies to identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations. The Agency has considered environmental justice related issues concerning the potential impacts of this action and consulted

with minority and low-income stakeholders.

This preamble has discussed how the IESWTR served as a template for the development of the LT1ESWTR. As such, the Agency also built on the efforts conducted during the IESWTRs development to comply with Executive Order 12898. On March 12, 1998, the Agency held a stakeholder meeting to address various components of pending drinking water regulations and how they may impact sensitive sub-populations, minority populations, and low-income populations. Topics discussed included treatment techniques, costs and benefits, data quality, health effects, and the regulatory process. Participants included national, State, Tribal, municipal, and individual stakeholders. EPA conducted the meetings by video conference call between 11 cities. This meeting was a continuation of stakeholder meetings that started in 1995 to obtain input on the Agency's Drinking Water Programs. The major objectives for the March 12, 1998 meeting were to:

- Solicit ideas from stakeholders on known issues concerning current drinking water regulatory efforts;
- Identify key issues of concern to stakeholders, and;
- Receive suggestions from stakeholders concerning ways to increase representation of communities in EPA's Office of Water drinking water regulatory efforts.

In addition, EPA developed a plain-English guide specifically for this meeting to assist stakeholders in understanding the multiple and sometimes complex issues surrounding drinking water regulation.

The LT1ESWTR applies to community water systems, non-transient non-community water systems, and transient non-community water systems that use surface water or GWUDI as their source water for PWSs serving less than 10,000 people. These requirements will also be consistent with the protection already afforded to people being served by systems serving 10,000 or more persons.

#### *G. Executive Order 13045: Protection of Children From Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks*

Executive Order 13045: "Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks" (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) applies to any rule that: (1) Is determined to be economically significant as defined under Executive Order 12866, and; (2) concerns an environmental health or safety risk that

EPA has reason to believe may have a disproportionate effect on children. If the regulatory action meets both criteria, the Agency must evaluate the environmental health or safety effects of the planned rule on children and explain why the planned regulation is preferable to other potentially effective and reasonably feasible alternatives considered by the Agency.

While this final rule is not subject to the Executive Order because it is not economically significant as defined in Executive Order 12866, we nonetheless have reason to believe that the environmental health or safety risk addressed by this action may have a disproportionate effect on children. As a matter of EPA policy, we therefore have assessed the environmental health effects of *Cryptosporidium* on children. The results of this assessment are contained in the LT1ESWTR economic analysis (USEPA, 2001a). A copy of the analysis and supporting documents are found in the public docket for today's final rule (W-99-10, Final Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. The docket is available for public review at EPA's Drinking Water Docket: 401 M Street, SW., Rm. EB57, Washington, DC 20460.

The risk of illness and death due to cryptosporidiosis depends on several factors, including age, nutrition, exposure, genetic variability, disease and immune status of the individual. Mortality resulting from diarrhea shows the greatest risk of mortality occurring among the very young and elderly (Gerba *et al.*, 1996). For *Cryptosporidium*, young children are a vulnerable population subject to infectious diarrhea (CDC 1994). Cryptosporidiosis is prevalent worldwide, and its occurrence is higher in children than in adults (Fayer and Ungar, 1986).

Cryptosporidiosis appears to be more prevalent in populations, such as infants, that may not have established immunity against the disease and may be in greater contact with environmentally contaminated surfaces (DuPont, *et al.*, 1995). An infected child may spread the disease to other children or family members. Evidence of such secondary transmission of cryptosporidiosis from children to household and other close contacts has been found in a number of outbreak investigations (Casemore, 1990; Cordell *et al.*, 1997; Frost *et al.*, 1997). Chapelle *et al.*, (1999) found that prior exposure to *Cryptosporidium* through the ingestion of a low oocyst dose provides protection from infection and illness. However, it is not known whether this immunity is life-long or temporary. Data

also indicate that either mothers confer short term immunity to their children or that babies have reduced exposure to *Cryptosporidium*, resulting in a decreased incidence of infection during the first year of life. For example, in a survey of over 30,000 stool sample analyses from different patients in the United Kingdom, the one to five year age group suffered a much higher infection rate than individuals less than one year of age. For children under one year of age, those older than six months of age showed a higher rate of infection than individuals aged fewer than six months (Casemore, 1990).

EPA has not been able to quantify the health effects for children as a result of *Cryptosporidium*-contaminated drinking water. However, the result of the LT1ESWTR will be a reduction in the risk of illness for the entire population, including children. Because available evidence indicates that children may be more vulnerable to *Cryptosporidiosis* than the rest of the population, the LT1ESWTR would, therefore, result in greater risk reduction for children than for the general population.

#### *H. Consultations With the Science Advisory Board, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services*

In accordance with section 1412 (d) and (e) of the SDWA, the Agency consulted with the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC), the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) on the proposed LT1ESWTR. None of the three consultations resulted in substantive comments on the LT1ESWTR.

On March 13 and 14, 2000 in Washington, DC, the Agency met with SAB during meetings open to the public where several of the Agency's drinking water rules were discussed. A copy of the SAB's comments are found in the docket (USEPA, 2000l). Comments on the LT1ESWTR were generally supportive.

On May 10, 2000 in San Francisco, California, the Agency met with NDWAC. A copy of the materials presented to the NDWAC, as well as the charge presented to the council are found in the docket (USEPA, 2000f, NDWAC, 2000).

EPA invited the Secretary of Health and Human Services to the April 14th, 2000 informational meeting regarding the proposed Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and consulted with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) during a June 20, 2000 conference call with the Centers'

Working Group on Waterborne *Cryptosporidiosis*. The meeting notes for that call are found in the docket (CDC, 2000). CDC's role as an Agency of the Department of Health and Human Services is to provide a system of health surveillance to monitor and prevent the outbreak of diseases. With the assistance of States and other partners, CDC guards against international disease transmission, maintains national health statistics, and provides for immunization services and supports research into disease and injury prevention.

#### *I. Executive Order 13132: Executive Orders on Federalism*

Executive Order 13132, entitled "Federalism" (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999), requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure "meaningful and timely input by State and local officials in the development of regulatory policies that have federalism implications." "Policies that have federalism implications" is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have "substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government."

This final rule does not have federalism implications. It will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132. Today's final rule does not have a substantial direct effect on local and State governments because it is not expected to impose substantial direct compliance costs. The rule imposes annualized compliance costs on State and local governments of approximately \$30.6 million. \$6.4 million of these costs are attributable to States, while \$24.2 million is attributable to local governments serving fewer than 10,000 persons. As described in Section V1.A of the preamble for today's final rule, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, including small governments. Furthermore, the rule does not have a substantial direct effect on the relationship between the national government and the States, or the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government as specified in Executive Order 13132 because the rule does not change the current roles and relationships of the Federal government,

State governments and local governments in implementing drinking water programs. Thus Executive Order 13132 does not apply to this rule. Although the Executive Order does not apply to this rule, EPA did consult with State and local officials in developing this rule. In addition to our outreach efforts described earlier, on May 30, 2000, the Agency held a meeting in Washington, DC with ten representatives of elected State and local officials to discuss how new Federal drinking water regulations (LT1ESWTR, FBRR, Ground Water Rule, Radon Rule, Radionuclides Rule, and Arsenic Rule) may affect State, county, and local governments. Throughout the consultation, stakeholders asked EPA for clarification of basic concepts and rule elements. EPA addressed these issues throughout the consultation and provided background and clarification to promote better understanding of the issues. For example, stakeholders asked EPA to describe what *Cryptosporidium* is and how individuals are diagnosed with cryptosporidiosis. A detailed summary of this consultation meeting and the concerns raised is found in the docket (USEPA, 2000g). No significant concerns were raised regarding the LT1ESWTR.

#### *J. Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments*

On November 6, 2000, the President issued Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249) entitled, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments." Executive Order 13175 took effect on January 6, 2001, and revoked Executive Order 13084 (also entitled Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments.) as of that date. However, EPA developed and proposed this final rule when Executive Order 13084 was in effect, and before the effective date of the consultation requirements of Executive Order 13175. Therefore, the consultation requirements of Executive Order 13084 apply to this rule.

Under Executive Order 13084, EPA could not issue a regulation that was not required by statute, that significantly or uniquely affected the communities of Indian Tribal governments, and that imposed substantial direct compliance costs on those communities, unless the Federal government provided the funds necessary to pay the direct compliance costs incurred by the Tribal governments, or EPA consulted with those governments.

Executive Order 13084 required EPA to provide to the Office of Management and Budget, in a separately identified



section of the preamble to the rule, a description of the extent of EPA's prior consultation with representatives of affected Tribal governments, a summary of the nature of their concerns, and a statement supporting the need to issue the regulation. In addition, Executive Order 13084 required EPA to develop an effective process permitting elected officials and other representatives of Indian Tribal governments "to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities."

EPA has concluded that this rule will not significantly or uniquely affect communities of Indian Tribal governments, and will not impose substantial direct compliance costs on such communities. This rule will affect approximately 70 of the 700 total Tribal drinking water systems. Of these 70 systems, half are estimated to incur annualized compliance costs of less than \$70 per year (0.003 percent of average annual revenue) and approximately 20 systems are estimated to incur annualized compliance costs of less than \$850 per year (0.03 percent of average annual revenue). The remaining systems would incur an estimated annualized compliance costs of less than \$13,000, or 0.6 percent of average annual revenue.

Nonetheless, EPA provided representatives of Tribal governments with several opportunities to become knowledgeable of the proposed rule and to provide meaningful and timely input in its development. EPA began outreach efforts to develop the LT1ESWTR in the summer of 1998 as discussed in detail above in the UMRA and Federalism sections. To inform and involve the representatives of Tribal governments specifically, EPA presented the LT1ESWTR at three venues: The 16th Annual Consumer Conference of the

National Indian Health Board, the annual conference of the National Tribal Environmental Council, and the EPA/ Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. Tribal consultation meeting. Summaries of the meetings have been included in the public docket for this rulemaking. EPA's consultation, the nature of the Tribal concerns, and the position supporting the need for this rule are discussed in Section VI.C., which addresses compliance with UMRA.

Over 900 Tribal representatives from across the country attended the National Indian Health Board's Consumer Conference and over 100 Tribes were represented at the annual conference of the National Tribal Environmental Council. At the first two conferences, an EPA representative conducted two workshops on EPA's drinking water program and upcoming regulations, including the LT1ESWTR. At the EPA/ Inter Tribal Council of Arizona meeting, representatives from 15 Tribes participated. The presentation materials and meeting summary were sent to over 500 Tribes and Tribal organizations. Additionally, EPA contacted and invited each of the 12 Native American Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Advisors to attend the meetings described above.

During the comment period for today's final rule, the Agency held a public meeting in Washington, DC on April 14, 2000 which was announced in the **Federal Register**. Additionally, the proposed rule was either presented or discussed in nearly 50 meetings across the country. Finally, EPA mailed approximately 200 copies of the proposed rule to stakeholders, including Tribal representatives, requesting comment. EPA received 67 comments, one of which was from a Tribe. The Tribe indicated that they operated one surface water treatment plant and asked several clarifying questions with respect

to optional monitoring and turbidity monitoring.

*K. Likely Effect of Compliance With the LT1ESWTR on the Technical, Financial, and Managerial Capacity of Public Water Systems*

Section 1420(d)(3) of the SDWA as amended requires that, in promulgating a NPDWR, the Administrator shall include an analysis of the likely effect of compliance with the regulation on the technical, financial, and managerial capacity of public water systems. This analysis can be found in the LT1ESWTR economic analysis (USEPA, 2001a). Overall water system capacity is defined in EPA guidance (USEPA, 1998j) as the ability to plan for, achieve, and maintain compliance with applicable drinking water standards. Capacity has three components: Technical, managerial, and financial. Technical capacity is the physical and operational ability of a water system to meet SDWA requirements. Technical capacity refers to the physical infrastructure of the water system, including the adequacy of source water and the adequacy of treatment, storage, and distribution infrastructure. It also refers to the ability of system personnel to adequately operate and maintain the system and to otherwise implement requisite technical knowledge. Managerial capacity is the ability of a water system to conduct its affairs to achieve and maintain compliance with SDWA requirements. Managerial capacity refers to the system's institutional and administrative capabilities. Financial capacity is a water system's ability to acquire and manage sufficient financial resources to allow the system to achieve and maintain compliance with SDWA requirements. Technical, managerial, and financial capacity can be assessed through key issues and questions, including:

**Technical Capacity**

Source water adequacy .....	Does the system have a reliable source of drinking water? Is the source of generally good quality and adequately protected?
Infrastructure adequacy .....	Can the system provide water that meets SDWA standards? What is the condition of its infrastructure, including well(s) or source water intakes, treatment, storage, and distribution? What is the infrastructure's life expectancy? Does the system have a capital improvement plan?
Technical knowledge and implementation.	Is the system's operator certified? Does the operator have sufficient technical knowledge of applicable standards? Can the operator effectively implement this technical knowledge? Does the operator understand the system's technical and operational characteristics? Does the system have an effective operation and maintenance program?

**Managerial Capacity**

Ownership accountability .....	Are the system owner(s) clearly identified? Can they be held accountable for the system?
Staffing and organization .....	Are the system operator(s) and manager(s) clearly identified? Is the system properly organized and staffed? Do personnel understand the management aspects of regulatory requirements and system operations? Do they have adequate expertise to manage water system operations? Do personnel have the necessary licenses and certifications?



Effective external linkages .....	Does the system interact well with customers, regulators, and other entities? Is the system aware of available external resources, such as technical and financial assistance?
<b>Financial Capacity</b>	
Revenue sufficiency .....	Do revenues cover costs? Are water rates and charges adequate to cover the cost of water?
Credit worthiness .....	Is the system financially healthy? Does it have access to capital through public or private sources?
Fiscal management and controls ....	Are adequate books and records maintained? Are appropriate budgeting, accounting, and financial planning methods used? Does the system manage its revenues effectively?

Systems not making significant modifications to the treatment process to meet LT1ESWTR requirements are not expected to require significantly increased technical, financial, or managerial capacity. As noted previously, less than 1 percent of affected systems are expected to incur annual costs exceeding 1 percent of their annual revenue as described in Section VI.A. Accordingly, most systems are not expected to require significantly increased technical, financial, or managerial capacity. EPA does recognize that a very small number of facilities may realize some technical, managerial, or financial capacity concerns as a result of the rule. EPA works closely with organizations such as the National Rural Water Association and the American Water Works Association to develop technical and managerial tools, materials, and assistance to aid small systems. Additionally, the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended in 1996, established the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to make funds available to drinking water systems to finance infrastructure improvements. The program emphasizes providing funds to small and disadvantaged communities and to programs that encourage pollution prevention as a tool for ensuring safe drinking water.

#### L. Plain Language

Executive Order 12866 requires each agency to write its rules in plain language. Readable regulations help the public find requirements quickly and understand them easily. They increase compliance, strengthen enforcement, and decrease mistakes, frustration, phone calls, appeals, and distrust of government. Of the several techniques typically utilized for writing readably, using a question and answer format, and using the word 'you' for whoever must comply, do the most to improve the look and sound of a regulation. Today's preamble and final rule use both of these principles and was developed using a plain language format, except in the case of modifications or additions to existing subparts of parts 141 and 142, where such a format would not fit into existing rule language. The Agency

requested comment on this approach and several commenter's indicated that the proposal was clear and easy to understand.

#### M. Congressional Review Act

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2). This rule will be effective February 13, 2002.

#### N. Executive Order 13211: Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use

This rule is not a "significant energy action" as defined in Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use" 66 FR 28355, (May 22, 2001), because it is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. The requirements in this rule would have a negligible impact upon the energy demands of some public water supply systems. Therefore, there is not a significant adverse effect on energy supply, distribution, or use.

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*Administrator.*

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, title 40 chapter I of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

**PART 9—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for part 9 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 135 *et seq.*, 136-136y; 15 U.S.C. 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2601-2671; 21 U.S.C. 331j, 346a, 348; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, 1311, 1313d, 1314, 1318, 1321, 1326, 1330, 1342, 1344, 1345 (d) and (e), 1361; Executive Order 11735, 38 FR 21243, 3 CFR, 1971-1975 Comp. p. 973; 42 U.S.C. 241, 242b, 243, 246, 300f, 300g, 300g-1, 300g-2, 300g-3, 300g-4, 300g-5, 300g-6, 300j-1, 300j-2, 300j-3, 300j-4, 300j-9, 1857 *et seq.*, 6901-6992k, 7401-7671q, 7542, 9601-9657, 11023, 11048.

2. In § 9.1 the table is amended by adding under the indicated heading:

- a. By adding entries 141.530-141.536, 141.540-141.544, 141.550-141.553, 141.560-141.564 and 141.570-141.571 in numerical order.
  - b. By removing the entry 142.14(a)-(d)(7) and adding in its place a new entry § 142.14(b)-(d)(7).
  - c. By adding a new entry for 142.14(a) in numerical order.
  - d. By adding new entries for 142.16(g) and 142.16(j) in numerical order.
- The additions read as follows:

**§ 9.1 OMB approvals under the Paperwork Reduction Act.**

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142.16(j) .....	2040-0229

**PART 141—NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS**

3. The authority citation for part 141 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 300f, 300g-1, 300g-2, 300g-3, 300g-4, 300g-5, 300g-6, 300j-4, 300j-9, and 300j-11.

4. Section 141.2 is amended by revising the definitions of "Comprehensive performance evaluation" (CPE), "Ground water under the direct influence of surface water" and "Disinfection profile" to read as follows:

**§ 141.2 Definitions.**

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*Comprehensive performance evaluation (CPE)* is a thorough review and analysis of a treatment plant's performance-based capabilities and associated administrative, operation 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 purpose of compliance with subparts P and T of this part, the comprehensive performance evaluation must 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.

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*Disinfection profile* is a summary of *Giardia lamblia* inactivation through the treatment plant. The procedure for developing a disinfection profile is contained in § 141.172 (Disinfection profiling and benchmarking) in subpart P and §§ 141.530-141.536 (Disinfection profile) in subpart T of this part.

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Ground water under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI) 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*, or significant and relatively rapid shifts in water characteristics such as turbidity, temperature, conductivity, or pH which closely correlate to climatological or surface water conditions. Direct influence must be determined for individual sources in accordance with criteria established by the State. The State determination of direct influence may be based on site-specific measurements of water quality and/or documentation of well construction characteristics and geology with field evaluation.

5. Section 141.70 is amended by adding paragraph (e) to read as follows:

**§ 141.70 General requirements.**

(e) *Additional requirements for systems serving fewer than 10,000 people.* In addition to complying with requirements in this subpart, systems serving fewer than 10,000 people must also comply with the requirements in subpart T of this part.

6. Section 141.73 is amended by adding paragraph (a)(4) and revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

**§ 141.73 Filtration.**

(a) \* \* \*  
(4) Beginning January 14, 2005, systems serving fewer than 10,000

people must meet the turbidity requirements in §§ 141.550 through 141.553.

(d) *Other filtration technologies.* A public water system may use a filtration technology not listed in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section if it demonstrates to the State, using pilot plant studies or other means, that the alternative filtration technology, in combination with disinfection treatment that meets the requirements of § 141.72(b), consistently achieves 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts and 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses. For a system that makes this demonstration, the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section apply. Beginning January 1, 2002, systems serving at least 10,000 people must meet the requirements for other filtration technologies in § 141.173(b). Beginning January 14, 2005, systems serving fewer than 10,000 people must meet the requirements for other filtration technologies in § 141.550 through 141.553.

7. Section 141.153 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph (d)(4)(v)(C) to read as follows:

**§ 141.153 Content of the reports.**

(d) \* \* \*  
(4) \* \* \*  
(v) \* \* \*  
(C) When it is reported pursuant to § 141.73 or § 141.173 or § 141.551: the highest single measurement and the lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits specified in

§ 141.73 or § 141.173, or § 141.551 for the filtration technology being used.

8. The heading to Subpart P is revised to read as follows:

**Subpart P—Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection—Systems Serving 10,000 or More People**

9. Section 141.170 is amended by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

**§ 141.170 General requirements.**

(d) Subpart H systems that did not conduct optional monitoring under § 141.172 because they served fewer than 10,000 persons when such monitoring was required, but serve more than 10,000 persons prior to January 14, 2005 must comply with §§ 141.170, 141.171, 141.173, 141.174, and 141.175. These systems must also consult with the State to establish a disinfection benchmark. A system that decides to make a significant change to its disinfection practice, as described in § 141.172(c)(1)(i) through (iv) must consult with the State prior to making such change.

10. Section 141.202 is amended in Table 1 by revising entry 6 to read as follows:

**§ 141.202 Tier 1 Public Notice—Form, manner, and frequency of notice.**

(a) \* \* \*

TABLE 1 TO SEC. 141.202.—VIOLATION CATEGORIES AND OTHER SITUATIONS REQUIRING A TIER 1 PUBLIC NOTICE

(6) Violation of the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) or Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR) treatment technique requirement resulting from a single exceedance of the maximum allowable turbidity limit (as identified in Appendix A), where the primacy agency determines after consultation that a Tier 1 notice is required or where consultation does not take place within 24 hours after the system learns of the violation;

11. Section 141.203 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(3)(ii) to read as follows:

**§ 141.203 Tier 2 Public Notice—Form, manner, and frequency of notice.**

(b) \* \* \*

(3) \* \* \*  
(ii) Violation of the SWTR, IESWTR or LT1ESWTR treatment technique requirement resulting from a single exceedance of the maximum allowable turbidity limit.

12. Appendix A to subpart Q is amended:  
a. Under I.A. by revising entry 5.  
b. Under I.A. by revising entry 7.  
c. Adding a new entry 9.  
d. Under I.G. by revising entry 10.  
e. Revising endnote 6.  
The additions and revisions read as follows:

APPENDIX A TO SUBPART Q OF PART 141.—NPDWR VIOLATIONS AND OTHER SITUATIONS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE <sup>1</sup>

Contaminant	MCL/MRDL/TT violations <sup>2</sup>		Monitoring & testing procedure violations	
	Tier of public notice required	Citation	Tier of public notice required	Citation
I. Violations of National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR): <sup>3</sup>				
A. Microbiological Contaminants				
5. Turbidity (for TT violations resulting from a single exceedance of maximum allowable turbidity level).	<sup>6</sup> 2,1	141.71(a)(2), 141.71(c)(2)(i), 141.73(a)(2), 141.73 (b)(2), 141.73 (c)(2), 141.73(d), 141.173(a)(2), 141.173(b), 141.551(b).	3	141.74(a)(1), 141.74(b)(2), 141.74(c)(1), 141.174, 141.560(a)–(c), 141.561.
7. Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule violations, other than violations resulting from single exceedance of max. turbidity level (TT).	<sup>7</sup> 2	141.170–141.173, 141.553.	3	141.172, 141.174, 141.530–141.544, 141.560–141.564.
9. Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule violations.	2	141.500–141.553 .....	3	141.530–141.544, 141.560–141.564.
G. Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs), Byproduct Precursors, Disinfectant Residuals. Where disinfection is used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants combine with organic and inorganic matter present in water to form chemicals called disinfection byproducts (DBPs). EPA sets standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and DBPs in drinking water, including trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). <sup>9</sup>				
10. Bench marking and disinfection profiling.	N/A	N/A .....	3	141.172 141.530–141.544.

**Appendix A—Endnotes:**

<sup>1</sup> Violations and other situations not listed in this table (e.g., reporting violations and failure to prepare Consumer Confidence Reports), do not require notice, unless otherwise determined by the primacy agency. Primacy agencies may, at their option, also require a more stringent public notice tier (e.g., Tier 1 instead of Tier 2 or Tier 2 instead of Tier 3) for specific violations and situations listed in this Appendix, as authorized under § 141.202(a) and § 141.203(a).

<sup>2</sup> MCL—Maximum contaminant level, MRDL—Maximum residual disinfectant level, TT—Treatment technique

<sup>3</sup> The term Violations of National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) is used here to include violations of MCL, MRDL, treatment technique, monitoring, and testing procedure requirements.

<sup>6</sup> Systems with treatment technique violations involving a single exceedance of a maximum turbidity limit under the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR), or the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR) are required to consult with the primacy agency within 24 hours after learning of the violation. Based on this consultation, the primacy agency may subsequently decide to elevate the violation to Tier 1. If a system is unable to make contact with the primacy agency in the 24-hour period, the violation is automatically elevated to Tier 1.

<sup>7</sup> Most of the requirements of the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (63 FR 69477) (§§ 141.170–141.171, 141.173–141.174) become effective January 1, 2002 for the Subpart H systems (surface water systems and ground water systems under the direct influence of surface water) serving at least 10,000 persons. However, § 141.172 has some requirements that become effective as early as April 16, 1999. The Surface Water Treatment Rule remains in effect for systems serving at least 10,000 persons even after 2002; the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule adds additional requirements and does not in many cases supercede the SWTR.

<sup>9</sup> Subpart H community and non-transient non-community systems serving ≥10,000 must comply with new DBP MCLs, disinfectant MRDLs, and related monitoring requirements beginning January 1, 2002. All other community and non-transient non-community systems must meet the MCLs and MRDLs beginning January 1, 2004. Subpart H transient non-community systems serving 10,000 or more persons and using chlorine dioxide as a disinfectant or oxidant must comply with the chlorine dioxide MRDL beginning January 1, 2002. Subpart H transient non-community systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons and using only ground water not under the direct influence of surface water and using chlorine dioxide as a disinfectant or oxidant must comply with the chlorine dioxide MRDL beginning January 1, 2004.

**Appendix B—[Amended]**

13. Appendix B to subpart Q is amended by:

- a. Revising entry A.2c.
- b. Revising heading B.
- c. Revising entries B.3., B.4, B.5, B.6., and B.7.

- d. Revising endnotes 4, 6 and 10.
  - e. Revising endnote 8.
- The revisions read as follows:

**APPENDIX B TO SUBPART Q OF PART 141.—STANDARD HEALTH EFFECTS LANGUAGE FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

Contaminant	MCLG <sup>1</sup> , mg/L	MCL <sup>2</sup> mg/L	Standard health effects language for public notification
National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR):			
A. Microbiological Contaminants			
*	*	*	*
2c. Turbidity (IESWTR TT and LT1ESWTR TT) <sup>8</sup> .	None	TT	Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.
B. Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR), Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR) and the Filter Backwash Recycling Rule (FBRR) violations:			
*	*	*	*
3. Giardia lamblia (SWTR/IESWTR/LT1ESWTR)	Zero	TT <sup>10</sup>	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.
4. Viruses (SWTR/IESWTR/LT1ESWTR)			
5. Heterotrophic plate count (HPC) bacteria <sup>9</sup> (SWTR/IESWTR/LT1ESWTR)			
6. Legionella (SWTR/IESWTR/LT1ESWTR)			
7. Cryptosporidium (IESWTR/FBRR/LT1ESWTR)			

<sup>1</sup> MCLG—Maximum contaminant level goal.

<sup>2</sup> MCL—Maximum contaminant level.

<sup>4</sup> There are various regulations that set turbidity standards for different types of systems, including 40 CFR 141.13, and the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule, the 1998 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and the 2001 Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. The MCL for the monthly turbidity average is 1 NTU; the MCL for the 2-day average is 5 NTU for systems that are required to filter but have not yet installed filtration (40 CFR 141.13).

<sup>6</sup> There are various regulations that set turbidity standards for different types of systems, including 40 CFR 141.13, and the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule, the 1998 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and the 2001 Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. Systems subject to the Surface Water Treatment Rule (both filtered and unfiltered) may not exceed 5 NTU. In addition, in filtered systems, 95 percent of samples each month must not exceed 0.5 NTU in systems using conventional or direct filtration and must not exceed 1 NTU in systems using slow sand or diatomaceous earth filtration or other filtration technologies approved by the primacy agency.

<sup>8</sup> There are various regulations that set turbidity standards for different types of systems, including 40 CFR 141.13, the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), the 1998 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) and the 2001 Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR). For systems subject to the IESWTR (systems serving at least 10,000 people, using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water), that use conventional filtration or direct filtration, after January 1, 2002, the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent may not exceed 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of monthly measurements, and the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent must not exceed 1 NTU at any time. Systems subject to the IESWTR using technologies other than conventional, direct, slow sand, or diatomaceous earth filtration must meet turbidity limits set by the primacy agency. For systems subject to the LT1ESWTR (systems serving fewer than 10,000 people, using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water) that use conventional filtration or direct filtration, after January 14, 2005 the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent may not exceed 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of monthly measurements, and the turbidity level of a system's combined filter effluent must not exceed 1 NTU at any time. Systems subject to the LT1ESWTR using technologies other than conventional, direct, slow sand, or diatomaceous earth filtration must meet turbidity limits set by the primacy agency.

<sup>9</sup> The bacteria detected by heterotrophic plate count (HPC) are not necessarily harmful. HPC is simply an alternative method of determining disinfectant residual levels. The number of such bacteria is an indicator of whether there is enough disinfectant in the distribution system.

<sup>10</sup> SWTR, IESWTR, and LT1ESWTR treatment technique violations that involve turbidity exceedances may use the health effects language for turbidity instead.

14. Part 141 is amended by adding a new subpart T to read as follows:

**Subpart T—Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection—Systems Serving Fewer Than 10,000 People**

**General Requirements**

- 141.500 General requirements  
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**Disinfection Benchmark**

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**Combined Filter Effluent Requirements**

- 141.550 Is my system required to meet subpart T combined filter effluent turbidity limits?  
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- 141.553 My system practices lime softening—is there any special provision regarding my combined filter effluent?

**Individual Filter Turbidity Requirements**

- 141.560 Is my system subject to individual filter turbidity requirements?  
 141.561 What happens if my system's turbidity monitoring equipment fails?  
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 141.563 What follow-up action is my system required to take based on continuous turbidity monitoring?  
 141.564 My system practices lime softening—is there any special provision regarding my individual filter turbidity monitoring?

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements**

- 141.570 What does subpart T require that my system report to the State?  
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**Subpart T—Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection—Systems Serving Fewer Than 10,000 People**

**General Requirements**

**§ 141.500 General requirements.**

The requirements of this subpart constitute national primary drinking water regulations. These regulations establish requirements for filtration and disinfection that are in addition to criteria under which filtration and disinfection are required under subpart H of this part. The regulations in this subpart establish or extend treatment technique requirements in lieu of maximum contaminant levels for the following contaminants: *Giardia lamblia*, viruses, heterotrophic plate count bacteria, *Legionella*, *Cryptosporidium* and turbidity. The treatment technique requirements consist of installing and properly operating water treatment processes which reliably achieve:

- (a) At least 99 percent (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 for filtered systems, or *Cryptosporidium* control under the watershed control plan for unfiltered systems; and  
 (b) Compliance with the profiling and benchmark requirements in §§ 141.530 through 141.544.

**§ 141.501 Who is subject to the requirements of subpart T?**

You are subject to these requirements if your system:

(a) Is a public water system;  
 (b) Uses surface water or GWUDI as a source; and

- (c) Serves fewer than 10,000 persons.

**§ 141.502 When must my system comply with these requirements?**

You must comply with these requirements in this subpart beginning January 14, 2005 except where otherwise noted.

**§ 141.503 What does subpart T require?**

There are seven requirements of this subpart, and you must comply with all requirements that are applicable to your system. These requirements are:

- (a) You must cover any finished water reservoir that you began to construct on or after March 15, 2002 as described in §§ 141.510 and 141.511;  
 (b) If your system is an unfiltered system, you must comply with the updated watershed control requirements described in §§ 141.520–141.522;  
 (c) If your system is a community or non-transient non-community water systems you must develop a disinfection profile as described in §§ 141.530–141.536;

(d) If your system is considering making a significant change to its disinfection practices, you must develop a disinfection benchmark and consult with the State for approval of the change as described in §§ 141.540–141.544;

(e) If your system is a filtered system, you must comply with the combined filter effluent requirements as described in §§ 141.550–141.553;

(f) If your system is a filtered system that uses conventional or direct filtration, you must comply with the individual filter turbidity requirements as described in §§ 141.560–141.564; and

(g) You must comply with the applicable reporting and recordkeeping requirements as described in §§ 141.570 and 141.571.

**Finished Water Reservoirs**

**§ 141.510 Is my system subject to the new finished water reservoir requirements?**

All subpart H systems which serve fewer than 10,000 are subject to this requirement.

**§ 141.511 What is required of new finished water reservoirs?**

If your system begins construction of a finished water reservoir on or after March 15, 2002 the reservoir must be covered. Finished water reservoirs for which your system began construction prior to March 15, 2002 are not subject to this requirement.

**Additional Watershed Control Requirements for Unfiltered Systems**

**§ 141.520 Is my system subject to the updated watershed control requirements?**

If you are a subpart H system serving fewer than 10,000 persons which does

not provide filtration, you must continue to comply with all of the filtration avoidance criteria in § 141.71, as well as the additional watershed control requirements in § 141.521.

**§ 141.521 What updated watershed control requirements must my unfiltered system implement to continue to avoid filtration?**

Your system must take any additional steps necessary to minimize the potential for contamination by *Cryptosporidium* oocysts in the source water. Your system's watershed control program must, for *Cryptosporidium*:

(a) Identify watershed characteristics and activities which may have an adverse effect on source water quality; and

(b) Monitor the occurrence of activities which may have an adverse effect on source water quality.

**§ 141.522 How does the State determine whether my system's watershed control requirements are adequate?**

During an onsite inspection conducted under the provisions of § 141.71(b)(3), the State must determine whether your watershed control program is adequate to limit potential contamination by *Cryptosporidium* oocysts. The adequacy of the program must be based on the comprehensiveness of the watershed review; the effectiveness of your program to monitor and control detrimental activities occurring in the watershed; and the extent to which your system has maximized land ownership and/or controlled land use within the watershed.

**Disinfection Profile**

**§ 141.530 What is a Disinfection Profile and who must develop one?**

A disinfection profile is a graphical representation of your system's level of *Giardia lamblia* or virus inactivation measured during the course of a year. If you are a subpart H community or non-transient non-community water systems which serves fewer than 10,000 persons, your system must develop a disinfection profile unless your State determines that your system's profile is unnecessary. Your State may approve the use of a more representative data set for disinfection profiling than the data set required under §§ 141.532–141.536.

**§ 141.531 What criteria must a State use to determine that a profile is unnecessary?**

States may only determine that a system's profile is unnecessary if a system's TTHM and HAA5 levels are below 0.064 mg/L and 0.048 mg/L, respectively. To determine these levels, TTHM and HAA5 samples must be collected after January 1, 1998, during the month with the warmest water temperature, and at the point of maximum residence time in your distribution system.

**§ 141.532 How does my system develop a Disinfection Profile and when must it begin?**

A disinfection profile consists of three steps:

(a) First, your system must collect data for several parameters from the plant as discussed in § 141.533 over the course of 12 months. If your system serves between 500 and 9,999 persons you must begin to collect data no later

than July 1, 2003. If your system serves fewer than 500 persons you must begin to collect data no later than January 1, 2004.

(b) Second, your system must use this data to calculate weekly log inactivation as discussed in §§ 141.534 and 141.535; and

(c) Third, your system must use these weekly log inactivations to develop a disinfection profile as specified in § 141.536.

**§ 141.533 What data must my system collect to calculate a Disinfection Profile?**

Your system must monitor the following parameters to determine the total log inactivation using the analytical methods in § 141.74 (a), once per week on the same calendar day, over 12 consecutive months:

(a) The temperature of the disinfected water at each residual disinfectant concentration sampling point during peak hourly flow;

(b) If your system uses chlorine, the pH of the disinfected water at each residual disinfectant concentration sampling point during peak hourly flow;

(c) The disinfectant contact time(s) ("T") during peak hourly flow; and

(d) The residual disinfectant concentration(s) ("C") of the water before or at the first customer and prior to each additional point of disinfection during peak hourly flow.

**§ 141.534 How does my system use this data to calculate an inactivation ratio?**

Calculate the total inactivation ratio as follows, and multiply the value by 3.0 to determine log inactivation of *Giardia lamblia*:

If your system * * *	Your system must determine * * *
(a) Uses only one point of disinfectant application.	(1) One inactivation ratio (CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ) before or at the first customer during peak hourly flow or (2) Successive CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> values, representing sequential inactivation ratios, between the point of disinfectant application and a point before or at the first customer during peak hourly flow. Under this alternative, your system must calculate the total inactivation ratio by determining (CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ) for each sequence and then adding the (CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ) values together to determine (3CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ).
(b) Uses more than one point of disinfectant application before the first customer.	The (CT <sub>calc</sub> /CT <sub>99.9</sub> ) 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 using the procedure specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

**§ 141.535 What if my system uses chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection?**

If your system uses chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection, you must also calculate the logs of inactivation for viruses and develop an additional disinfection profile for viruses using methods approved by the State.

**§ 141.536 My system has developed an inactivation ratio; what must we do now?**

Each log inactivation serves as a data point in your disinfection profile. Your system will have obtained 52 measurements (one for every week of the year). This will allow your system and the State the opportunity to evaluate how microbial inactivation varied over the course of the year by looking at all 52 measurements (your Disinfection Profile). Your system must retain the Disinfection Profile data in

graphic form, such as a spreadsheet, which must be available for review by the State as part of a sanitary survey. Your system must use this data to calculate a benchmark if you are considering changes to disinfection practices.

**Disinfection Benchmark**

**§ 141.540 Who has to develop a Disinfection Benchmark?**

If you are a subpart H system required to develop a disinfection profile under



§§ 141.530 through 141.536, your system must develop a Disinfection Benchmark if you decide to make a significant change to your disinfection practice. Your system must consult with the State for approval before you can implement a significant disinfection practice change.

**§ 141.541 What are significant changes to disinfection practice?**

Significant changes to disinfection practice include:

- (a) Changes to the point of disinfection;
- (b) Changes to the disinfectant(s) used in the treatment plant;
- (c) Changes to the disinfection process; or

(d) Any other modification identified by the State.

**§ 141.542 What must my system do if we are considering a significant change to disinfection practices?**

If your system is considering a significant change to its disinfection practice, your system must calculate a disinfection benchmark(s) as described in §§ 141.543 and 141.544 and provide the benchmark(s) to your State. Your system may only make a significant disinfection practice change after consulting with the State for approval. Your system must submit the following information to the State as part of the consultation and approval process:

(a) A description of the proposed change;

(b) The disinfection profile for *Giardia lamblia* (and, if necessary, viruses) and disinfection benchmark;

(c) An analysis of how the proposed change will affect the current levels of disinfection; and

(d) Any additional information requested by the State.

**§ 141.543 How is the Disinfection Benchmark calculated?**

If your system is making a significant change to its disinfection practice, it must calculate a disinfection benchmark using the procedure specified in the following table.

To calculate a disinfection benchmark your system must perform the following steps

- Step 1: Using the data your system collected to develop the Disinfection Profile, determine the average *Giardia lamblia* inactivation for each calendar month by dividing the sum of all *Giardia lamblia* inactivations for that month by the number of values calculated for that month.  
 Step 2: Determine the lowest monthly average value out of the twelve values. This value becomes the disinfection benchmark.

**§ 141.544 What if my system uses chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection?**

If your system uses chloramines, ozone or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection your system must calculate the disinfection benchmark from the data your system collected for viruses to develop the disinfection profile in addition to the *Giardia lamblia* disinfection benchmark calculated under § 141.543. This viral benchmark must be calculated in the same manner used to calculate the *Giardia lamblia* disinfection benchmark in § 141.543.

**Combined Filter Effluent Requirements**

**§ 141.550 Is my system required to meet subpart T combined filter effluent turbidity limits?**

All subpart H systems which serve populations fewer than 10,000, are required to filter, and utilize filtration other than slow sand filtration or diatomaceous earth filtration must meet the combined filter effluent turbidity requirements of §§ 141.551–141.553 . If your system uses slow sand or diatomaceous earth filtration you are not required to meet the combined filter effluent turbidity limits of subpart T, but you must continue to meet the combined filter effluent turbidity limits in § 141.73.

**§ 141.551 What strengthened combined filter effluent turbidity limits must my system meet?**

Your system must meet two strengthened combined filter effluent turbidity limits.

(a) The first combined filter effluent turbidity limit is a “95th percentile” turbidity limit that your system must meet in at least 95 percent of the turbidity measurements taken each month. Measurements must continue to be taken as described in § 141.74(a) and (c). Monthly reporting must be completed according to § 141.570. The following table describes the required limits for specific filtration technologies.

If your system consists of * * *	Your 95th percentile turbidity value is * * *
(1) Conventional Filtration or Direct Filtration .....	0.3 NTU. A value determined by the State (no to exceed 1 NTU) based on the demonstration described in § 141.552.
(2) All other “Alternative” Filtration .....	

(b) The second combined filter effluent turbidity limit is a “maximum” turbidity limit which your system may at no time exceed during the month.

Measurements must continue to be taken as described in § 141.74(a) and (c). Monthly reporting must be completed according to § 141.570. The following

table describes the required limits for specific filtration technologies.

If your system consists of * * *	Your maximum turbidity value is * * *
(1) Conventional Filtration or Direct Filtration .....	1 NTU. A value determined by the State (not to exceed 5 NTU) based on the demonstration as described in § 141.552.
(2) All other “Alternative” .....	

**§ 141.552 My system consists of “alternative filtration” and is required to conduct a demonstration—what is required of my system and how does the State establish my turbidity limits?**

(a) If your system consists of alternative filtration (filtration other than slow sand filtration, diatomaceous earth filtration, conventional filtration, or direct filtration) you are required to conduct a demonstration (see tables in § 141.551). Your system must demonstrate to the State, using pilot plant studies or other means, that your system’s filtration, in combination with disinfection treatment, consistently achieves:

- (1) 99 percent removal of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts;
  - (2) 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts; and
  - (3) 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses.
- (b) [Reserved]

**§ 141.553 My system practices lime softening—is there any special provision regarding my combined filter effluent?**

If your system practices lime softening, you may acidify

representative combined filter effluent turbidity samples prior to analysis using a protocol approved by the State.

**Individual Filter Turbidity Requirements**

**§ 141.560 Is my system subject to individual filter turbidity requirements?**

If your system is a subpart H system serving fewer than 10,000 people and utilizing conventional filtration or direct filtration, you must conduct continuous monitoring of turbidity for each individual filter at your system. The following requirements apply to continuous turbidity monitoring:

- (a) Monitoring must be conducted using an approved method in § 141.74(a);
- (b) Calibration of turbidimeters must be conducted using procedures specified by the manufacturer;
- (c) Results of turbidity monitoring must be recorded at least every 15 minutes;
- (d) Monthly reporting must be completed according to § 141.570; and
- (e) Records must be maintained according to § 141.571.

**§ 141.561 What happens if my system’s turbidity monitoring equipment fails?**

If there is a failure in the continuous turbidity monitoring equipment, your system must conduct grab sampling every four hours in lieu of continuous monitoring until the turbidimeter is back on-line. Your system has 14 days to resume continuous monitoring before a violation is incurred.

**§ 141.562 My system only has two or fewer filters—is there any special provision regarding individual filter turbidity monitoring?**

Yes, if your system only consists of two or fewer filters, you may conduct continuous monitoring of combined filter effluent turbidity in lieu of individual filter effluent turbidity monitoring. Continuous monitoring must meet the same requirements set forth in § 141.560(a) through (d) and § 141.561.

**§ 141.563 What follow-up action is my system required to take based on continuous turbidity monitoring?**

Follow-up action is required according to the following tables:

If * * *	Your system must * * *
(a) The turbidity of an individual filter (or the turbidity of combined filter effluent (CFE) for systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters) exceeds 1.0 NTU in two consecutive recordings 15 minutes apart.	Report to the State by the 10th of the following month and include the filter number(s), corresponding date(s), turbidity value(s) which exceeded 1.0 NTU, and the cause (if known) for the exceedance(s).
If a system was required to report to the State * * *	Your system must * * *
(b) For three months in a row and turbidity exceeded 1.0 NTU in two consecutive recordings 15 minutes apart at the same filter (or CFE for systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters).	Conduct a self-assessment of the filter(s) within 14 days of the day the filter exceeded 1.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the third straight month unless a CPE as specified in paragraph (c) of this section was required. Systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters must conduct a self assessment on both filters. The self-assessment must 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. If a self-assessment is required, the date that it was triggered and the date that it was completed.
(c) For two months in a row and turbidity exceeded 2.0 NTU in 2 consecutive recordings 15 minutes apart at the same filter (or CFE for systems with 2 filters that monitor CFE in lieu of individual filters).	Arrange to have a comprehensive performance evaluation (CPE) conducted by the State or a third party approved by the State not later than 60 days following the day the filter exceeded 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the second straight month. If a CPE has been completed by the State or a third party approved by the State within the 12 prior months or the system and State are jointly participating in an ongoing Comprehensive Technical Assistance (CTA) project at the system, a new CPE is not required. If conducted, a CPE must be completed and submitted to the State no later than 120 days following the day the filter exceeded 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements for the second straight month.

**§ 141.564 My system practices lime softening—is there any special provision regarding my individual filter turbidity monitoring?**

If your system utilizes lime softening, you may apply to the State for alternative turbidity exceedance levels for the levels specified in the table in

§ 141.563. You must be able to demonstrate to the State that higher turbidity levels are due to lime carryover only, and not due to degraded filter performance.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements**

**§ 141.570 What does subpart T require that my system report to the State?**

This subpart T requires your system to report several items to the State. The following table describes the items which must be reported and the

frequency of reporting. Your system is required to report the information described in the following table, if it is subject to the specific requirement shown in the first column.

Corresponding requirement	Description of information to report	Frequency
(a) Combined Filter Effluent Requirements. (§§ 141.550–141.553)	(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 your system's required 95th percentile limit. (3) The date and value of any turbidity measurements taken during the month which exceed the maximum turbidity value for your filtration system.	By the 10th of the following month. By the 10th of the following month. By the 10th of the following month.
(b) Individual Turbidity Requirements. (§§ 141.560–141.564)	(1) That your system conducted individual filter turbidity monitoring during the month. (2) The filter number(s), corresponding date(s), and the turbidity value(s) which exceeded 1.0 NTU during the month, but only if 2 consecutive measurements exceeded 1.0 NTU. (3) If a self-assessment is required, the date that it was triggered and the date that it was completed. (4) If a CPE is required, that the CPE is required and the date that it was triggered. (5) Copy of completed CPE report .....	By the 10th of the following month. By the 10th of the following month. By the 10th of the following month (or 14 days after the self-assessment was triggered only if the self-assessment was triggered during the last four days of the month) By the 10th of the following month.
(c) Disinfection Profiling ..... (§§ 141.530–141.536)	(1) Results of optional monitoring which show TTHM levels <0.064 mg/l and HAA5 levels <0.048 mg/l (Only if your system wishes to forgo profiling) or that your system has begun disinfection profiling.	Within 120 days after the CPE was triggered. (i) For systems serving 500–9,999 by July 1, 2003; (ii) For systems serving fewer than 500 by January 1, 2004.
(d) Disinfection Benchmarking .. (§§ 141.540–141.544)	(1) A description of the proposed change in disinfection, your system's disinfection profile for Giardia lamblia (and, if necessary, viruses) and disinfection benchmark, and an analysis of how the proposed change will affect the current levels of disinfection.	Anytime your system is considering a significant change to its disinfection practice.

**§ 141.571 What records does subpart T require my system to keep?**

Your system must keep several types of records based on the requirements of subpart T, in addition to recordkeeping

requirements under § 141.75. The following table describes the necessary records, the length of time these records must be kept, and for which requirement the records pertain. Your

system is required to maintain records described in this table, if it is subject to the specific requirement shown in the first column.

Corresponding requirement	Description of necessary records	Duration of time records must be kept
(a) Individual Filter Turbidity Requirements ..... (§§ 141.560–141.564)	Results of individual filter monitoring .....	At least 3 years.
(b) Disinfection Profiling ..... (§§ 141.530–141.536)	Results of Profile (including raw data and analysis) .....	Indefinitely.
(c) Disinfection Benchmarking ..... (§§ 141.540–141.544)	Benchmark (including raw data and analysis) .....	Indefinitely.

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15. The authority citation for Part 142 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 300f, 300g–1, 300g–2, 300g–3, 300g–4, 300g–5, 300g–6, 300j–4, 300j–9, and 300j–11.

16. Section 142.14 is amended by revising paragraphs (a)(3), (a)(4)(i), (a)(4)(ii) introductory text, and (a)(7) to read as follows:

**§ 142.14 Records kept by States.**

(a) \* \* \*

(3) Records of turbidity measurements must be kept for not less than one year. The information retained must be set forth in a form which makes possible comparison with the limits specified in §§ 141.71, 141.73, 141.173 and 141.175, 141.550–141.553 and 141.560–141.564 of this chapter. Until June 29, 1993, for any public water system which is providing filtration treatment and until December 30, 1991, for any public water system not providing filtration treatment and not required by the State

to provide filtration treatment, records kept must be set forth in a form which makes possible comparison with the limits contained in § 141.13 of this chapter.

(4)(i) Records of disinfectant residual measurements and other parameters necessary to document disinfection effectiveness in accordance with §§ 141.72 and 141.74 of this chapter and the reporting requirements of §§ 141.75, 141.175, and 141.570, of this chapter must be kept for not less than one year.

(ii) Records of decisions made on a system-by-system and case-by-case basis

under provisions of part 141, subpart H, subpart P, or subpart T of this chapter, must be made in writing and kept by the State.

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(7) Any decisions made pursuant to the provisions of part 141, subpart P or subpart T of this chapter.

(i) Records of systems consulting with the State concerning a modification to disinfection practice under §§ 141.170(d), 141.172(c), and 141.542 of this chapter, including the status of the consultation.

(ii) Records of decisions that a system using alternative filtration technologies, as allowed under §§ 141.173(b) and § 141.552 of this chapter, can consistently achieve a 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts, 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses, and 99 percent removal of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts. The decisions must include State-set enforceable turbidity limits for each system. A copy of the decision must be kept until the decision is reversed or revised. The State must provide a copy of the decision to the system.

(iii) Records of systems required to do filter self-assessment, CPE, or CCP under the requirements of §§ 141.175 and 141.563 of this chapter.

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17. Section 142.16 is amended by revising paragraph (g) introductory text and adding paragraph (j) to read as follows:

**§ 142.16 Special primacy requirements.**

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(g) Requirements for States to adopt 40 CFR part 141, Subpart P Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection—Systems Serving 10,000 or More People. In addition to the general primacy requirements enumerated elsewhere in this part, including the requirement that State provisions are no less stringent than the Federal requirements, an

application for approval of a State program revision that adopts 40 CFR part 141, Subpart P Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection—Systems Serving 10,000 or More People, must contain the information specified in this paragraph:

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(j) Requirements for States to adopt 40 CFR part 141, Subpart T Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection—Systems Serving Fewer than 10,000 People. In addition to the general primacy requirements enumerated elsewhere in this part, including the requirement that State provisions are no less stringent than the Federal requirements, an application for approval of a State program revision that adopts 40 CFR part 141, Subpart T Enhanced Filtration and Disinfection—Systems Serving Fewer than 10,000 People, must contain the information specified in this paragraph:

(1) *Enforceable requirements.* States must have rules or other authority to require systems to participate in a Comprehensive Technical Assistance (CTA) activity, the performance improvement phase of the Composite Correction Program (CCP). The State must determine whether a CTA must be conducted based on results of a CPE which indicate the potential for improved performance, and a finding by the State that the system is able to receive and implement technical assistance provided through the CTA. A CPE is a thorough review and analysis of a system's performance-based capabilities and associated administrative, operation and maintenance practices. It is conducted to identify factors that may be adversely impacting a plant's capability to achieve compliance. During the CTA phase, the system must identify and systematically address factors limiting performance. The CTA is a combination of utilizing CPE results as a basis for follow-up, implementing process control priority-setting techniques and maintaining

long-term involvement to systematically train staff and administrators.

(2) *State practices or procedures.*

(i) Section 141.530–141.536—How the State will approve a more representative data set for optional TTHM and HAA5 monitoring and profiling.

(ii) Section 141.536 of this chapter—How the State will approve a method to calculate the logs of inactivation for viruses for a system that uses either chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection.

(iii) Section 141.542 of this chapter—How the State will consult with the system and approve significant changes to disinfection practices.

(iv) Section 141.552 of this chapter—For filtration technologies other than conventional filtration treatment, direct filtration, slow sand filtration, or diatomaceous earth filtration, how the State will determine that a public water system may use a filtration technology if the PWS demonstrates to the State, using pilot plant studies or other means, that the alternative filtration technology, in combination with disinfection treatment that meets the requirements of § 141.72(b) of this chapter, consistently achieves 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts and 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses, and 99 percent removal of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts. For a system that makes this demonstration, how the State will set turbidity performance requirements that the system must meet 95 percent of the time and that the system may not exceed at any time at a level that consistently achieves 99.9 percent removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts, 99.99 percent removal and/or inactivation of viruses, and 99 percent removal of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts.

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This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be regulated by this action. This table lists the types of entities that EPA is now aware could potentially be regulated by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be regulated. To determine whether your facility is regulated by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability criteria in §§ 141.2 and 141.3 of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

## II. Changes and Clarifications

EPA is promulgating today, all of the changes and clarifications proposed on March 2, 2004 (69 FR 9781), with the exception of two proposed clarifications discussed in section F concerning calibration of turbidimeters. Each clarification and change promulgated today is discussed under the heading of the drinking water rule that it amends (e.g., LT1ESWTR). EPA is also promulgating today an additional clarification, which was not in the March 2, 2004, Minor Corrections and Clarification to Drinking Water Regulations proposal. This clarification is discussed in section III.

In addition to clarifications of typographical and editorial errors, EPA is revising the LT1ESWTR to add optional monitoring for disinfection profiling and an earlier compliance date for some requirements in that rule. EPA is also promulgating a detection limit for the uranium methods. These three changes are discussed first.

### A. LT1ESWTR Compliance Date Change and Optional Monitoring for Disinfection Profiling

The final LT1ESWTR was published on January 14, 2002 (67 FR 1812). In § 141.502 of the LT1ESWTR, EPA directed PWSs to “comply with these requirements in this subpart beginning January 14, 2005, except where otherwise noted.” Today’s rule changes the compliance date from January 14, 2005, to January 1, 2005, in § 141.502 as well as in endnote 8 of Subpart Q, Appendix B. EPA’s reasons for moving the compliance date forward by two weeks are set forth in the preamble to the proposed rule at 69 FR 9782.

EPA is also changing the compliance date in two additional sections, §§ 141.73(a)(4) and 141.170(d), which reference the January 14, 2005, date. These two citations should have been

included in the March 2, 2004, proposal.

By changing § 141.502, the following 12 requirements will have a compliance deadline of January 1, 2005, instead of January 14, 2005: §§ 141.520, 141.521, 141.522, 141.550, 141.551, 141.552, 141.553, 141.560, 141.561, 141.562, 141.563, and 141.564. July 1, 2003 (or January 1, 2004, for systems serving fewer than 500 persons), remains the compliance date for §§ 141.530–141.536. March 15, 2002, remains the compliance date for § 141.511.

In addition to changing the compliance date, EPA is adding a sentence to § 141.531 to clarify that States may approve a more representative total trihalomethanes (TTHM) and haloacetic acids (five) (HAA5) data set (optional monitoring) to avoid the disinfection profile monitoring required in § 141.530. EPA’s intent was to allow this flexibility in the final LT1ESWTR rule (67 FR 1820, January 14, 2002). EPA had failed to make this flexibility explicit in that regulation.

### B. Detection Limit for Compliance Monitoring of Uranium

The December 7, 2000, final Radionuclides Rule (65 FR 76708) included a detection limit for gross alpha, radium-226 and radium-228, and reserved a place for a uranium detection limit in Table B at § 141.25(c)(1). In today’s action, EPA is amending Table B at § 141.25(c)(1) to add a detection limit of 1 µg/L for uranium. Establishing a uranium detection limit permits States the flexibility to substantially reduce the number of compliance samples and the frequency of repeat monitoring for uranium.

### C. Radionuclide Rule Clarifications

In addition to amending the detection limit for uranium, EPA is making two clarifications to the final Radionuclide Rule (December 7, 2000, 65 FR 76708). In § 141.26(b)(2)(iv), EPA is adding “screening level” to the first sentence. (Note also, that the second “beta” in this sentence is a typographical error, and under today’s rule is being removed.) Similarly, EPA is clarifying in § 141.26(b)(5), that there are two screening levels by adding the word “appropriate” to the first sentence so that it reads “\* \* \* exceeds the appropriate screening level \* \* \*.” In addition, in the text that proposed to revise § 141.26(b)(5), we inadvertently referenced a nonexistent Table E, “or Table E in 141.66(d)” —this reference is deleted in this final rule.

In § 141.26(b)(6), EPA is revising the citation “(b)(1)(ii)” to read “(b)(1)(i),”

and is revising citation “(b)(2)(i)” to read “(b)(2)(iv).” These were typographical errors and should have been (b)(1)(i) and (b)(2)(iv), which refer to meeting the screening level requirements until the system meets the requirements for reduced monitoring.

### D. LT1ESWTR Clarifications

In addition to changing the date in § 141.502 to reduce monitoring burden as well as to allow States to approve alternative data sets for optional monitoring in § 141.531, EPA is clarifying typographical errors in the final LT1ESWTR. In Subpart Q Appendix B, in endnotes 4 and 8, the year of publication for the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule is incorrectly identified as 2001 when it should be 2002. Also in endnote 4, the word “monthly” is misspelled. In § 141.530 EPA is removing the grammatically incorrect, plural “s” from “systems” in the sentence “If you are a subpart H community or non-transient non-community water systems which serves fewer \* \* \*.”

Two typographical errors are being corrected in § 141.534. In the introductory paragraph for § 141.534, EPA inadvertently omitted a reference to § 141.74(b)(3)(v), which provides tables for determining the appropriate CT99.9 value to calculate the inactivation ratio. EPA is changing the introductory paragraph of § 141.534 to: “Use the tables in § 141.74(b)(3)(v) to determine the appropriate CT99.9 value. Calculate the total inactivation ratio as follows, and multiply the value by 3.0 to determine log inactivation of *Giardia lamblia*.”

In the table in § 141.534(a)(2), EPA is changing the “3” to “Σ” in the CT calculation formula. EPA inadvertently changed the “Σ” to a “3” during a text file conversion.

In § 141.551(a)(2), EPA is adding a “t” to the “no” in “A value determined by the State (no to exceed 1 NTU) \* \* \*.” In § 141.551(b)(2), EPA is adding the word “Filtration” to the phrase “All other ‘Alternative’” so that it matches related language in § 141.551(a)(2).

EPA is deleting the last sentence in the second column in the table in § 141.563(b), because it is redundant. Also in the same table in § 141.563(c), the first column contains a typographical error. The acronym “BTU” will read “NTU” (Nephelometric Turbidity Units).

In the table in § 141.570(b)(2), EPA is adding the phrase: “and the cause (if known) for the exceedance(s)” to the description of information to report under § 141.570(b)(2). As a result, the entire paragraph will read: “The filter

number(s), corresponding date(s), and the turbidity value(s) which exceeded 1.0 NTU during the month, and the cause (if known) for the exceedance(s), but only if 2 consecutive measurements exceeded 1.0 NTU.”

This action redesignates the LT1ESWTR special primacy text as § 142.16(p). In addition, EPA is revising a citation in § 142.16 (p)(2)(ii) to “141.536” to read “141.535.” This was a typographical error and should have been “141.535,” which refers to calculating inactivation.

*E. Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule*

The Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule was promulgated on December 16, 1998 (63 FR 69390). This rule required systems to measure and report, among other things, violations of maximum residual disinfectant levels (MRDLs), *see* § 141.134(c)(1)(iv) (see 63 FR 69422 and 69472). However, EPA failed to add compliance with the applicable MRDL to the compliance requirements in § 141.133(a)(3). EPA is correcting this, and the language in § 141.133(a)(3) now reads “If, during the first year of monitoring under § 141.132, any individual quarter’s average will cause the running annual average of that system to exceed the MCL for total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids (five), or bromate; or the MRDL for chlorine or chloramine, the system is out of compliance at the end of that quarter.” The burden for this requirement was already accounted for in the approved Information Collection Request No. 1895.02.

Also, in the final Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule, EPA incorrectly cited in § 142.14(d)(12)(iv) and § 142.14(d)(13) a reference to § 142.16(f). The reference for both sections is now being revised to read § 142.16(h)(2) and § 142.16(h)(5) respectively.

*F. Surface Water Treatment Rule*

The Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR) was promulgated on June 29, 1989 (54 FR 27486). In that final rule, EPA incorrectly cited in § 141.74(b)(4)(ii) a reference to § 142.72(a). This citation is being corrected to read § 141.72(a).

Today’s rule does not include the proposed clarifications (March 2, 2004, 69 FR 9784) concerning the calibration of turbidimeters in § 141.174(a) (Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR)) and in § 141.560(b) (LT1ESWTR). EPA is deferring a decision on this clarification

until additional information provided in a public comment can be evaluated.

EPA is changing all citations to § 141.74(a)(3) or (4) to § 141.74(a)(1), and all citations to § 141.74(a)(5) to § 141.74(a)(2) to reflect revisions to the SWTR as described in the proposal.

TABLE 1.—REFERENCES TO THE SURFACE WATER TREATMENT RULE

SWTR provisions with incorrect cross references	Amendment
141.71(a)(2) .....	“(a)(4)” to (a)(1)
141.71(c)(2)(i) .....	“(a)(4)” to (a)(1)
141.72(a)(3) .....	“(a)(5)” to (a)(2)
141.72(a)(4)(i) .....	“(a)(3)” to (a)(1) and “(a)(5)” to (a)(2)
141.72(a)(4)(ii) .....	“(a)(3)” to (a)(1)
141.72(b)(2), .....	“(a)(5)” to (a)(2)
141.72(b)(3)(i) .....	“(a)(5)” to (a)(2) and, “(a)(3)” to (a)(1)
141.72(b)(3)(ii) .....	“(a)(3)” to (a)(1)
141.73(a)(1) .....	“(a)(4)” to (a)(1)
141.73(a)(2) .....	“(a)(4)” to (a)(1)
141.73(b)(1) .....	“(a)(4)” to (a)(1)
141.73(b)(2) .....	“(a)(4)” to (a)(1)
141.73(c)(1) .....	“(a)(4)” to (a)(1)
141.73(c)(2) .....	“(a)(4)” to (a)(1)
141.74(b)(6)(ii) .....	“(a)(3)” to (a)(1)
141.74(c)(3)(i) .....	“(a)(3)” to (a)(1)
141.74(c)(3)(ii) .....	“(a)(3)” to (a)(1)
141.75(a)(2)(viii)(G) .....	“(a)(3)” to (a)(1)
141.75(b)(2)(iii)(G) .....	“(a)(3)” to (a)(1)

*G. Filter Backwash Recycling Rule*

The Filter Backwash Recycling Rule (FBRR) was promulgated on June 8, 2001 (66 FR 31086). EPA inadvertently provided incomplete citations in subpart Q, Appendix A of the Public Notification rule for the FBRR violations. In entry I.A.(8) of 40 CFR part 141, subpart Q, Appendix A, EPA is adding a “(c)” to the “MCL/MRDL/TT violations Citation” column of § 141.76; and, in the “Monitoring & testing procedure violations Citation” column EPA has added “(b), (d)” to § 141.76.

The FBRR preamble (66 FR 31086, 31094) explicitly states that violations of the recordkeeping and reporting portions of this treatment technique trigger public notification (PN) obligations under 40 CFR part 141, subpart Q. EPA is clarifying the PN rule by striking the reference to reporting violations in Appendix A, endnote 1, and explicitly adding §§ 141.76(b), (c) and (d) to the list of categories requiring reporting in Appendix A (previous reference was to the entire § 141.76).

*H. Bottled Water*

In a November 1995 final rule (60 FR 57132), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) moved their

standards of quality for bottled water from 21 CFR 103.35 to 21 CFR 165.110. EPA is correcting a reference in our regulations in § 142.62(g)(2) to reflect the updated citation of these FDA regulations.

*I. Information Collection Rule*

The Information Collection Rule (ICR) was promulgated on May 14, 1996 (61 FR 24354). The requirements promulgated in the ICR expired on December 31, 2000. As a result, the ICR requirements (referred to as subpart M—Information Collection Requirements (ICRs) for Public Water Systems) were removed from the Code of Federal Regulations in 2001. However, there were remaining references to the data collected as a result of the ICR in other sections of part 141 that refer to “subpart M.” EPA is deleting the phrase “or subpart M of this part” from § 141.132(a)(5). EPA is not deleting or revising the other references to subpart M because the data collected under the ICR are still being used.

*J. Phase V Rule*

In the final Phase V Rule (July 17, 1992, 57 FR 31776), EPA published a list of Best Available Technologies (BATs) for cyanide, *see* § 141.62(c). EPA is making the list more specific as to the type of chlorination (“alkaline chlorination”).

**III. Correction in the Lead and Copper Rule Public Education Requirement**

In this final version of the rule, EPA is reinstating the list of the facilities that must be sent public education brochures by a public water system that has exceeded the action level for lead or copper. This list was included in the final Lead and Copper Rule, in § 141.85(c)(2)(iii) (June 7, 1991, 56 FR 26460; 26555) and published in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) from 1991 to 1999. However, a technical drafting error in the way in which EPA drafted its language of amendment for revisions to the LCR in 2000 caused the Office of Federal Register to delete this text from the 2001 edition of the CFR (January 12, 2000, 65 FR 1950, 2007). Thus, the current CFR text contains only a requirement to deliver public education materials “to facilities and organizations, including the following:” with no text following the colon. To remedy this, EPA is reinstating the missing text, specifically subparagraphs (A) through (G). Section 141.85(c)(2)(iii) will once again read as follows:

(iii) Deliver pamphlets and/or brochures that contain the public education materials in paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iv) of this section to



facilities and organizations, including the following:

- (A) Public schools, and/or local school boards;
- (B) City or county health department;
- (C) Women, Infants, and Children and/or Head Start Program(s) whenever available;
- (D) Public and private hospitals and/or clinics;
- (E) Pediatricians;
- (F) Family planning clinics; and
- (G) Local welfare agencies.

Section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), provides that, when an agency for good cause finds that notice and public procedure are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, the agency may issue a rule without providing prior notice and an opportunity for public comment. EPA is reinstating the list of facilities that must be sent public education brochures by a public water system that has exceeded the action level for lead or copper. EPA has determined that there is "good cause" for making this rule change final without prior proposal and opportunity for comment because this list was the product of a prior notice-and-comment rulemaking, *see* (June 7, 1991, 56 FR 26502), it had appeared in the CFR for several years, the deletion was due solely to a technical drafting error in a subsequent rule, and the list is not controversial. Thus, additional notice and public comment is not necessary. EPA finds that this constitutes "good cause" under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). For the same reasons, EPA is making this rule change effective upon publication. 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

#### IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

##### A. Executive Order 12866: Regulatory Planning and Review

Under Executive Order 12866, (58 FR 51735 (October 4, 1993)) the Agency must determine whether the regulatory action is "significant" and therefore subject to OMB review and the requirements of the Executive Order. The Order defines "significant regulatory action" as one that is likely to result in a rule that may:

- (1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities;
- (2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency;

(3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or

(4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in the Executive Order.

It has been determined that this rule is not a "significant regulatory action" under the terms of Executive Order 12866 and is therefore not subject to OMB review.

##### B. Paperwork Reduction Act

This action does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* This action modifies and clarifies existing regulations. It does not add monitoring, recordkeeping or reporting requirements.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

##### C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) generally requires an agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small organizations, and small government jurisdictions.

Small entities are defined as: (1) A small business as defined by the Small Business Administration's (SBA) regulations at 13 CFR 121.201; (2) a

small governmental jurisdiction that is a government of a city, county, town, school district or special district with a population of less than 50,000; and (3) a small organization that is any "not-for-profit enterprise which is independently owned and operated and is not dominant in its field." However, the RFA also authorizes an agency to use alternative definitions for each category of small entity, "which are appropriate to the activities of the agency" after proposing the alternative definition(s) in the **Federal Register** and taking comment. 5 U.S.C. 601(3)-(5). In addition, to establish an alternative small business definition, agencies must consult with SBA's Chief Counsel for Advocacy.

For purposes of assessing the impacts of today's rule on small entities, EPA considered small entities to be public water systems serving 10,000 or fewer persons. This is the cut-off level specified by Congress in the 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act for small system flexibility provisions. As required by the RFA requirements, EPA proposed using this alternative definition in the **Federal Register**, (63 FR 7620, February 13, 1998), requested public comment, consulted with the Small Business Administration (SBA), and finalized in the alternative definition in the Consumer Confidence Reports regulation (63 FR 44511, August 19, 1998). As stated in that final rule, the alternative definition would be applied to this regulation as well.

The optional monitoring for disinfection profiling provides flexibility for PWSs complying with LT1ESWTR. The earlier compliance date will not increase the cost of complying with LT1ESWTR since the monitoring and reporting requirements are unchanged. By specifying the detection limit for uranium, States have the flexibility to waive some monitoring for PWSs with samples below the detection limit. This action will not add new requirements.

This final rule imposes no cost on any entities over and above those imposed by previously published drinking water rules. This action corrects and clarifies existing regulations.

After considering the economic impacts of today's final rule on small entities, I certify that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The small entities directly regulated by this final rule are public water systems serving 10,000 or fewer persons. We have determined that no number of small entities will experience an impact.

recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: May 27, 2004.

James W. Newsom,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

■ 40 CFR part 52 is amended as follows:

**PART 52—[AMENDED]**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

**Subpart V—Maryland**

■ 2. Section 52.1070 is amended by adding paragraph (c)(184) to read as follows:

**§ 52.1070 Identification of plan.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) \* \* \*

(184) Revisions to the Code of Maryland Administrative Regulations (COMAR) for the Control of VOC Emissions from Portable Fuel Containers submitted on March 8, 2002 by the Maryland Department of the Environment:

(i) Incorporation by reference.

(A) Letter of March 8, 2002 from the Maryland Department of the Environment transmitting an addition to Maryland’s State Implementation Plan pertaining to the control of volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions from portable fuel containers.

(B) Addition of new regulation .07 under COMAR 26.11.13—*Control of VOC Emissions from Portable Fuel Containers*, adopted by the Secretary of the Environment on December 21, 2001, and effective on January 21, 2002.

(ii) Additional Material.—Remainder of the State submittal pertaining to the revisions listed in paragraph (c)(184)(i) of this section.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Parts 141 and 142**

[OW–2003–0066; FRL–7779–4]

RIN 2040–AE58

**National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Minor Corrections and Clarification to Drinking Water Regulations; National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule makes minor changes to clarify and correct EPA’s Drinking Water regulations. This rule clarifies typographical errors, inadvertent omissions, editorial errors, and outdated language in the final Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR), the Surface Water Treatment Rule, and other rules. In addition to these clarifications, EPA is adding optional monitoring for disinfection profiling and an earlier compliance date for some requirements in the LT1ESWTR, and a detection limit for the Uranium Methods.

Also, EPA is reinstating text that was inadvertently dropped from the Lead and Copper Rule which listed the facilities that must be sent public education brochures by a public water system that has exceeded the action level for lead or copper.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective on July 29, 2004, except for the amendment to § 141.85(c)(2)(iii) which is effective June 29, 2004. For purposes of judicial review, this final rule is promulgated as of 1 p.m., eastern time on July 13, 2004, as provided in 40 CFR 23.7.

**ADDRESSES:** EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. OW–2003–0066. All documents in the docket are listed in the EDOCKET index at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, CBI or other information whose

disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in EDOCKET or in hard copy at the Water Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the Water Docket is (202) 566–2426. If you would like to schedule an appointment for access to docket material, please call (202) 566–2426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information, contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, telephone (800) 426–4791. The Safe Drinking Water Hotline is open Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., eastern time. For technical inquiries, contact Tracy Bone, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564–5257; fax: (202) 564–3767; e-mail address: [bone.tracy@epa.gov](mailto:bone.tracy@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

Entities potentially regulated by this action are public water systems (PWS). The following table provides examples of the regulated entities under this rule. A public water system, as defined by section 1401 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), is “a system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances, if such system has at least fifteen service connections or regularly serves at least twenty-five individuals.” EPA defines “regularly served” as receiving water from the system 60 or more days per year. Categories and entities potentially regulated by this action include the following:

Category	Examples of potentially regulated entities
State, Tribal and Local Government .....	State, tribal or local government-owned/operated water supply systems using ground water, surface water or mixed ground water and surface water.
Federal Government .....	Federally owned/operated community water supply systems using ground water, surface water or mixed ground water and surface water.
Industry .....	Privately owned/operated community water supply systems using ground water, surface water or mixed ground water and surface water.

#### D. *Unfunded Mandates Reform Act*

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA), Public Law 104-4, establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on State, local, and Tribal governments and the private sector. Under section 202 of the UMRA, EPA generally must prepare a written statement, including a cost-benefit analysis, for proposed and final rules with "Federal mandates" that may result in expenditures to State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or to the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year. Before promulgating an EPA rule for which a written statement is needed, section 205 of the UMRA generally requires EPA to identify and consider a reasonable number of regulatory alternatives and adopt the least costly, most cost-effective or least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule. The provisions of section 205 do not apply when they are inconsistent with applicable law. Moreover, section 205 allows EPA to adopt an alternative other than the least costly, most cost-effective or least burdensome alternative if the Administrator publishes with the final rule an explanation why that alternative was not adopted. Before EPA establishes any regulatory requirements that may significantly or uniquely affect small governments, including tribal governments, it must have developed under section 203 of the UMRA a small government agency plan. The plan must provide for notifying potentially affected small governments, enabling officials of affected small governments to have meaningful and timely input in the development of EPA regulatory proposals with significant Federal intergovernmental mandates, and informing, educating, and advising small governments on compliance with the regulatory requirements.

Today's rule contains no Federal mandates (under the regulatory provisions of Title II of the UMRA) for State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector. This final rule imposes no enforceable duty on any State, local or tribal governments or the private sector. This action corrects and clarifies existing regulations. The optional monitoring for disinfection profiling provides flexibility for PWSs to comply with LT1ESWTR. The earlier compliance date will not increase the cost of complying with LT1ESWTR since the monitoring and reporting requirements are unchanged. By specifying the detection limit for uranium, EPA provides States with the flexibility to waive some monitoring for

PWSs with samples below the detection limit. Thus, today's final rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of the UMRA.

EPA has determined that this rule contains no regulatory requirements that might significantly or uniquely affect small governments. This action corrects and clarifies existing regulations. Thus, today's proposed rule is not subject to the requirements of section 203 of the UMRA.

#### E. *Executive Order 13132: Federalism*

Executive Order 13132, entitled "Federalism" (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999), requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure "meaningful and timely input by State and local officials in the development of regulatory policies that have federalism implications." "Policies that have federalism implications" is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have "substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government."

This final rule does not have Federalism implications. It will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132. There is no cost to State and local governments, and the final rule does not preempt State law.

This action corrects and clarifies existing regulations. The optional monitoring for disinfection profiling provides flexibility for PWSs to comply with LT1ESWTR. The earlier compliance date will not increase the cost of complying with LT1ESWTR since the monitoring and reporting requirements are unchanged. By specifying the detection limit for uranium, States have the flexibility to waive some monitoring for PWSs with samples below the detection limit. Thus, Executive Order 13132 does not apply to this final rule. In the spirit of Executive Order 13132, and consistent with EPA policy to promote communications between EPA and State and local governments, EPA specifically solicited comment on the proposed rule from State and local officials.

#### F. *Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments*

Executive Order 13175, entitled "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments" (65 FR

67249, November 9, 2000), requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure "meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications." "Policies that have tribal implications" is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have "substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal government and the Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal government and Indian tribes."

This final rule does not have tribal implications. It will not have substantial direct effects on tribal governments, on the relationship between the Federal government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal government and Indian tribes, as specified in Executive Order 13175. There is no cost to tribal governments, and the rule does not preempt tribal law. This action corrects and clarifies existing regulations. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this rule. Moreover, in the spirit of Executive Order 13175, and consistent with EPA policy to promote communications between EPA and tribal governments, EPA specifically solicited comment on the proposed rule from tribal officials.

#### G. *Executive Order 13045: Protection of Children From Environmental Health & Safety Risks*

Executive Order 13045: "Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks" (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) applies to any rule that: (1) Is determined to be "economically significant" as defined under Executive Order 12866, and (2) concerns an environmental health or safety risk that EPA has reason to believe may have a disproportionate effect on children. If the regulatory action meets both criteria, the Agency must evaluate the environmental health or safety effects of the planned rule on children, and explain why the planned regulation is preferable to other potentially effective and reasonably feasible alternatives considered by the Agency.

This final rule is not subject to the Executive Order because it is not economically significant as defined in Executive Order 12866, and because the Agency does not have reason to believe the environmental health or safety risks addressed by this action present a disproportionate risk to children.

*H. Executive Order 13211: Actions That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use*

This rule is not subject to Executive Order 13211, "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use" (66 FR 28355 (May 22, 2001)) because it is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866.

*I. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act*

As noted in the proposed rule, section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 ("NTTAA"), Public Law 104-113, 12(d) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs EPA to use voluntary consensus standards in its regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures, and business practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies. The NTTAA directs EPA to provide Congress, through OMB, explanations when the Agency decides not to use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards.

This action does not involve technical standards. Therefore, EPA did not consider the use of any voluntary consensus standards.

*J. Congressional Review Act*

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2). This rule will be effective July 29, 2004, except for the amendment to § 141.85(c)(2)(iii) which is effective June 29, 2004.

**List of Subjects**

*40 CFR Part 141*

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Indians-lands, Intergovernmental relations, Radiation protection,

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Water supply.

*40 CFR Part 142*

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Chemicals, Indians-lands, Radiation protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Water supply.

Dated: June 22, 2004.

**Michael O. Leavitt**,  
Administrator.

■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 40, chapter I of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

**PART 141—NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 141 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 300f, 300g-1, 300g-2, 300g-3, 300g-4, 300g-5, 300g-6, 300j-4, 300j-9, and 300j-11.

**§ 141.25 [Amended]**

■ 2. Section 141.25(c)(1) is amended in the entry for uranium in the second column of Table B by removing the word "reserve" and adding in its place "1 µg/L".

■ 3. Section 141.26 is amended as follows:

■ a. Revise paragraphs (b)(2)(iv) and (b)(5); and

■ b. In paragraph (b)(6) remove the citation "(b)(1)(ii)" and add in its place "(b)(1)(i)" and remove the citation "(b)(2)(i)" and add in its place "(b)(2)(iv)".

The revisions read as follows:

**§ 141.26 Monitoring frequency and compliance requirements for radionuclides in community water systems.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) \* \* \*  
(2) \* \* \*

(iv) 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 State may reduce the frequency of monitoring at that sampling point to every 3 years. Systems must collect the same type of samples required in paragraph (b)(2) of this section during the reduced monitoring period.

\* \* \* \* \*

(5) 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 must be performed to identify the major radioactive constituents present in the sample and the appropriate doses must

be calculated and summed to determine compliance with § 141.66(d)(1), using the formula in § 141.66(d)(2). Doses must also be calculated and combined for measured levels of tritium and strontium to determine compliance.

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**§ 141.62 [Amended]**

■ 4. Section 141.62(c) is amended as follows:

■ a. In the Table "BAT FOR INORGANIC COMPOUNDS LISTED IN SECTION 141.62(b)" amend the entry for "cyanide" by replacing the "10" with "13"; and

■ b. In the list "Key to BATS in Table 1", add to the end of the list, "13 = Alkaline Chlorination (pH ≥ 8.5)".

**§ 141.71 [Amended]**

■ 5. Section 141.71 is amended as follows:

■ a. In paragraph (a)(2) introductory text remove the citation "\$ 141.74(a)(4)" and add in its place "\$ 141.74(a)(1)" and

■ b. In paragraph (c)(2)(i) remove the citation "\$ 141.74(a)(4)" and add in its place "\$ 141.74(a)(1)".

**§ 141.72 [Amended]**

■ 6. Section 141.72 is amended as follows:

■ a. In paragraph (a)(3) remove the citation "\$ 141.74(a)(5)" and add in its place "\$ 141.74(a)(2)";

■ b. In paragraph (a)(4)(i) remove the citation "\$ 141.74(a)(5)" and add in its place "\$ 141.74(a)(2)" and remove the citation "\$ 141.74(a)(3)" and add in its place "\$ 141.74(a)(1)";

■ c. In paragraph (a)(4)(ii) remove the citation "\$ 141.74(a)(3)" and add in its place "\$ 141.74(a)(1)";

■ d. In paragraph (b)(2) remove the citation "\$ 141.74(a)(5)" and add in its place "\$ 141.74(a)(2)";

■ e. In paragraph (b)(3)(i) remove the citation "\$ 141.74(a)(5)" and add in its place "\$ 141.74(a)(2)", remove the citation "\$ 141.74(a)(3)" and add in its place "\$ 141.74(a)(1)"; and

■ f. In paragraph (b)(3)(ii) remove the citation "\$ 141.74(a)(3)" and add in its place "\$ 141.74(a)(1)".

**§ 141.73 [Amended]**

■ 7. Section 141.73 is amended as follows:

■ a. In paragraph (a)(1) remove both citations "\$ 141.74(a)(4)" and add in their place "\$ 141.74(a)(1)";

■ b. In paragraph (a)(2) remove the citation "\$ 141.74(a)(4)" and add in its place "\$ 141.74(a)(1)";

■ c. In paragraph (a)(4) remove the date "January 14, 2005" and add in its place "January 1, 2005";

- d. In paragraph (b)(1) remove the citation “§ 141.74(a)(4)” and add in its place “§ 141.74(a)(1)”;
- e. In paragraph (b)(2) remove the citation “§ 141.74(a)(4)” and add in its place “§ 141.74(a)(1)”;
- f. In paragraph (c)(1) remove the citation “§ 141.74(a)(4)” and add in its place “§ 141.74(a)(1)”;
- g. In paragraph (c)(2) remove the citation “§ 141.74(a)(4)” and add in its place “§ 141.74(a)(1)”.

**§ 141.74 [Amended]**

- 8. Section 141.74 is amended as follows:
  - a. In paragraph (b)(4)(ii) remove the citation “§ 142.72(a)” and add in its place “§ 141.72(a)”;
  - b. In paragraph (b)(6)(ii) remove the citation “(a)(3)” and add in its place “(a)(1)”;
  - c. In paragraph (c)(3)(i) remove the citation “(a)(3)” and add in its place “(a)(1)”;
  - d. In paragraph (c)(3)(ii) remove the citation “(a)(3)” and add in its place “(a)(1)”.

**§ 141.75 [Amended]**

- 9. Section 141.75 is amended as follows:
  - a. In paragraph (a)(2)(viii)(G) remove the citation “§ 141.74(a)(3)” and add in its place “§ 141.74(a)(1)”;
  - b. In paragraph (b)(2)(iii)(G) remove the citation “§ 141.74(a)(3)” and add in its place “§ 141.74(a)(1)”.
- 10. Amend § 141.85 by adding paragraphs (c)(2)(iii) (A) through (G) to read as follows:

**§ 141.85 Public education and supplemental monitoring requirements.**

- \* \* \* \* \*
- (c) \* \* \*
- (2) \* \* \*
- (iii) \* \* \*
- (A) Public schools, and/or local school boards;
- (B) City or county health department;
- (C) Women, Infants, and Children and/or Head Start Program(s) whenever available;
- (D) Public and private hospitals and/or clinics;
- (E) Pediatricians;
- (F) Family planning clinics; and
- (G) Local welfare agencies.
- \* \* \* \* \*

**§ 141.132 [Amended]**

- 11. Section 141.132 is amended in paragraph (a)(5) by removing the reference to “or subpart M of this part”.
- 12. In § 141.133 revise paragraph (a)(3) to read as follows:

**§ 141.133 Compliance requirements.**  
(a) \* \* \*

(3) If, during the first year of monitoring under § 141.132, any individual quarter’s average will cause the running annual average of that system to exceed the MCL for total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids (five), or bromate; or the MRDL for chlorine or chloramine, the system is out of compliance at the end of that quarter.

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**§ 141.170 [Amended]**

- 13. In paragraph (d) remove the date “January 14, 2005” and add in its place “January 1, 2005”.

**Appendix A to Subpart Q of Part 141 [Amended]**

- 14. In Subpart Q, Appendix A is amended as follows:
  - a. In entry I.A.(8) remove the citation in the third column “141.76” and add in its place “141.76(c)” and remove the citation in the fifth column “141.76” and add in its place “141.76 (b), (d)”.
  - b. Amend endnote 1 by removing the words “reporting violations and” from the first parenthetical phrase.
- 15. In Subpart Q, Appendix B revise endnotes 4 and 8 to read as follows:

**Appendix B to Subpart Q of Part 141—Standard Health Effects Language for Public Notification**

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<sup>4</sup> There are various regulations that set turbidity standards for different types of systems, including 40 CFR 141.13, and the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule, the 1998 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and the 2002 Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. The MCL for the monthly turbidity average is 1 NTU; the MCL for the 2-day average is 5 NTU for systems that are required to filter but have not yet installed filtration (40 CFR 141.13).

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<sup>8</sup> There are various regulations that set turbidity standards for different types of systems, including 40 CFR 141.13, the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), the 1998 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) and the 2002 Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR). For systems subject to the IESWTR (systems serving at least 10,000 people, using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water), that use conventional filtration or direct filtration, after January 1, 2002, the turbidity level of a system’s combined filter effluent may not exceed 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of monthly measurements, and the turbidity level of a system’s combined filter effluent must not exceed 1 NTU at any time. Systems subject to the IESWTR using technologies other than conventional, direct, slow sand, or diatomaceous earth filtration must meet turbidity limits set by the primacy agency. For systems subject to the LT1ESWTR (systems serving fewer than

10,000 people, using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water) that use conventional filtration or direct filtration, after January 1, 2005, the turbidity level of a system’s combined filter effluent may not exceed 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of monthly measurements, and the turbidity level of a system’s combined filter effluent must not exceed 1 NTU at any time. Systems subject to the LT1ESWTR using technologies other than conventional, direct, slow sand, or diatomaceous earth filtration must meet turbidity limits set by the primacy agency.

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- 16. Revise § 141.502 to read as follows:

**§ 141.502 When must my system comply with these requirements?**

You must comply with these requirements in this subpart beginning January 1, 2005, except where otherwise noted.

**§ 141.530 [Amended]**

- 17. In § 141.530 in the second sentence, revise “water systems” to read “water system”.
- 18. Amend § 141.531 by adding the following sentence to the end of the section, to read as follows:

**§ 141.531 What criteria must a State use to determine that a profile is unnecessary?**

\* \* \* Your State may approve a more representative TTHM and HAA5 data set to determine these levels.

- 19. Section 141.534 is amended as follows:
  - a. By revising the introductory paragraph,
  - b. In the table in paragraph (a)(2), remove the “3” and add in its place “Σ”.

**§ 141.534 How does my system use this data to calculate an inactivation ratio?**

Use the tables in § 141.74(b)(3)(v) to determine the appropriate CT99.9 value. Calculate the total inactivation ratio as follows, and multiply the value by 3.0 to determine log inactivation of *Giardia lamblia*:

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**§ 141.551 [Amended]**

- 20. Section 141.551 is amended as follows:
  - a. In paragraph (a)(2) remove “no” and add in its place “not”;
  - b. In paragraph (b)(2) remove “Alternative” and add in its place “Alternative Filtration”.

**§ 141.563 [Amended]**

- 21. Section 141.563 is amended as follows:
  - a. In paragraph (b) remove the last sentence in the second column of the table, and

■ b. In paragraph (c) remove “BTU” and add in its place “NTU” in the first column of the table.

■ 22. In § 141.570, revise paragraph (b)(2) in the table to read as follows:

**§ 141.570 What does subpart T require that my system report to the State?**

\* \* \* \* \*

Corresponding requirement	Description of information to report	Frequency
* * *	* * *	* * *
(b) Individual Filter Turbidity Requirements (§§ 141.560–141.564).	(2) The filter number(s), corresponding date(s), and the turbidity value(s) which exceeded 1.0 NTU during the month, and the cause (if known) for the exceedance(s), but only if 2 consecutive measurements exceeded 1.0 NTU.	By the 10th of the following month.
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**PART 142—NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION**

■ 23. The authority citation for part 142 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 300f, 300g–1, 300g–2, 300g–3, 300g–4, 300g–5, 300g–6, 300j–4, 300j–9, and 300j–11.

**§ 142.14 [Amended]**

■ 24. Section § 142.14 is amended as follows:

■ a. In paragraph (d)(12)(iv) remove the citation “§ 142.16(f)(2)” and add in its place “§ 142.16(h)(2)”; and

■ b. In paragraph (d)(13) remove the citation “§ 142.16(f)(5)” and add in its place “§ 142.16(h)(5)”.

**§ 142.16 [Amended]**

■ 25. Section 142.16 is amended as follows:

■ a. In paragraph (l)(2) remove the citation “§ 142.16(e)(5)” and add in its place “§ 142.16(e)(2)”;

■ b. Add and reserve paragraphs (m), (n), and (o);

■ c. Redesignate paragraph (j) which was added on January 14, 2002, at 67 FR 1812 as paragraph (p); and

■ d. In newly designated paragraph (p)(2)(ii) remove the citation “141.536” and add in its place “141.535”.

**§ 142.62 [Amended]**

■ 26. Section 142.62(g)(2) is amended by removing the citation “103.35” and add in its place “165.110”.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 660**

**[Docket No. 031216314–3314–01; I.D. 062304A]**

**Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Inseason adjustments to management measures; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces changes to the commercial limited entry fixed gear primary season sablefish tier limits for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery. These actions, which are authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), will allow fisheries to access more abundant groundfish stocks while protecting overfished and depleted stocks.

**DATES:** Effective 0001 hours (local time) June 29, 2004, until the 2005–06 annual specifications and management measures are effective; unless modified, superseded, or rescinded through a publication in the **Federal Register**. Comments on this rule will be accepted through July 28, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by (I.D. 062304A), by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [GroundfishInseason#4.nwr@noaa.gov](mailto:GroundfishInseason#4.nwr@noaa.gov); Include the I.D. number in the subject line of the message.
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: D. Robert Lohn, Administrator, Northwest Region,

NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115–0070; or Rod McInnis, Acting Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213.

● Fax: 206–526–6736

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jamie Goen (Northwest Region, NMFS), phone: 206–526–6150; fax: 206–526–6736; and e-mail: [jamie.goen@noaa.gov](mailto:jamie.goen@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Access**

This **Federal Register** document is available on the Government Printing Office’s website at: [www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html).

Background information and documents are available at the NMFS Northwest Region website at: [www.nwr.noaa.gov/1sustfsh/gdfsh01.htm](http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/1sustfsh/gdfsh01.htm) and at the Pacific Fishery Management Council’s website at: [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org).

**Background**

The Pacific Coast Groundfish FMP and its implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 660, subpart G, regulate fishing for over 80 species of groundfish off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. Groundfish specifications and management measures are developed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council), and are implemented by NMFS. The specifications and management measures for the 2004 fishing year (January 1 - December 31, 2004) were initially published in the **Federal Register** as an emergency rule for January 1 - February 29, 2004 (69 FR 1322, January 8, 2004), and as a proposed rule for March 1 - December 31, 2004 (69 FR 1380, January 8, 2004). The emergency rule was amended at 69 FR 4084, January 28, 2004, and the final rule for March 1 - December 31, 2004, was published in the **Federal Register** on March 9, 2004 (69 FR 11064), and subsequently amended at 69 FR 23440 (April 29, 2004), 69 FR 23667 (April 30,

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## Final Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule

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EPA has finalized the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR). The purposes of the LT1ESWTR are to improve control of microbial pathogens, specifically the protozoan *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water, and address risk trade-offs with disinfection byproducts. The rule was published in the Federal Register on January 14th, 2002. ( [read online](#) ) ~ ( [PDF](#) )

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*The rule will require certain public water systems to meet strengthened filtration requirements. It will also require systems to calculate levels of microbial inactivation to ensure that microbial protection is not jeopardized if systems make changes to comply with requirements of the Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Stage 1-DBPR). This rule, which addresses subpart H systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons, builds upon the framework established for larger systems in the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR).*

### Which public water systems must comply with the rule?

The LT1ESWTR applies to all public water systems that:

- use surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI); and
- serve fewer than 10,000 persons.

The rule is expected to apply to more than 11,000 systems that serve nearly 18.5 million Americans.

### What does the rule require?

The LT1ESWTR provisions fall into the four following categories:

#### 1) *Cryptosporidium* Removal

- All systems must achieve a 2-log removal (99 percent) of *Cryptosporidium*.

#### 2) *Enhanced Filtration Requirements*

- Filtered systems must comply with strengthened combined filter effluent (CFE) turbidity performance requirements to assure 2-log removal of *Cryptosporidium*; and
- Conventional and direct filtration systems must continuously monitor the turbidity of individual filters and comply with follow-up activities based on this monitoring.

### 3) Microbial Inactivation Benchmarking

- Systems will be required to develop a profile of microbial inactivation levels unless they perform monitoring which demonstrates their disinfection byproduct levels are less than 80 percent of the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) established in the Stage 1 DBPR; and
- Systems considering making a significant change to their disinfection practice must determine their current lowest level of microbial inactivation and consult with the state for approval prior to implementing the change.

### 4) Other Requirements

- Finished water reservoirs for which construction begins 60 days after promulgation of the rule must be covered; and
- Unfiltered systems must comply with updated watershed control requirements that add *Cryptosporidium* as a pathogen of concern.

These requirements were developed based on the IESWTR, but have been modified to reduce the burden on small systems.

### How soon will the changes take effect?

The rule is effective 30 days after publication in the *Federal Register*; however, each of the requirements has a different compliance date. The table below provides the applicable dates.

Rule Requirement	Compliance Date
New reservoirs must be covered	60 days after LT1ESWTR promulgation
Systems 500 or greater begin to develop profile	July 1, 2003
Systems < 500 begin to develop profile	January 1, 2004
2-log <i>Cryptosporidium</i> removal	3 years after LT1ESWTR promulgation
New CFE Turbidity Limits	3 years after LT1ESWTR promulgation
Individual Filter Turbidity Monitoring	3 years after LT1ESWTR promulgation
Unfiltered systems must meet updated watershed control requirements	3 years after LT1ESWTR promulgation

### What is the significance of this rule?

In 1990, the Science Advisory Board (SAB) cited drinking water contamination as one of the most important environmental risks and indicated that disease-causing

microbiological contaminants (i.e., pathogens such as, bacteria, protozoa, and viruses) are probably the greatest remaining health risk management challenge for drinking water suppliers. The final LT1ESWTR addresses this challenge by improving the control of microbiological pathogens such as *Cryptosporidium* in public drinking water systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons. It will also protect the public against increases in risk from such pathogens in cases where systems alter their disinfection practices to meet new disinfection byproduct standards promulgated under the Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR).

The final LT1ESWTR is part of the larger Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts (M-DBP) cluster of rules. These rules include the IESWTR and the Stage 1 DBPR, which were promulgated on December 16, 1998. Implementing the provisions contained in the LT1ESWTR will provide protections against the potentially lethal microorganism *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* to persons served by small public water systems using surface waters. The IESWTR afforded the 165 million people served by large water systems added protection against *Cryptosporidium*. The LT1ESWTR completes this effort by extending protection to the remaining 18.5 million Americans served by smaller public water systems.

### **How will this rule protect public health?**

EPA has determined that the presence of microbiological pathogens in public water supplies is a health concern. If finished water supplies contain microbiological contaminants, illnesses and disease outbreaks may result. Twelve waterborne cryptosporidiosis outbreaks caused by contamination in public water systems were reported to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention between 1984 and 1998. In 1993, *Cryptosporidium* caused more than 400,000 people in Milwaukee, WI, to experience intestinal illness. More than 4,000 were hospitalized and at least 50 deaths were attributed to this cryptosporidiosis outbreak. Other recent cryptosporidiosis outbreaks attributable to public water system contamination occurred in Nevada, Oregon, and Georgia.

The IESWTR set enforceable drinking water treatment technique requirements to reduce the risk of *Cryptosporidium* from surface water for systems serving at least 10,000 persons. The LT1ESWTR extends further this necessary protection from *Cryptosporidium* to communities of fewer than 10,000 persons.

Today's rule for the first time establishes *Cryptosporidium* control requirements for systems serving less than 10,000 persons by requiring a minimum 2-log removal for *Cryptosporidium*. The rule also strengthens filter performance requirements to ensure 2-log *Cryptosporidium* removal, establishes individual filter monitoring to minimize poor performance in individual units, includes *Cryptosporidium* in the definition of GWUDI, and explicitly considers unfiltered system watershed control provisions.

The rule also reflects a commitment to the importance of maintaining existing levels of microbial protection in public water systems as plants take steps to comply with newly applicable DBP standards. Systems considering significant changes to their disinfection practices must first evaluate current levels of *Giardia* inactivation (and virus inactivation if applicable) and consult with their state primacy agency for approval before implementing those changes. Thus, compliance with the provisions of the rule will improve public health protection by reducing the risk of exposure to *Cryptosporidium* in small systems serving fewer than 10,000 people even as those systems begin to take steps to comply with related DBP standards.

### **How much will this rule cost?**

In estimating the costs of the LT1ESWTR, the Agency considered impacts on

PWSs and States (including territories and EPA implementation in non-primacy States). The LT1ESWTR will result in increased costs to public water systems for implementing the components of the rule. States will also incur implementation costs. EPA estimates that the annual cost of the rule will be \$39.5 million.

Approximately 84 percent (\$33.1 million) of the rule's total annual costs are imposed on drinking water utilities. States incur the remaining 16 percent (\$6.4 million annually) of the LT1ESWTR's total annual cost. The turbidity provisions, which include treatment changes, monitoring and reporting, account for the largest portion of the total rule costs (\$37.7 million annually). Systems will incur most of the turbidity provision costs. The national estimate of annual system costs is based on estimates of system-level costs for the rule and estimates of the number of systems expected to incur each type of cost.

The average annual household cost is estimated to be \$6.24 per year. Ninety percent of households will experience costs of less than \$15 per year, and fewer than one percent of households are estimated to incur annual costs of greater than \$120 per year; however, this estimate is conservative because systems with fewer households are likely to choose less costly improvements.

#### **What are the benefits of this rule?**

The primary benefits of today's final rule come from reductions in the risk of illness from pathogens in drinking water. In particular, the LT1ESWTR focuses on reducing the risk associated with disinfection-resistant pathogens, such as *Cryptosporidium*. Other pathogens may also be removed more efficiently due to implementation of these provisions. Exposure to other pathogenic protozoa or other waterborne bacterial or viral pathogens are likely to be reduced by the provisions of this rule as well. In addition to preventing illnesses, this rule is expected to have other non-health related benefits. These benefits result from avoiding non-health related costs associated with waterborne disease outbreaks.

The annual monetized benefits of the proposed rule are conservatively calculated to be \$18.9-\$90.9 million. EPA estimates that implementation of the LT1ESWTR will result in a reduction of cryptosporidiosis illness of between 12,000 and 41,000 cases per year, and a reduction in mortalities due to cryptosporidiosis of between 1 and 5 deaths per year. Most of the avoided deaths would be among immunocompromised and other sensitive subpopulations.

#### **Is funding available to help systems comply with this rule?**

Since 1996, the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund has made over \$4.4 billion available to states, which have used the funding to provide loans to help water systems improve their infrastructure. Through December 31, 2000, states had made close to 1,600 loans for more than \$3.2 billion. Other federal funds for infrastructure financing are available through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program and the Rural Utilities Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. EPA also provides program management funding to states that have primary enforcement responsibility for their drinking water programs through the Public Water Systems Supervision (PWSS) grants program.

#### **How did EPA consult with stakeholders in developing this rule?**

EPA began outreach efforts to develop the LT1ESWTR in the summer of 1998 with two public meetings: one in Denver, Colorado and the other in Dallas, Texas. Building on these two public meetings, EPA held a number of additional meetings with stakeholders, trade associations, environmental groups, and representatives of

state and local elected officials. Of particular importance to this rule, given its focus on small systems, EPA received valuable input from small entity representatives who were consulted in accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA). The Small Business Advocacy Review Panel was initiated in April of 1998 and officially convened in August of 1998. Many of the Panel's recommendations are reflected in today's rule.

EPA provided numerous opportunities for stakeholder and public involvement. In June 1999, EPA mailed an informal draft of the LT1ESWTR preamble to the approximately 100 stakeholders who attended either of the public stakeholder meetings. Members of trade associations and the small entity representatives consulted in accordance with SBREFA also received the draft preamble. EPA received valuable suggestions and stakeholder input from 15 state representatives, trade associations, environmental interest groups, and individual stakeholders. EPA proposed the LT1ESWTR on April 10, 2000. During the comment period, the Agency held a public meeting in Washington, DC, on April 14, 2000. Additionally, the proposed rule was presented to industry, state representatives, and the public in nearly 50 meetings across the US, including a May 30, 2000 meeting in Washington, DC, with ten representatives of elected state and local officials. Finally, EPA mailed approximately 200 copies of the proposed rule to stakeholders.

#### **Where can the public get more information about this final rule?**

For general information on the LT1ESWTR, contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, at (800) 426-4791, or visit the EPA Safewater website, [www.epa.gov/safewater/mdbp/lt1eswtr.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/mdbp/lt1eswtr.html). For copies of the *Federal Register* notice of the final regulation or technical fact sheets, contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791. The Safe Drinking Water Hotline is open Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

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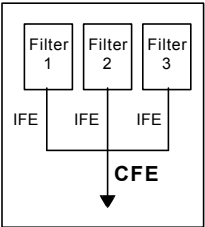
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# Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule: A Quick Reference Guide

## Overview of the Rule

<b>Title</b>	Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR) 67 FR 1812, January 14, 2002, Vol. 67, No. 9
<b>Purpose</b>	Improve public health protection through the control of microbial contaminants, particularly <i>Cryptosporidium</i> . Prevent significant increases in microbial risk that might otherwise occur when systems implement the Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule.
<b>General Description</b>	Builds upon the requirements of the 1989 Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR). Smaller system counterpart of the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR).
<b>Utilities Covered</b>	Public water systems that use surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI) and serve fewer than 10,000 people.

## Major Provisions

<b>Control of <i>Cryptosporidium</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) is set at zero.</li> <li>▶ Filtered systems must physically remove 99% (2-log) of <i>Cryptosporidium</i>.</li> <li>▶ Unfiltered systems must update their watershed control programs to minimize the potential for contamination by <i>Cryptosporidium</i> oocysts.</li> <li>▶ <i>Cryptosporidium</i> is included as an indicator of GWUDI.</li> </ul>
<b>Combined Filter Effluent (CFE) Turbidity Performance Standards</b>  	<p><b>Specific CFE turbidity requirements depend on the type of filtration used by the system.</b></p> <p><b>Conventional and direct filtration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <math>\leq</math> 0.3 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) in at least 95% of measurements taken each month.</li> <li>▶ Maximum level of turbidity: 1 NTU.</li> </ul> <p><b>Slow sand and diatomaceous earth (DE) filtration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Continue to meet CFE turbidity limits specified in the SWTR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 NTU in at least 95% of measurements taken each month.</li> <li>• Maximum level of turbidity: 5 NTU.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Alternative technologies (other than conventional, direct, slow sand, or DE):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Turbidity levels are established by the State based on filter demonstration data submitted by the system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State-set limits must not exceed 1 NTU (in at least 95% of measurements) or 5 NTU (maximum).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

For additional information on the LT1ESWTR

Call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791; visit the EPA web site at [www.epa.gov/safewater/mdbp/lt1eswtr.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/mdbp/lt1eswtr.html); or contact your State drinking water representative.

<sup>1</sup> This frequency may be reduced by the State to once per day for systems using slow sand/alternative filtration or for systems serving 500 persons or fewer regardless of the type of filtration used.

## Turbidity Monitoring Requirements

<b>Combined Filter Effluent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Performed at least every 4 hours to ensure compliance with CFE turbidity performance standards.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Individual Filter Effluent (IFE) (for systems using conventional and direct filtration only)</b>	<p><b>Since the CFE may meet regulatory requirements even though one filter is producing high turbidity water, the IFE is measured to assist conventional and direct filtration treatment plant operators in understanding and assessing individual filter performance.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Performed continuously (recorded at least every 15 minutes).</li> <li>▶ Systems with two or fewer filters may conduct continuous monitoring of CFE turbidity in place of individual filter effluent turbidity monitoring.</li> <li>▶ Certain follow-up actions are required if the IFE turbidity (or CFE for systems with two filters) exceeds 1.0 NTU in 2 consecutive readings or more (i.e., additional reporting, filter self-assessments, and/or comprehensive performance evaluations (CPEs)).</li> </ul>

## Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking Requirements

*Community and non-transient non-community public water systems must evaluate impacts on microbial risk before changing disinfection practices to ensure adequate microbial protection is maintained. This is accomplished through a process called disinfection profiling and benchmarking.*

What are the disinfection profiling and benchmarking requirements?

- ▶ Systems must develop a disinfection profile, which is a graphical compilation of weekly inactivation of *Giardia lamblia*, taken on the same calendar day each week over 12 consecutive months. (Systems using chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection must also calculate inactivation of viruses). Results must be available for review by the State during sanitary surveys.
- ▶ A State may deem a profile unnecessary if the system has sample data collected after January 1, 1998—during the month of warmest water temperature and at maximum residence time in the distribution system—indicating TTHM levels are below 0.064 mg/L and HAA5 levels are below 0.048 mg/L.
- ▶ Prior to making a significant change to disinfection practices, systems required to develop a profile must calculate a disinfection benchmark and consult with the State. The benchmark is the calculation of the lowest monthly average of inactivation based on the disinfection profile.

## Additional Requirements

- ▶ Construction of new uncovered finished water reservoirs is prohibited.

## Critical Deadlines and Requirements

### For Drinking Water Systems

March 15, 2002	Construction of uncovered finished reservoirs is prohibited.
July 1, 2003	No later than this date, systems serving between 500-9,999 persons must report to the State: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Results of optional monitoring which show levels of TTHM &lt; 0.064 mg/L and HAA5 &lt; 0.048 mg/L, OR</li> <li>▶ System has started profiling.</li> </ul>
January 1, 2004	No later than this date, systems serving fewer than 500 persons must report to the State: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Results of optional monitoring which show levels of TTHM &lt; 0.064 mg/L and HAA5 &lt; 0.048 mg/L, OR</li> <li>▶ System has started profiling.</li> </ul>
June 30, 2004	Systems serving between 500 and 9,999 persons must complete their disinfection profile unless the State has determined it is unnecessary.
December 31, 2004	Systems serving fewer than 500 persons must complete their disinfection profile unless the State has determined it is unnecessary.
January 14, 2005	Surface water systems or GWUDI systems serving fewer than 10,000 people must comply with the applicable LT1ESWTR provisions (e.g., turbidity standards, individual filter monitoring, <i>Cryptosporidium</i> removal requirements, updated watershed control requirements for unfiltered systems).

### For States

January 2002	As per the IESWTR, States begin first round of sanitary surveys (at least every 3 years for community water systems and every 5 years for non-community water systems).
October 14, 2003	States are encouraged to submit final primacy applications to EPA.
January 14, 2004	Final primacy applications must be submitted to EPA unless granted an extension.
December 2004	States must complete first round of sanitary surveys for community water systems (as per the IESWTR).
January 14, 2006	Final primacy revision applications from States with approved 2-year extension agreements must be submitted to EPA.
December 2006	States must complete first round of sanitary surveys for non-community water systems (as per the IESWTR).

## Public Health Benefits

Implementation of the LT1ESWTR will result in . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Increased protection against gastrointestinal illnesses from <i>Cryptosporidium</i> and other pathogens through improvements in filtration.</li> <li>▶ Reduced likelihood of endemic illness from <i>Cryptosporidium</i> by an estimated 12,000 to 41,000 cases annually.</li> <li>▶ Reduced likelihood of outbreaks of cryptosporidiosis.</li> </ul>
Estimated impacts of the LT1ESWTR include . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ National total annualized cost: \$39.5 million.</li> <li>▶ 90% of affected households will incur an increase of less than \$1.25 per month.</li> <li>▶ One percent of affected households are likely to incur an increase of more than \$10 per month.</li> </ul>



## WHAT SHOULD A CPE REPORT INCLUDE?

**Assessment of the performance of the plant** including evaluations of sedimentation basin performance, filter media, and filter performance during routine operation and critical "worst-case" time periods (e.g., peak flow conditions and directly after backwash). The report should include a graphical representation of the plant's performance over a 1-year period that shows raw, clarified, and finished water turbidity against time.

**Evaluation of all major unit processes** existing at the plant, for their potential to achieve **optimized** performance (including flocculation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection processes). The report should emphasize maximizing the use of existing facilities rather than constructing new infrastructure.

**Performance Limiting Factors** that were identified as impacting plant performance should be listed in their order of priority. Issues such as the aesthetics of the plant should not be included in the report unless linked to the performance problems. The report **should not include specific recommendations for improvements**. Recommendations are best addressed in follow-up technical assistance, ideally through solutions developed and implemented by plant staff with outside facilitation.

The report should be free of design or operational bias. Engineering professionals may be inclined to emphasize design factors. CPE teams may also be reluctant to identify operational and administrative issues that may offend or impact the plant's staff. Preferably, the report should emphasize operational solutions rather than major design changes.

**Assessment of potential follow-up activities** appropriate for the plant. Follow-up could include state-directed Comprehensive Technical Assistance (CTA) or third-party activities.

## REVIEW OF A CPE REPORT

The CPE report will be reviewed by the state to ensure that the CPE team has followed the proper protocol and has considered all of the key CPE areas. The review ensures that the evaluation and report maintains a focus on public health, optimizing performance, and the multiple barrier strategy of surface water treatment.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

### Introduction to Comprehensive Performance Evaluations

(EPA/625/C-01-011) CPE Training CD

### Optimizing Water Treatment Plant Performance Using the Composite Correction Program


(EPA 625/6-91/027/August 1998)

*For ordering either of these documents or for general drinking water information, contact EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline [800-426-4791] or see the EPA website <http://www.epa.gov/safewater.html>.*

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# Comprehensive Performance Evaluation (CPE): The Basics

## PURPOSE

This brochure is intended for use by surface water treatment systems, state personnel, and third-

parties that have become involved with a Comprehensive Performance Evaluation (CPE) of a surface water treatment plant. The CPE was originally developed as a voluntary activity to assist filtration plants in achieving "optimized" performance and thereby achieving an increased level of public health protection. With EPA's promulgation of the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) and the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR), some systems may now be required to have a CPE conducted at their facility. The fundamental procedures for a CPE, whether initiated due to an individual filter effluent trigger or simply to achieve plant optimization, are the same. The process will involve the water system staff, state regulators, and, depending on the policies of the state, possibly a third-party.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The information presented here is not intended to instruct the reader in how to conduct a CPE, but rather to help systems, states, and third-parties understand their roles and responsibilities in the CPE process. Specific information on how to conduct a CPE is presented in the references cited at the end of this brochure.

## WHAT IS A CPE?

A CPE is a thorough review and analysis of a filtration plant's performance and an

assessment of the impact of administrative, design, operation, and maintenance practices on the plant's turbidity levels. The CPE focuses on factors that adversely impact a plant's ability to achieve optimized performance and consists of the following components:

- ✓ assessment of plant performance;
- ✓ evaluation of major unit processes;
- ✓ identification and prioritization of performance limiting factors;
- ✓ assessment of the applicability of follow-up activities necessary; and
- ✓ preparation of a CPE report.



## WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF A CPE?

The focus of the CPE process is to assess the water treatment plant facilities, operations and administration to determine the ability of each one to optimize treatment performance. The CPE focuses on identifying and prioritizing factors that limit optimized performance. CPEs should provide water systems a road map of key issues they will need to address to achieve long-term optimized turbidity performance and compliance. **Specific recommendations are not provided.**

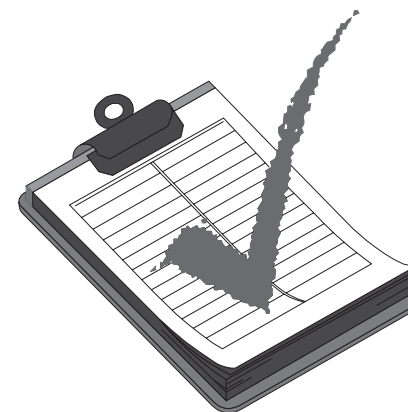
During the CPE, a team of outside individuals will collect data, perform special studies, and conduct interviews with system personnel. The team will gather information on:

- ▶ **Performance Assessment** including plant turbidity levels over a 12-month period and continuous individual filter performance.
- ▶ **Administration** including policies, budgeting, and staffing.
- ▶ **Design** including basic information regarding the size and capacities of the plant's major unit processes (flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection) to assess their potential to meet optimized performance at peak instantaneous flow.
- ▶ **Operational issues** regarding process control programs (chemical dosage, backwash, etc.).
- ▶ **Maintenance procedures** to assess whether any aspect of the maintenance program limits the plant's capability to optimize performance.

## WHAT SHOULD A CPE TEAM LOOK LIKE?

The following should be considered in the makeup of a CPE team:

- ✓ The CPE team should have experience and expertise in all key areas of a CPE, including field training and experience using EPA's protocol (outlined in the references cited at the end of this brochure). The team must have solid knowledge of SDWA regulations, water treatment concepts, treatment plant operations, and public health priorities.
- ✓ Team members should have broad experience in operating, designing, and troubleshooting surface water treatment facilities, including evaluating facilities with diverse raw water quality and operational or design constraints.
- ✓ The team should consist of at least two professionals, qualified to assess treatment plant design, process control, operation, maintenance, and administrative practices.
- ✓ The team must be able to identify potentially controversial factors and effectively communicate them. The CPE team must be without bias toward design or capital improvements.



**LT1ESWTR DISINFECTION PROFILING EXEMPTION FORM  
TTHM/HAA5 SAMPLING**

40 C.F.R. Section 141.531 of Subpart T (the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule for systems serving <10,000 people) allows the regulatory agency to determine that a public water system does not need to conduct a Disinfection Profile if the system's TTHM and HAA5 levels are below 0.064 mg/L and 0.048 mg/L, respectively. To determine these levels, the TTHM and HAA5 samples must be collected after January 1, 1998, during the month with the warmest water temperature, and at the point of maximum residence time in your distribution system. **Note: THESE REQUIREMENTS ONLY APPLY TO COMMUNITY OR NON-TRANSIENT, NON-COMMUNITY SYSTEMS—IF YOUR PWS IS TRANSIENT, YOU CAN DISREGARD THIS NOTICE.**

If you wish to qualify for this exemption, please complete this form and attach copies of the laboratory test results for TTHM and HAA5. We encourage you to conduct this sampling this summer, and submit results to EPA by December 31, 2002 to allow us to determine your exemption status for conducting Disinfection Profiling. Notes:

- Please consult the enclosed list of labs in [Insert State], which have been certified for analyzing these disinfection byproducts; a certified lab should be used.
- Justification for your choice of the month of warmest water temperature should be included; such as a summary of historical measurements of water temperature, etc.
- Please explain and justify your choice of sampling location for the maximum residence time in the distribution system. This can be based upon lengths of piping, measurements of chlorine residuals showing the location with the lowest residual (maximum residence time), etc.

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PWS Name \_\_\_\_\_ PWS ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Sampling: \_\_\_\_\_ TTHM value  
(mg/L) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Sampling: \_\_\_\_\_ HAA5 value (mg/L) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sampling Location (indicate why this is the location of maximum residence time):

Sampling Month (indicate why this month has the warmest water temperature):

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Operator Name)

Please return this form with supporting data (lab reports, etc.) to:

Who Ever  
XX Department of Health  
XXX State Street  
Anytown, XX XXXXX \_\_\_\_\_

## Example System Notification Letter

State Letterhead

John Smith, Supt.  
Town Water System, PWSID XXXXXXXX  
Town, ST 12345

RE: Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule

Dear Mr. Smith:

On January 14, 2002, the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule was published in the Federal Register. This letter is being provided to notify you that your public water system may be affected by this rule.

The Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (abbreviated LT1ESWTR) applies to public water systems that meet both of the following criteria:

- ⇒ Use surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water, and
- ⇒ Serve fewer than 10,000 people

You are receiving this letter as our data shows your system uses surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water.

If you are an unfiltered system, you must take additional steps necessary to minimize potential for contamination by *Cryptosporidium*. If you are a filtered system using conventional, direct, or an alternative filtration technology, the rule will impact the performance and monitoring of your filtration plant beginning January 1, 2005\*, by revising turbidity limits for combined filter effluent. In addition, for systems using conventional or direct filtration, individual filter effluent monitoring will now be required. Systems using alternative filtration technologies are required to demonstrate removal and inactivation capabilities prior to January 1, 2005\* in order for this agency to establish turbidity limits. Whether filtered or not, the rule requires monitoring and reporting related to microbial inactivation (referred to as a disinfection profile), for which you may need to take specific action by July 1, 2003 [or January 1, 2004] unless optional TTHM and HAA5 monitoring is conducted and this agency has determined a profile is unnecessary.

A Quick Reference Guide and Fact Sheets for the LT1ESWTR are enclosed. The guide provides more information on this regulation and the Fact Sheet explains the requirements for disinfection byproduct profiling and benchmarking in more detail.

Please contact this office at XXX-XXXX if you have any questions about this letter or the LT1ESWTR and its affect on your system. We appreciate your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Enclosures: LT1ESWTR Quick Reference Guide, LT1ESWTR General Fact Sheet  
LT1ESWTR Fact Sheet: Turbidity Provisions for Conventional and Direct Filtration Systems  
LT1ESWTR Fact Sheet: Turbidity Provisions for Slow Sand, Diatom, Earth and Alt. Filtration  
LT1ESWTR Fact Sheet: Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking for LT1ESWTR  
LT1ESWTR Fact Sheet: Disinfection Profiling for the LT1ESWTR

\*The compliance date was changed from January 14, 2005 to January 1, 2005 by technical correction [69 FR 38850].

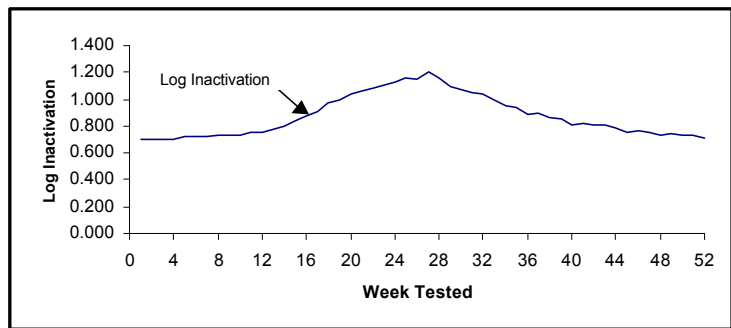


# Fact Sheet: Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking for LT1ESWTR

**The Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR) was finalized January 14, 2002. LT1ESWTR requires public water systems that use surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water and serve fewer than 10,000 people to evaluate their disinfection practices through disinfection profiling and benchmarking.**

## WHAT IS A DISINFECTION PROFILE?

A disinfection profile summarizes the effectiveness of your system's disinfection practices. It is a graphical representation of your system's level of inactivation (i.e., pathogens killed by disinfection) of *Giardia lamblia* (and viruses if your system uses chloramines, ozone or chlorine dioxide for primary disinfection) each week for a period of one year. The disinfection profile does not need to be submitted to the State. However, it must be available for review during a sanitary survey.

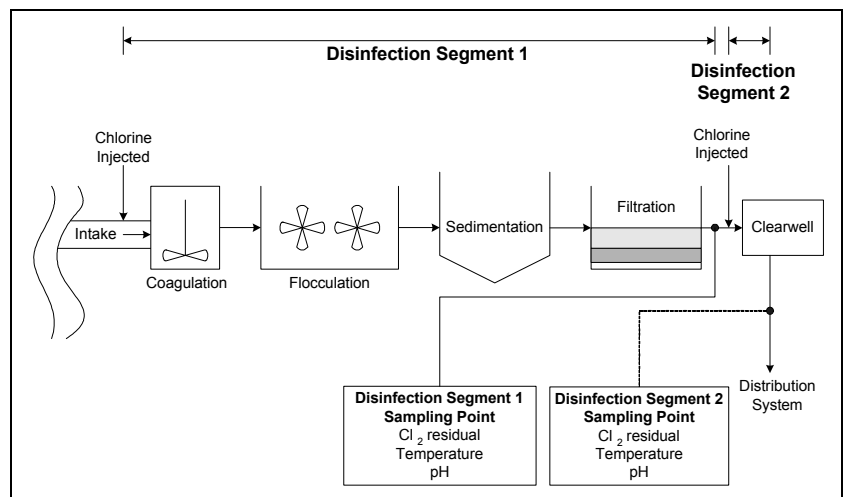


**Example Disinfection Profile**

Systems serving 500 to 9,999 people have to begin their disinfection profile by July 1, 2003. Systems serving fewer than 500 people must start their profile by January 1, 2004. **Systems are reminded that the State may waive the profile requirement if a system can satisfy certain TTHM and HAA5 criteria.**

## HOW IS A DISINFECTION PROFILE DEVELOPED?

To develop a disinfection profile, a system must start by identifying disinfection segments. A disinfection segment is a section of a treatment system beginning at one disinfectant injection or monitoring point and ending at the next disinfectant injection or monitoring point. The final disinfectant monitoring point must be located before or at the first customer.



**Example Showing a System with Two Disinfection Segments**

After a system has identified the disinfection segments, the system must collect the following data for each disinfection segment, on the same day each week, over the course of one year, during peak hourly flow, to determine log inactivation for the treatment plant:

- The residual disinfectant concentration (“C”, in mg/L);
- Contact time “T” in minutes (the time the water is in contact with the disinfectant); **AND**
- At each residual disinfectant concentration sampling point:
  - Water temperature (in degrees Celsius) and
  - pH (only for systems using chlorine).

The contact time T (sometimes referred to as T10) is an estimate of the detention time within a basin, pipe or other sub-unit (such as a clearwell).

**HINT:** Before measuring or calculating T, the system should review its own permits and/or other documents, or contact the State to see if T has already been determined (e.g., historical records or a tracer study). If T is already known, Steps 3 through 7 in the table below (used to calculate T) can be skipped.

Use the following 12-step approach to calculate log inactivation for the treatment plant.

### 12 Suggested Steps to Calculating Weekly *Giardia*\* Log Inactivation

Step	Action/Activity/Task	Step	Action/Activity/Task
1	Determine the peak hourly flow in gallons/minute.	7	Calculate the contact time of the disinfectant in the sub-unit (Contact Time “T” = TDT x BF).
2	Measure the residual disinfectant concentration (“C”, in mg/L), temperature (in °C), and pH (if chlorine is used) during peak hourly flow at the same sampling point and time.	8	Determine $CT_{calc}$ . Where $CT_{calc} = C \times T$ [C is residual disinfectant concentration, measured in Step 2 (in mg/L), and T is contact time, calculated in Step 7 (in minutes)].
3	Measure the physical dimensions of the sub-unit (e.g., clearwell or pipe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure the inner diameter, which will be used to determine the volume of water in the sub-unit.</li> <li>• Measure the minimum operating depth in the sub-unit to obtain a conservative estimate of water depth in the sub-unit.</li> </ul>	9	Locate CT table for 3-log <i>Giardia</i> inactivation based on water temperature, pH, and residual disinfectant concentration. See Appendix B in the LT1ESWTR Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking Technical Guidance Manual for the CT tables.
4	Calculate the volume of the water (in ft <sup>3</sup> ) in the sub-unit based on measurements in Step 3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Appendix F in the LT1ESWTR Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking Technical Guidance Manual for volume equations.</li> </ul>	10	Obtain $CT_{99.9}$ value(s) from the table in Step 9.
5	Calculate the Theoretical Detention Time (TDT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>TDT = V / Q</math>. Where V = volume and Q = peak hourly flow. Remember to work in common units (7.48 gallons = 1 cubic foot).</li> </ul>	11	Where applicable, repeat steps 1 through 11 for each disinfection segment.
6	Determine the baffling factor (BF) for the sub-unit [see the LT1ESWTR Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking Technical Guidance Manual (Chapter 3 and Table 3-2) for information on baffling factors or check with your State].	12	For systems with one disinfection segment calculate log inactivation = $3 \times CT_{calc} / CT_{99.9}$ . For systems with two or more disinfection segments, calculate log inactivation = $3 \times \Sigma CT_{calc} / CT_{99.9}$ where $\Sigma CT_{calc} / CT_{99.9}$ = the sum of the inactivation ratios for all disinfection segments.

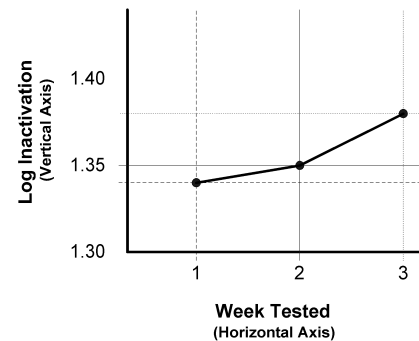
\*Systems using chloramines, ozone, or chlorine dioxide, as the primary disinfectant must also calculate virus log inactivation. For more information on calculating virus log inactivation see the LT1ESWTR Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking Technical Guidance Manual.

Operational data are collected during peak hourly flow from all disinfection segments using analytical methods specified in 40 CFR Part § 141.74(a).

An electronic spreadsheet to assist systems in calculating log inactivation values and the disinfection profile and benchmark is posted on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/mdbp/lt1eswtr.html>.

## WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

To complete the disinfection profile, plot the weekly log inactivation values calculated over the course of one year. The log inactivations are plotted along the vertical axis with the corresponding weeks of the year plotted along the horizontal axis as shown at right. After the points are plotted, lines are drawn to connect the points in order by the week tested.



## WHAT IS A DISINFECTION BENCHMARK?

A disinfection benchmark must be determined by your system if:

- You had to develop a disinfection profile **AND**
- You are considering making a significant change to your disinfection practices.

Your system must complete the disinfection profile and benchmark and consult with the State before making a significant change to your disinfection practices.

The disinfection benchmark is a water system's lowest monthly average log inactivation, and is determined using the data collected weekly for the disinfection profile. To determine the benchmark, the system must first calculate the average log inactivation for each calendar month of the disinfection profile. The monthly average log inactivation is calculated by adding the weekly log inactivation values for a particular month and dividing that value by the number of weekly values for that particular month. The month with the lowest monthly average log inactivation is the benchmark.

## WHAT MUST A SYSTEM DO IF CONSIDERING A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE TO DISINFECTION PRACTICES?

A significant change is defined as: (a) Changes to the point of disinfection; (b) Changes to the disinfectant(s) used in the treatment plant; (c) Changes to the disinfection process; or (d) Any other modification identified by the State.

If you are considering a significant change to disinfection practices your system must consult with the State for approval and submit the following information to the State:

- A description of the proposed change;
- The disinfection profile and benchmark;
- An analysis of how the proposed change will affect the current levels of disinfection; and
- Any additional information requested by the State.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ON DISINFECTION PROFILING AND BENCHMARKING?

- **LT1ESWTR Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking Technical Guidance Manual** [EPA 816-R-03-004]– This manual will provide information on the disinfection profiling and benchmarking process. Detailed explanations and examples will be presented to assist system operators with performing the disinfection profiling and benchmarking analyses.

For general information or to obtain the document listed above, contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or visit <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/mdbp/lt1eswtr.html>



# PLEASE LOOK INSIDE

**Your water system is affected by the requirements of the new Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule.**



# **Appendix D**

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## **Flowcharts of Rule Requirements**

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## Implementation Flowchart Index

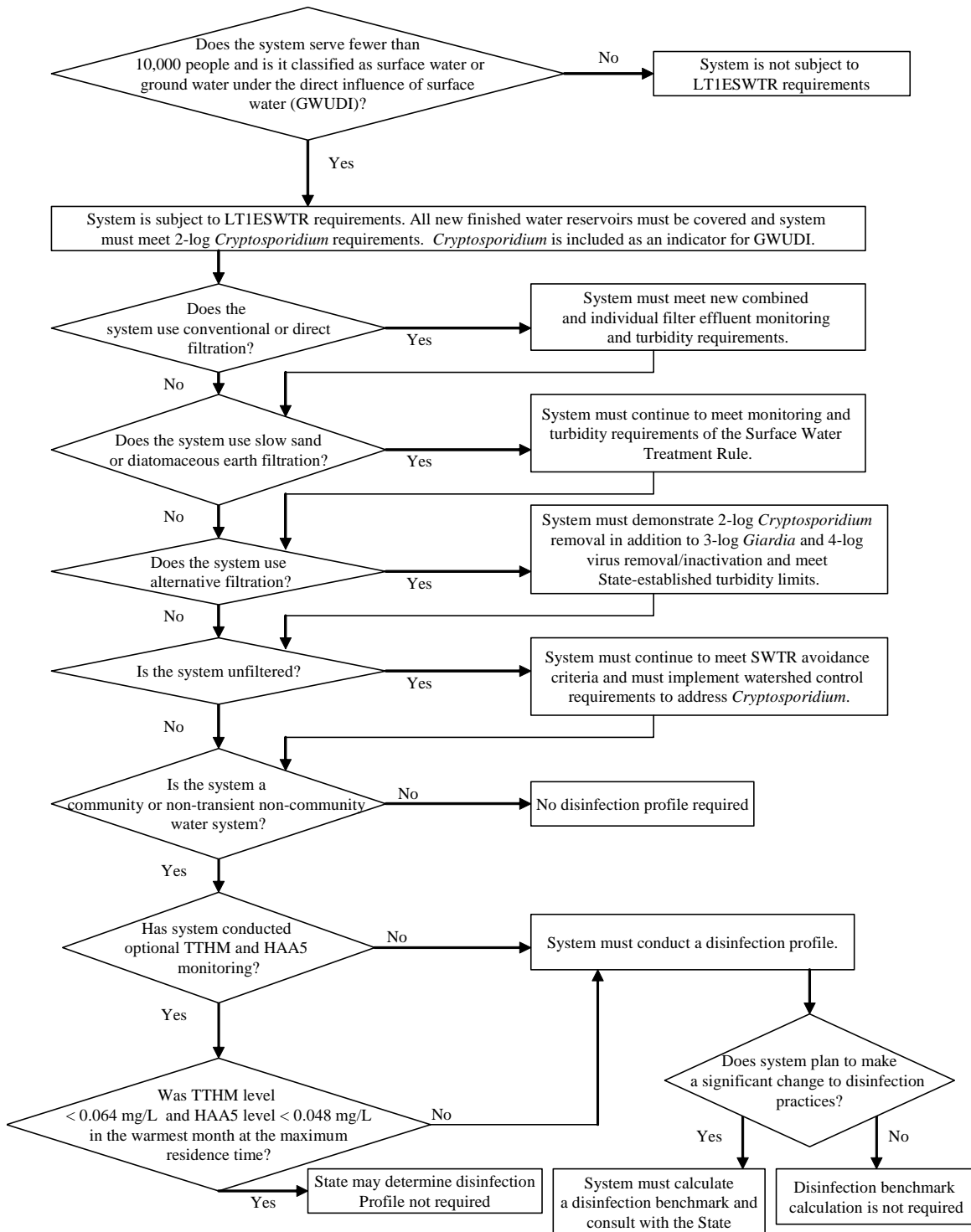
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### LT1ESWTR

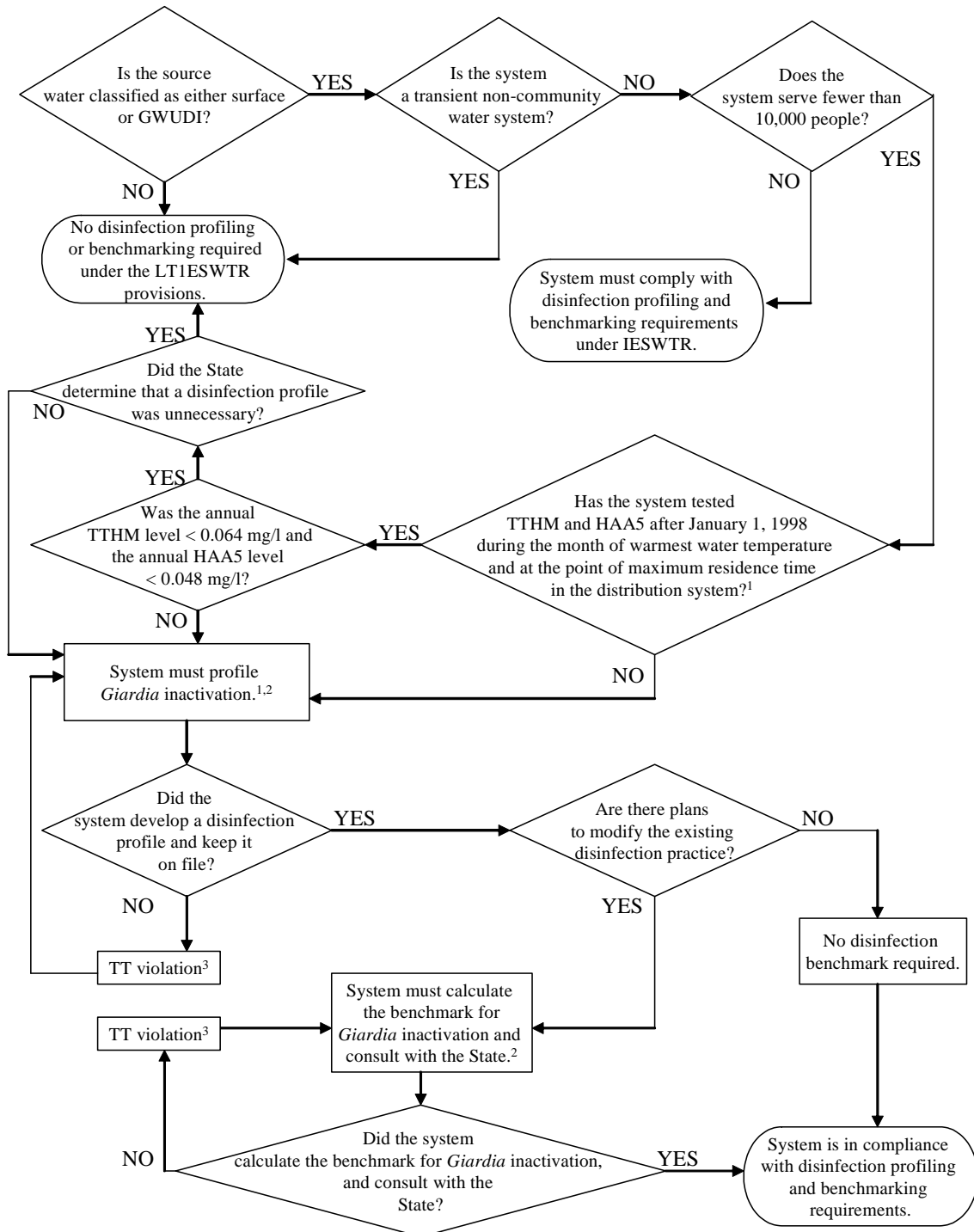
The following flowcharts are provided as a guide to the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR) based on the Federal requirements. They do not include all the exceptions to the LT1ESWTR that may apply. In addition, since State requirements may be more stringent than the Federal requirements, systems should consult with their States regarding State-specific requirements.

- General Requirements of the LT1ESWTR
- LT1ESWTR Disinfection Profile and Benchmark Decision Tree
- Combined Filter Effluent (CFE) Turbidity Provisions of the LT1ESWTR For Systems Using Conventional or Direct Filtration
- Individual Filter Effluent (IFE) Turbidity Provisions of the LT1ESWTR For Systems Using Conventional or Direct Filtration
- *Part 1: IFE Monitoring Provisions*
- *Part 2: IFE Turbidity Exceedance Follow-Up Actions*
  - Combined Filter Effluent (CFE) Turbidity Provisions of the LT1ESWTR For Systems Using Slow Sand or Diatomaceous Earth Filtration
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# General Requirements of the LT1ESWTR

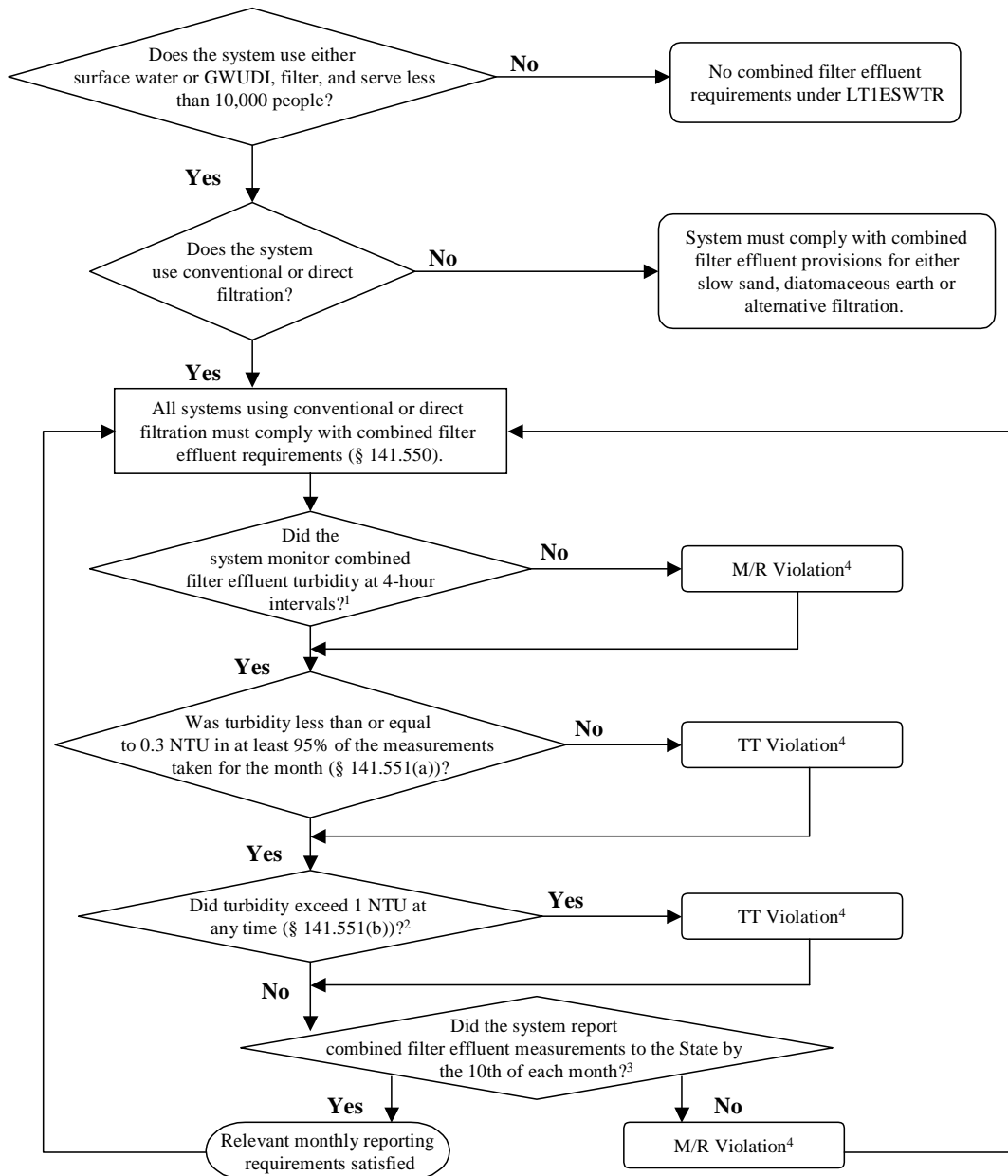


# LT1ESWTR Disinfection Profile and Benchmark Decision Tree



1. If using chlorine dioxide, ozone, or chloramines as a primary disinfectant, the system must also profile and/or benchmark viral inactivation.
2. Disinfection profile must be kept on file for State to review during sanitary survey.
3. Tier 2 violation. Public notification is required within 30 days.

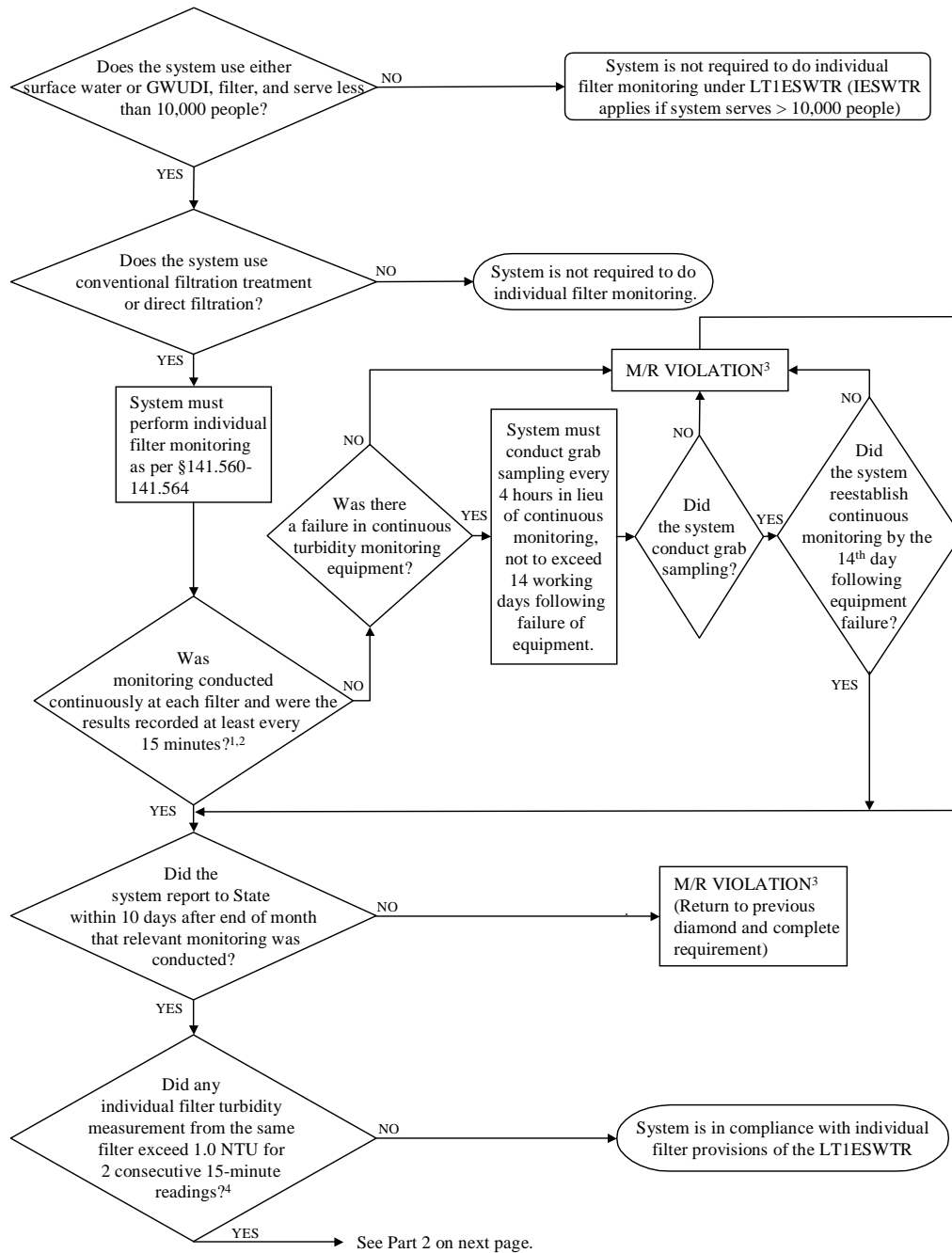
## Combined Filter Effluent (CFE) Turbidity Provisions of the LT1ESWTR For Systems Using Conventional or Direct Filtration



1. As per the SWTR, 40 CFR Section 141.74 (c)(1), the State may reduce this monitoring frequency for systems serving 500 or fewer people to one sample per day if the State determines that less frequent monitoring is sufficient to indicate effective filtration performance.
2. System must consult with the Primacy Agency no later than 24 hours after learning of the violation in accordance with the Public Notification Rule (40 CFR Section 141.203(b)(3)).
3. Systems must report to the State the total number of combined filter effluent turbidity measurements taken during the previous month, the number and percentage of turbidity measurements that were less than or equal to 0.3 NTU, and date and value of any turbidity measurements exceeding 1 NTU (40 CFR Section 141.570(a)).
4. Public notification is required per Appendix A to Subpart Q of 40 CFR Section 141.

# Individual Filter Effluent (IFE) Turbidity Provisions of the LT1ESWTR For Systems Using Conventional or Direct Filtration

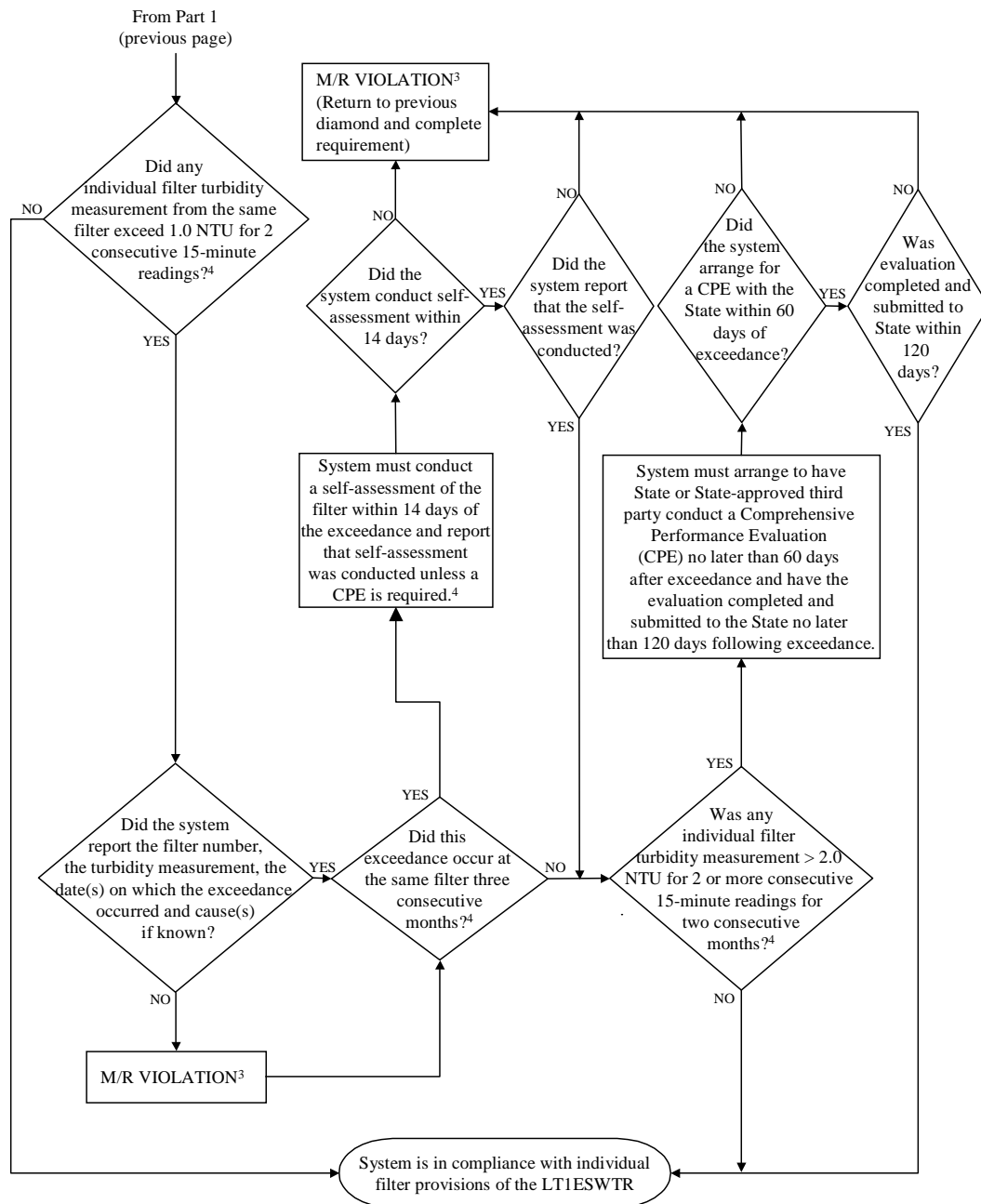
## Part 1: IFE Monitoring Provisions



1. Systems with two or fewer filters may conduct continuous monitoring of combined filter effluent in lieu of individual filter effluent turbidity monitoring.
2. Monitoring must be conducted using an approved method in 40 CFR Section 141.74(a). Calibration of turbidimeters must be conducted using procedures specified by the manufacturer.
3. System has an M/R violation until the relevant requirement is completed (such as conducting a filter self-assessment). Public notification is required per Appendix A to Subpart Q of 40 CFR Section 141.
4. For systems with two or fewer filters, combined filter effluent can be substituted for individual filter effluent (see footnote 1). If a filter self-assessment is triggered, the self-assessment must be conducted on both filters.

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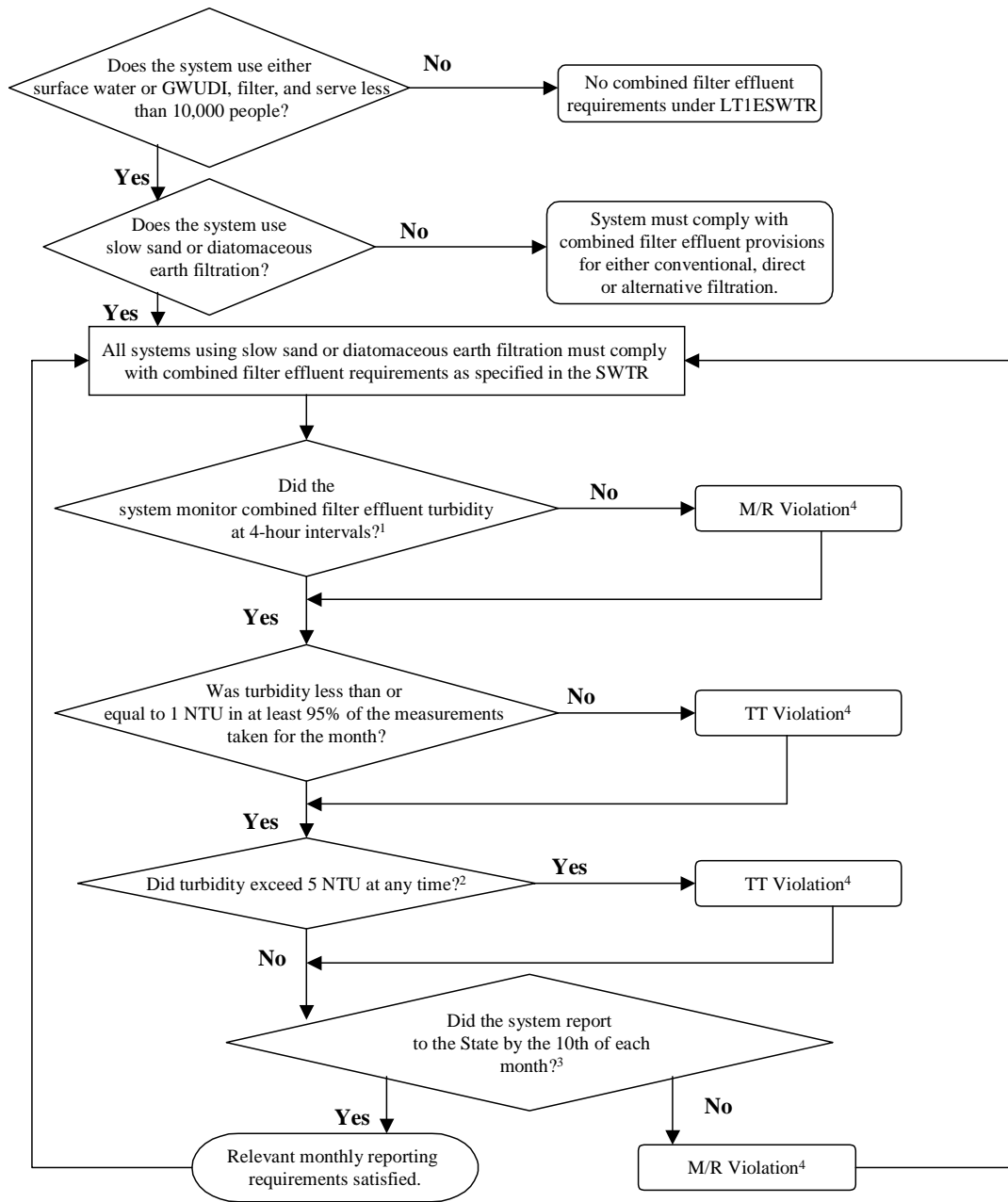
## Part 2: IFE Turbidity Exceedance Follow-Up Actions



1. Systems with two or fewer filters may conduct continuous monitoring of combined filter effluent in lieu of individual filter effluent turbidity monitoring.
2. Monitoring must be conducted using an approved method in 40 CFR Section 141.74(a). Calibration of turbidimeters must be conducted using procedures specified by the manufacturer.
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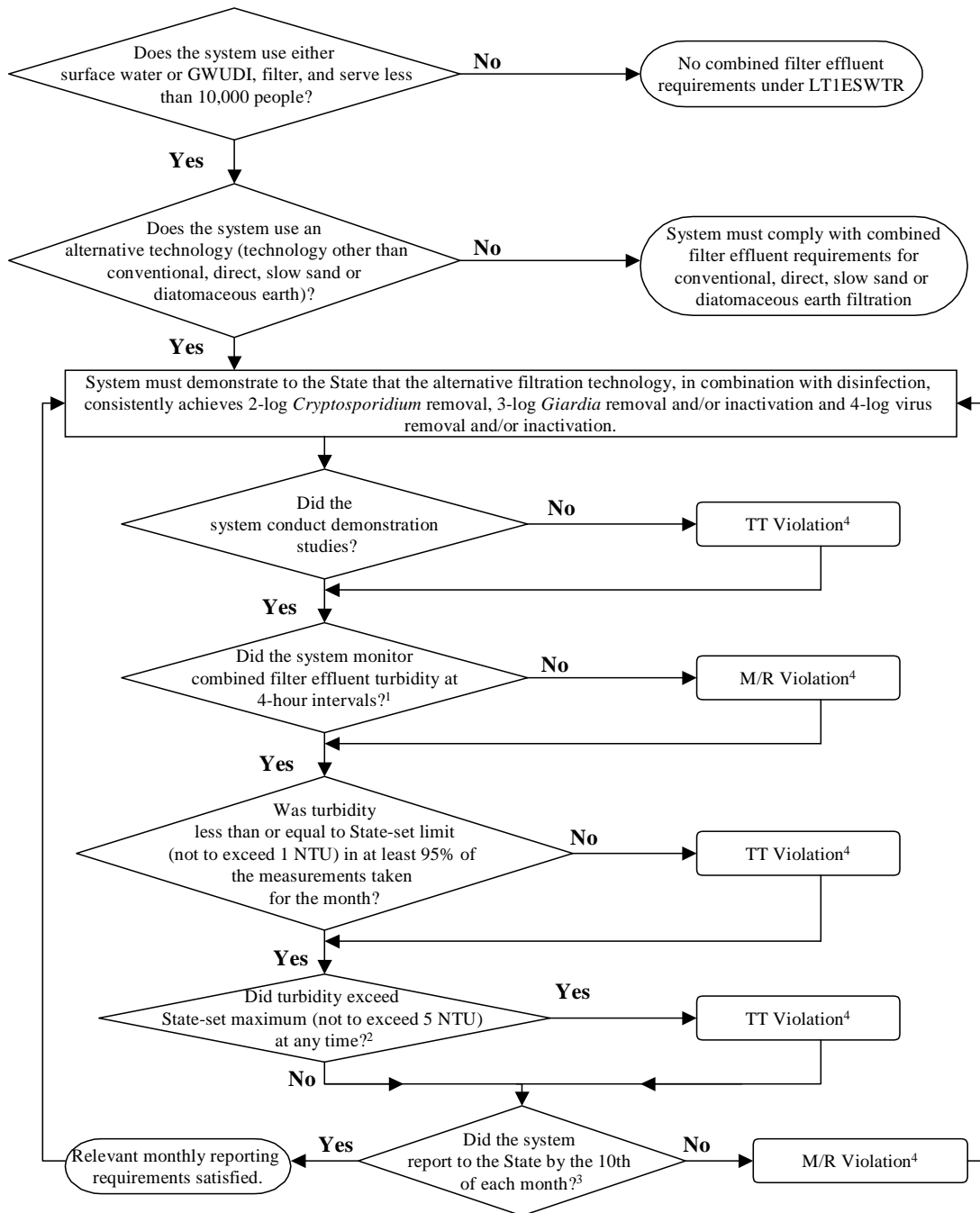


## Combined Filter Effluent (CFE) Turbidity Provisions of the LT1ESWTR For Systems Using Slow Sand or Diatomaceous Earth Filtration



1. As per the SWTR, 40 CFR Section 141.74 (c)(1), the State may reduce this monitoring frequency to one sample per day for any systems using slow sand filtration or for systems using diatomaceous earth filtration serving 500 or fewer people if the State determines that less frequent monitoring is sufficient to indicate effective filtration performance.
2. System must consult with the Primacy Agency no later than 24 hours after learning of the violation in accordance with the Public Notification Rule (40 CFR Section 141.203(b)(3)).
3. The total number of turbidity measurements taken during the previous month, the number and percentage of turbidity measurements that were less than or equal to 1 NTU, and date and value of any turbidity measurements exceeding 5 NTU.
4. Public notification is required per Appendix A to Subpart Q of 40 CFR Section 141.

## Combined Filter Effluent (CFE) Turbidity Provisions of the LT1ESWTR For Systems Using Alternative Filtration Technologies



1. As per the SWTR, 40 CFR Section 141.74 (c)(1), the State may reduce this frequency to one sample per day if the State determines that less frequent monitoring is sufficient to indicate effective filtration performance.
2. System must consult the Primacy Agency no later than 24 hours after learning of the violation in accordance with the Public Notification Rule (40 CFR Section 141.203(b)(3)).
3. The total number of turbidity measurements taken during the previous month, the number and percentage of combined filter effluent turbidity measurements that were less than or equal to the State-set limit (not to exceed 1 NTU), and date and value of any combined filter effluent turbidity measurements exceeding the State-set maximum value (not to exceed 5 NTU).
4. Public notification is required per Appendix A to Subpart Q of 40 CFR Section 141.

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## **LT1ESWTR Data Entry Instructions with Examples**

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# Acronyms, Abbreviations and Definitions

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“C”	Residual Disinfectant Concentration
CFE	Combined Filter Effluent
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CPE	Comprehensive Performance Evaluation
CT	Residual Disinfectant Concentration in mg/L “C” x Disinfectant Contact Time in min “T”
CWS	Community Water System
DBP	Disinfection Byproducts
DBPP	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
DBPR	Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule
DTF	Data Transfer File
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
GWUDI	Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water
HAA5	Haloacetic acids (Monochloroacetic, Dichloroacetic, Trichloroacetic, Monobromoacetic and Dibromoacetic Acids)
LT1ESWTR	Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule
IFE	Individual Filter Effluent
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
M-DBP	Microbial and Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts
M&R	Monitoring and Reporting
MRT	Maximum Residence Time
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
PWS	Public Water System
RTC	Return to Compliance
SCADA	Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (System)
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act, or “The Act,” as amended 1996
SDWIS/FED	Safe Drinking Water Information System/Federal Government
Stage 1 DBPR	Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule
Subpart H	PWS using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water
SWTR	Surface Water Treatment Rule
“T”	Disinfectant Contact Time
TT	Treatment Technique
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
WSF	Water System Facilities

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# **Section 1**

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## **Introduction**

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# Introduction

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## 1.1 What is the purpose of this Guidance Document?

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On January 14, 2002, the USEPA published in the *Federal Register* the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR). This document is intended to provide guidance to Primacy Agencies regarding the monitoring and reporting requirements of the LT1ESWTR. It discusses, through the use of typical water system examples, system inventory and reporting required under the rule and the Primacy Agency's reporting responsibilities to EPA's database, the Safe Drinking Water Information System/Federal Government (SDWIS/FED). Using this reference, Primacy Agencies will be able to identify the situations that define noncompliance under the LT1ESWTR, and they will be better prepared to identify violations and report appropriate noncompliance information to EPA. Throughout this document, the term Primacy Agency will be used to refer to a State, Tribal Government, or EPA Region with primary enforcement authority for the SDWA.

## 1.2 How is this Document Organized?

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The document includes an introduction in Section 1 and three additional sections as follows: Section 2 discusses inventory reporting requirements for the rule, as well as violation determination and when, where and what to report; Section 3 provides basic SDWIS reporting information regarding the LT1ESWTR; Section 4 describes additional resources for information on the LT1ESWTR. Section 2 is divided into four subsections that discuss system inventory reporting, treatment technique (TT) violations, monitoring and reporting (M&R) violations and recordkeeping violations. Each violation type subsection uses example facility descriptions and the appropriate SDWIS/FED violation type codes to illustrate the typical violations that may be encountered during routine operations of water systems. Example DTF (data transfer file) transactions that Primacy Agencies would report to EPA, representing the information or violations are also included.

## 1.3 What is the benefit of the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR)?

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The LT1ESWTR is part of a series of rules, the "Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts Cluster" (M-DBP Cluster) that are intended to control microbial pathogens while minimizing the public health risks of disinfectants and disinfection byproducts (DBPs). The LT1ESWTR is designed to address the health risks from microbial contaminants without significantly increasing the potential risks from chemical contaminants.

The LT1ESWTR will increase the level of protection from exposure to *Cryptosporidium* and other pathogens for drinking water systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons.

## 1.4 What is the General Applicability of the LT1ESWTR?

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The LT1ESWTR applies to public water systems (PWSs) that use surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI), in whole or in part, and serve fewer than 10,000 people. (The term subpart H systems is used to refer to PWSs that use surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water.)

As mentioned previously, any system that serves fewer than 10,000 people and uses a surface water or GWUDI source must comply with the requirements of the LT1ESWTR. Systems that use these sources

seasonally or for emergency purposes are required to comply with the LT1ESWTR during any time that the surface water or GWUDI source is used.

A system that purchases water from a subpart H system that must comply with the provisions of the LT1ESWTR will be provided with public notice of any violations of the LT1ESWTR by the seller, and must then provide that notice to its consumers according to the provisions of 40 CFR141.201. Since the provisions of the LT1ESWTR generally apply to subpart H system treatment plants, systems that purchase water generally do not have direct responsibilities under the LT1ESWTR unless the purchased water is untreated.

Systems are required to comply with the turbidity and monitoring requirements no later than January 1, 2005. In addition, PWS are required to develop an evaluation of their existing disinfection practice (a *disinfection profile*) beginning no later than July 1, 2003 for systems serving 500 to 9,999 people and by January 1, 2004 for systems serving fewer than 500 people. Systems must cover any finished water reservoirs on which construction is begun on or after March 15, 2002. For more information on the LT1ESWTR, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or visit EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/safewater/mdbp/lt1eswtr.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/mdbp/lt1eswtr.html).

## **1.5 What is SDWIS and How Does it Work?**

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SDWIS/FED (Safe Drinking Water Information System/Federal version) is an EPA national database storing routine information about the Nation's drinking water.

Primacy Agencies supervise the drinking water systems within their jurisdictions to implement and enforce the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The SDWA requires reporting drinking water information periodically to EPA; this information is maintained in SDWIS/FED.

Primacy Agencies report the following information to EPA:

1. Basic information on each water system, including: name, PWS-ID number, number of people served, type of system (year-round or seasonal), and source of water (ground water or surface water).
2. Violation information for each water system: whether it has failed to follow established monitoring and reporting schedules, failed to comply with mandated treatment techniques, or violated any Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).
3. Enforcement information: what actions Primacy Agencies have taken to ensure that drinking water systems return to compliance if they are in violation of a drinking water regulation.
4. Monitoring results for unregulated contaminants and for regulated contaminants in certain instances when the monitoring results exceed the MCL.

EPA uses this information to determine if and when it needs to take action against non-compliant systems, oversee Primacy Agency drinking water programs, track contaminant levels, respond to public inquiries, and prepare national reports. EPA also uses this information to evaluate the effectiveness of its programs and regulations, and to determine whether new regulations are needed to further protect public health. A subset of the data is posted to EPA's Envirofacts web page for public access.

## **1.6 How is this Document Used?**

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Primacy Agency personnel should evaluate each system for its need to comply with the provisions of the LT1ESWTR. For those systems required to comply with the LT1ESWTR, this document provides information to assist Primacy Agency evaluation of compliance for each rule requirement (i.e. required

system monitoring, system reporting to the Primacy Agency, system public notice, and reporting by the Primacy Agency to SDWIS/FED). The descriptions of the example systems in this document include example monitoring data and the calculations and data comparisons necessary to determine compliance with the requirements of the LT1ESWTR. Example SDWIS/FED data transfer file (DTF) tables show how the data describing violations of the LT1ESWTR are to be encoded for entry into the SDWIS/FED system. In addition, the examples provide guidance regarding public notification requirements consistent with EPA's Public Notification Rule. This guidance document does not offer any examples of public notification associated with water system violations of these requirements. Users should refer to the documents, *Final State Implementation Guidance for the Public Notification Rule* (EPA 816-R-01-010) or the *Implementation Guidance for the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule*, for additional information on these requirements.

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## **Section 2**

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# **Inventory and Violations Reporting**

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# Inventory and Violations Reporting

## 2.1 Inventory Reporting Requirements

Primacy Agencies are required to identify and report all sources of drinking water to EPA using SDWIS/FED. Table 2-1 below identifies the types of sources and the code values for reporting sources of water. Further, for each source of water, an identification of the type of water the source provides is also required.

<b>Table 2-1. SDWIS/FED Water Sources and Codes</b>		
<b>Type Code (C0405)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Permissible Water Type Codes (C0407)</b>
IN	Intake	Surface Water (SW)
WL	Well	Ground Water (GW), GWUDI (GU)
RC	Roof Catchment	Ground Water (GW)
SP	Spring	Surface (SW), ground (GW) or GWUDI (GU)
IG	Infiltration Gallery	GWUDI (GU) or Surface (SW)
RS	Reservoir	Surface (SW)
NP	Non-piped	Surface (SW), ground (GW) or GWUDI (GU)
CC	Consecutive Connection	Surface (SW), ground (GW) or GWUDI (GU)

All treatment that is applied to sources of drinking water must also be reported by Primacy Agencies. If a source of water is not treated, Primacy Agencies must affirm that as well. Treatment is reported via a Treatment Plant facility record. Finally, the Primacy Agency must report a linkage between the source of a water facility and treatment plant facility.

The following rules apply to source, treatment plant and treatment reporting:

1. All treatment records will be posted to the SDWIS/FED database connected to treatment plant records, regardless of whether the treatment is occurring at a large treatment plant or a small building in which a disinfectant is added.
2. EPA is eliminating reporting flexibility in reporting treatment data by eliminating the “generated treatment plants .” Primacy Agencies may only report the treatment for treatment plant records.
3. Primacy Agencies must provide information to allow SDWIS/FED to link the source records to the treatment plant records.
4. For consecutive connections, EPA is aware of the complex relationships that may exist between water systems and their treatment. For the purchasing water system, EPA will only require reporting whether the seller is treating the source other than by filtration, filtering the source, or not providing any treatment. Any buyer treatment must be reported as discussed above. Sellers must report all treatment performed on their sources of water.
5. Explicit reporting of “no treatment” for a source is required.

The following discussion identifies the method to be used to meet the SDWIS/FED reporting requirement for the linkage between sources of water and treatment plants:

- Add a Source/Entity (SE) Flow Form (B3).
- Require the PWS ID for Qualifier #1.
- Require stable and unchanging Source/Entity ID (i.e., WSF State Assigned ID) of the source of water for Qualifier #2, as well as for the treatment plant to which the source is flowing.
- Use the data element (A5000) for use in conjunction with Form B3.
- Link one source to one or more treatment plants.
- Prohibit linkage between a source and itself, or a treatment plant and itself.
- Prohibit linkage between two sources.
- Prohibit linkage between two treatment plants.
- Prohibit duplicate links between a specific source - treatment plant combination.
- Restrict links to sources of water and treatment plants of the same PWS (i.e., inter-PWS linkages will not be allowed).

In summary, the Primacy Agency must report all sources of water, all treatment, assign the treatment to a treatment plant record and link the source records to the treatment plant records. With regard to SWTR reporting, they must also inform EPA of decisions made on unfiltered sources of water.

The example system below consists of four sources and two treatment plants. What follows is an example of the system information provided, data elements needed and the DTF transactions that need to be created and reported to represent sources, treatment plants, treatment and linkages in the example water system. The water system is responsible for reporting the data to the Primacy Agency, which in turn reports to SDWIS/ FED.

SDWIS/FED uses Form ID's B1, B2 and B3 for inventory reporting . Please see Section 3 for a description of Form ID's used in SDWIS/FED reporting under the LT1ESWTR.

Example #1: Reporting Water System Inventory

PWS ID: AZ1234567

The Well #1, SE ID: 00001, and Well #2, SE ID: 00002, are permanent ground water and ground water under the direct influence of surface water sources, respectively, that are treated at Treatment Plant #1, SE ID: 00005. The C River source, SE ID: 00004, is a permanent surface water source treated at Treatment Plant #2, SE ID: 00006. In addition, the example water system purchases water from the Apple Water System, SE ID: 00003. The Apple Water System is a permanent surface water source and is filtered by the seller prior to delivery to the example water system. Water purchased from the Apple Water System is sent directly to the example system's distribution system with no further treatment. The only treatment provided at Treatment Plant #1 is chlorination. The treatment processes at Treatment Plant #2 include oxidation, coagulation, rapid mix, flocculation, sedimentation, rapid sand filtration, and chlorination. Exhibits 2.1 - 2.7 illustrate the data elements needed and the DTF transactions that need to be entered into SDWIS/FED.

## Exhibit 2.1 System Information, Data Elements and DTFs for Source 00001

System Information:

SE ID: 00001 (*Qualifier 2*)  
 SE Name: Well #1  
 SE Record Type: Well  
 SE Code: Groundwater

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or Comment
C0101	PWS-ID	AZ1234567 ( <i>Qualifier 1</i> )
C0403	Name	Well #1
C0405	Type Code	WL ( <i>Well Source</i> )
C0407	Water Type	GW ( <i>Ground Water</i> )
C0409	Availability	P <i>Permanent</i>

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
B1	AZ1234567	00001		I	C0403	WELL #1		
B1	AZ1234567	00001		I	C0405	WL		
B1	AZ1234567	00001		I	C0407	GW		
B1	AZ1234567	00001		I	C0409	P		

## Exhibit 2.2 System Information, Data Elements and DTFs for Source 00002

System Information:

SE ID: 00002 (*Qualifier 2*)  
 SE Name: Well #2  
 SE Record Type: Well  
 SE Code: Groundwater UDI  
 SE Availability: Permanent

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or Comment
C0101	PWS-ID	AZ1234567 ( <i>Qualifier 1</i> )
C0403	Name	Well #2
C0405	Type Code	WL ( <i>Well Source</i> )
C0407	Water Type	GU ( <i>Ground Water UDI</i> )
C0409	Availability	P <i>Permanent</i>

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
B1	AZ1234567	00002		I	C0403	WELL #2		
B1	AZ1234567	00002		I	C0405	WL		
B1	AZ1234567	00002		I	C0407	GW		
B1	AZ1234567	00002		I	C0409	P		

## Exhibit 2.3 System Information, Data Elements and DTFs for Source 00003

System Information:

SE ID:	00003 ( <i>Qualifier 2</i> )
SE Name:	Apple Water System (AZ7654321)
SE Record Type:	Consecutive Connection
SE Code:	Surface
SE Availability:	Permanent
Buyer Treatment:	Not Treated
Seller Treatment:	Filtered

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or Comment
C0101	PWS-ID	AZ1234567 ( <i>Qualifier 1</i> )
C0403	Name	Apple Water
C0405	Type Code	CC ( <i>Consecutive Connection</i> )
C0407	Water Type	SW ( <i>Surface Water</i> )
C0409	Availability	P ( <i>Permanent</i> )
C0411	Seller ID	AZ7654321
C0433	Buyer Treatment	N ( <i>Not Treated</i> )
C0435	Seller Treatment	F ( <i>Filtered</i> )

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
B1	AZ1234567	00003		I	C0403	APPLE WATER		
B1	AZ1234567	00003		I	C0405	CC		
B1	AZ1234567	00003		I	C0407	SW		
B1	AZ1234567	00003		I	C0409	P		
B1	AZ1234567	00003		I	C0411	AZ7654321		
B1	AZ1234567	00003		I	C0433	N		
B1	AZ1234567	00003		I	0435	F		

## Exhibit 2.4 System Information, Data Elements and DTFs for Source 00004

System Information:

SE ID: 00004 (*Qualifier 2*)  
 SE Name: C River  
 SE Record Type: Intake  
 SE Code: Surface  
 SE Availability: Permanent

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or Comment
C0101	PWS-ID	AZ1234567 ( <i>Qualifier 1</i> )
C0403	Name	C River
C0405	Type Code	IN ( <i>Surface Water Intake</i> )
C0407	Water Type	SW ( <i>Surface Water</i> )
C0409	Availability	P <i>Permanent</i>

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
B1	AZ1234567	00004		I	C0403	C RIVER		
B1	AZ1234567	00004		I	C0405	IN		
B1	AZ1234567	00004		I	C0407	SW		
B1	AZ1234567	00004		I	C0409	P		



## Exhibit 2.5 System Information, Data Elements and DTFs for Treatment Plant #1

### System Information:

SE ID: 00005 (*Qualifier 2*)  
 SE Name: Treatment Plant #1  
 SE Record Type: Treatment Plant  
 Treatment ID: 00001 (*Qualifier 3*)  
 Treatment Process: Chlorination

### Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or Comment
C0403	Name	Treatment Plant #1
C0405	Type Code	TP ( <i>Treatment Plant</i> )
C0483	Treatment Objective	D ( <i>Disinfection</i> )
C0485	Treatment Process	401 ( <i>Chlorination</i> )

Treatment ID 00001 is entered in Qualifier #3

### DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
B1	AZ1234567	00005		I	C0403	TREATMENT PLANT #1		
B1	AZ1234567	00005		I	C0405	TP		
B2	AZ1234567	00005	00001	I	C0483	D		
B2	AZ1234567	00005	00001	I	C0485	401		

## Exhibit 2.6a System Information, Data Elements for Treatment Plant #2

### System Information:

SE ID:	00006 ( <i>Qualifier 2</i> )
SE Name	Treatment Plant #2
SE Record Type:	Treatment Plant
Treatment ID:	00001 ( <i>Qualifier 3</i> )
Treatment Process:	Oxidation
Treatment ID:	00002 ( <i>Qualifier 3</i> )
Treatment Process:	Coagulation
Treatment ID:	00003 ( <i>Qualifier 3</i> )
Treatment Process:	Rapid Mix
Treatment ID:	00004 ( <i>Qualifier 3</i> )
Treatment Process:	Flocculation
Treatment ID:	00005 ( <i>Qualifier 3</i> )
Treatment Process:	Sedimentation
Treatment ID:	00006 ( <i>Qualifier 3</i> )
Treatment Process:	Filtration, Rapid Sand
Treatment ID:	00007 ( <i>Qualifier 3</i> )
Treatment Process:	Chlorine

### Data Elements:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Value or Comment</u>
C0403	Name	Treatment Plant #2
C0405	Type Code	TP ( <i>Treatment Plant</i> )
C0483	Treatment Objective	O ( <i>Organics Removal</i> )
C0485	Treatment Process	543 ( <i>Ozonation, Pre</i> )
C0483	Treatment Objective	P ( <i>Particulate Removal</i> )
C0485	Treatment Process	240 ( <i>Coagulation</i> )
C0483	Treatment Objective	P ( <i>Particulate Removal</i> )
C0485	Treatment Process	600 ( <i>Rapid Mix</i> )
C0483	Treatment Objective	P ( <i>Particulate Removal</i> )
C0485	Treatment Process	360 ( <i>Flocculation</i> )
C0483	Treatment Objective	P ( <i>Particulate Removal</i> )
C0485	Treatment Process	660 ( <i>Sedimentation</i> )
C0483	Treatment Objective	P ( <i>Particulate Removal</i> )
C0485	Treatment Process	345 ( <i>Filtration, Rapid Sand</i> )
C0483	Treatment Objective	D ( <i>Disinfection</i> )
C0485	Treatment Process	401 ( <i>Gaseous Chlorine, Post</i> )

## Exhibit 2.6b DTFs for Treatment Plant #2

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
B1	AZ1234567	00006		I		TREATMENT PLANT #2		
B1	AZ1234567	00006		I		TP		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00001	I	C0483	O		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00001	I	C0485	543		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00002	I	C0483	P		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00002	I	C0485	240		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00003	I	C0483	P		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00003	I	C0485	600		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00004	I	C0483	P		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00004	I	C0485	360		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00005	I	C0483	P		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00005	I	C0485	660		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00006	I	C0483	P		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00006	I	C0485	345		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00007	I	C0483	D		
B2	AZ1234567	00006	00007	I	C0485	401		

## Exhibit 2.7 Data Elements and DTFs for Linkage Between Source Entity ID and Treatment ID

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or Comment
A5000	Facility Flow	Linkage between source entity ID and Treatment ID
C0101	PWS-ID	AZ1234567 ( <i>Qualifier 1</i> )

SE ID in Qualifier #2 (12-18) (WSF State assigned ID of the source of water)  
 Treatment ID in Data Value 32-71

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
B3	AZ1234567	00001		I	A5000	00005		
B3	AZ1234567	00002		I	A5000	00005		
B3	AZ1234567	00004		I	A5000	00006		

Under the existing Surface Water Treatment Rule, Primacy Agencies must report certain treatment decisions for water systems subject to the rule. Specifically, where the Primacy Agency decides that an unfiltered source successfully meets filtration avoidance criteria, then that “successfully avoiding filtration” (SAF) status must be reported to EPA. If an unfiltered source fails to meet the filtration avoidance criteria, then the “must install filtration” (MIF) decision must be reported to EPA. These requirements continue to be in effect in the LT1ESWTR.

When either of these conditions exist, the Primacy Agency must report “SAF” or “MIF” in data element C0408 (In the past, these were reported as treatment codes - that capability is being replaced by this more direct reporting method). Example #2 and Example #3 show the DTF transactions for reporting “SAF” and “MIF” status for drinking water systems. For existing sources of water (i.e., already exist in SDWIS/FED, for States performing traditional processing), the Primacy Agency must submit a “modify” transaction to change the value of this field. For sources to be newly inserted into SDWIS/FED, or for a Primacy Agency performing total replace processing, the field should be inserted along with the remainder of the source data.

#### Example #2: Successfully Avoiding Filtration

System AA, which serves 400 people, has one treatment plant. Treatment Plant A1, SE ID: 00002 draws water from a high quality surface water source, D Lake, SE ID: 00001. The only treatment provided at Treatment Plant A1 is chlorination. Water quality records show that the total coliform concentration has been less than 100 per 100 mL in at least 90 percent of the measurements taken over six months immediately prior to the point of disinfectant application since Treatment Plant A1 went on-line in 1985. The fecal coliform concentration is not measured. The source water turbidity, which is measured immediately prior to the point of disinfectant application, has not exceeded 5 NTU since Treatment Plant A1 went on-line. Based on these measurements, System AA continues to meet the filtration avoidance criteria and is not required to install filtration. The data elements and DTF transactions that would be needed for the initial reporting of this source to SDWIS are shown in Exhibit 2.8.

## Exhibit 2.8 System Information, Data Elements and DTF's for a System that is Successfully Avoiding Filtration

System Information:

SE ID: 00001 (*Qualifier 2*)  
 SE ID Name: D Lake  
 SE Record Type: IN  
 SE Code: SW  
 SE Availability: Permanent

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or <i>Comment</i>
C0101	PWS-ID	GA1234568 ( <i>Qualifier 1</i> )
C0403	Name	D Lake
C0405	Type Code	IN ( <i>Surface Water Intake</i> )
C0407	Water Type	SW ( <i>Surface Water</i> )
C0408		SAF ( <i>Successfully Avoiding Filtration</i> )

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
B1	GA1234568	00001		I	C0405	IN		
B1	GA1234568	00001		I	C0407	SW		
B3	GA1234568	00001		I	C0408	SAF		

### Example #3: Must Install Filtration

System AB, which serves 1,000 people, has one treatment plant. Treatment Plant AB1, SE ID: 00003 draws water from Well E, SE ID: 00001. Well E is classified as a ground water source under the direct influence of surface water. The only treatment provided at Treatment Plant AB1 is chlorination. Water quality records show that in the first eight years of operation, the total coliform concentration met the requirement of less than 100 cfu per 100 mL in at least 90 percent of the measurements taken over six months immediately prior to the point of disinfectant application. The fecal coliform concentration is not measured. The source water turbidity, which is measured immediately prior to the point of disinfectant application, did not exceed 5 NTU in the first eight years that Treatment Plant AB1 was in operation. However, the treatment plant operators have noticed that in the last 12 months the water quality of both well sources has begun to deteriorate. From January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002 the total coliform concentration exceeded 100 cfu per 100 mL in 15 percent of the measurements taken in those six months. Therefore, System AB no longer qualifies for filtration avoidance and is now required to install filtration by December 29, 2003. The data elements and DTF transactions that would be reported to SDWIS for failure to meet the filtration avoidance criteria are shown in Exhibit 2.9 below. Since the source of water had already been reported to SDWIS/FED, the primacy agency need only change the value of the field C0408 to MIF.

## Exhibit 2.9 System Information, Data Elements and DTF's for a System that Must Install Filtration

System Information:

System ID: 00001 (*Qualifier 2*)  
 SE Name: Well E  
 SE Record Type: Well  
 SE Code: Groundwater UDI  
 SE Availability: Permanent

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or <i>Comment</i>
C0101	PWS-ID	GA1234569 ( <i>Qualifier 1</i> )
C0408		MIF ( <i>Must Install Filtration</i> )

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
B3	GA1234569	00001		M	C0408	MIF		



## 2.2 Violations Reporting

Violations of the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule include treatment technique (TT), Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) and record keeping. They are summarized in Tables 2-2a and 2-2b below.

<b>Table 2-2a Violations of the LT1ESWTR</b>				
<b>VIOLATION DEFINITION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MAJOR MINOR</b>	<b>VIOLATION TYPE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Type 09/0300 Failure to maintain the results of individual filter monitoring for at least 3 years.	Begins: When State becomes aware of violation (e.g. during a site visit or sanitary survey).  Ends: When system has 3 years of data.	N/A	Record Keeping	This is considered a record keeping violation
Type 29/0300 – Failure to report to State by 10 <sup>th</sup> of the next month the filter number, date(s), turbidity value(s) and cause of IFE >1.0 NTU in two consecutive 15-minute readings. – Failure to conduct within 14 days of exceedance (>1.0 NTU in 2 consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart in each of 3 consecutive months) and/or report to State a self-assessment of an individual filter.	Violations reported monthly at the system level.	Major	M&R	
Type 29/0300 Failure to have a CPE arranged by State or third party no later than 60 days after exceedance (>2.0 NTU in 2 consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart in 2 consecutive months) and have the CPE completed and submitted to the State no later than 120 days following the exceedance.	Begins: When system fails to take action indicated.  Ends: When system has reported to State's satisfaction that follow-up action complete.	Major	M&R	Have a future end date = 12/31/2015) with the end date modified as a result of a link to an RTC, to be reported

VIOLATION DEFINITION	DESCRIPTION	MAJOR MINOR	VIOLATION TYPE	DETAILS
<p>Type 37/0300 Failure to consult with State before making a significant change to a disinfection practice if required to develop a disinfection profile.</p>	<p>Begins: Either date of change or when State becomes aware of the change.</p> <p>Ends: When State notifies the facility that it approves of the change.</p>	N/A	TT	Have a future end date = 12/31/2015) with the end date modified as a result of a link to an RTC, to be reported
<p>Type 38/0300 – MAJOR: Failure to collect and report at least 90% of required samples. – Failure to report that the system has conducted all individual filter monitoring to State within 10 days after the end of each month. – Failure to report that the system has exceeded 1 NTU (or maximum set by State) in representative samples by end of next business day. – MINOR: Any other failure to monitor or report.</p>	Violations reported monthly at the system level. No severity indicator.	Either	M&R	The fact that user's will not be able to distinguish between the different major violations is acceptable to EPA. If it is needed, EPA will get that information from the states on an as-needed basis
<p>Type 43/0300 Failure to achieve CFE turbidity level <math>\leq 1</math> NTU if PWS uses conventional or direct filtration OR exceedance of the State-set maximum turbidity performance requirements for PWSs using alternative filtration technologies.</p>	Report violations on a monthly basis, with severity indicated by the number of exceedances $>1$ NTU (max. is $31 \times 6 = 186$ ), using data element C1112	N/A	TT	For Water Systems with multiple sets of filters, or multiple treatment plants with filtration, add the total number of exceedances at all locations for the month to compute the value for C1112
<p>Type 44/0300 Failure to achieve CFE turbidity level of 0.3 NTU in 95% of monthly measurements if PWS uses conventional or direct filtration OR failure to meet the State-set turbidity performance requirements in 95% of monthly measurements of PWSs using alternative filtration technologies.</p>	Violations reported monthly at the system level. No severity indicator.	N/A	TT	

VIOLATION DEFINITION	DESCRIPTION	MAJOR MINOR	VIOLATION TYPE	DETAILS
Type 47/0300 Beginning construction of an uncovered finished water storage facility on or after March 15, 2002.	Begins: At beginning of construction.  Ends: Either when the storage facility is covered or when the storage facility is no longer used to store <i>finished</i> water.	N/A	TT	

Only the violation reporting fields identified below in Table 2-2b are to be reported to represent LT1ESWTR rule violations. All other violation fields should NOT be included in submissions to EPA. Those fields will be rejected.

<b>Table 2-2b. Violation Reporting Fields for the LT1ESWTR</b>							
<b>Violation</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Contaminant Code (C1103)</b>	<b>Type Code (C1105)</b>	<b>Compliance Period Begin Date (C1107)</b>	<b>Compliance Period End Date (C1109)</b>	<b>Severity Indicator count (C1112)</b>	<b>Major Violation Indicator (C1131)</b>
Failure to maintain the results of individual filter monitoring for at least 3 years.	Record keeping	0300	09	When State becomes aware of violation (e.g. during a site visit or sanitary survey).	Insert a default future end date of 12/31/2015. Modify the date as a result of a link to an RTC (SOX/EOX), or intentional no action code (SO6/EO6) or no longer subject to the rule code (SO0/EO0) to be reported.	Do not report	Do not report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Failure to report to State by 10<sup>th</sup> of the next month the filter number, date(s), turbidity value(s) and cause of IFE &gt;1.0 NTU in two consecutive 15-minute readings.</li> <li>- Failure to conduct within 14 days of exceedance (&gt;1.0 NTU in 2 consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart in each of 3 consecutive months) and/or report to State a self-assessment of an individual filter.</li> </ul>	M&R	0300	29	first day of month	last day of month	do not report	always major

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Contaminant Code (C1103)</b>	<b>Type Code (C1105)</b>	<b>Compliance Period Begin Date (C1107)</b>	<b>Compliance Period End Date (C1109)</b>	<b>Severity Indicator count (C1112)</b>	<b>Major Violation Indicator (C1131)</b>
Failure to have a CPE arranged by State or third party no later than 60 days after exceedance (>2.0 NTU in 2 consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart in 2 consecutive months) and have the CPE completed and submitted to the State no later than 120 days following the exceedance.	M&R	0300	29	When system fails to take action indicated	Have a future end date = 12/31/2015) with the end date modified as a result of a link to an RTC (SOX/EOX), or intentional no action code (SO6/EO6) or no longer subject to the rule code (SO0/EO0) to be reported	do not report	always Major
Failure to consult with State before making a significant change to a disinfection practice if required to develop a disinfection profile.	TT	0300	37	Either date of change or when State becomes aware of the change	Have a future end date = 12/31/2015) with the end date modified as a result of a link to an RTC (SOX/EOX), or intentional no action code (SO6/EO6) or no longer subject to the rule code (SO0/EO0) to be reported	do not report	do not report

Violation	Type	Contaminant Code (C1103)	Type Code (C1105)	Compliance Period Begin Date (C1107)	Compliance Period End Date (C1109)	Severity Indicator count (C1112)	Major Violation Indicator (C1131)
- Failure to collect and report at least 90% of required samples, or failure to report that the system has conducted all individual filter monitoring to State within 10 days after the end of each month, or - failure to report that the system has exceeded 1 NTU (or maximum set by State) in representative samples by end of next business day or - any other failure to monitor or report.	M&R	0300	38	first day of month	last day of month	do not report	<u>yes</u> = failure to collect at least 90% of samples, or failure to report that the system has conducted all individual filter monitoring to State within 10 days after the end of each month. or failure to report that the system has exceeded 1 NTU (or maximum set by State) in representative samples by end of next business day. <u>no</u> =any other failure to report
Failure to achieve CFE turbidity level $\leq 1$ NTU if PWS uses conventional or direct filtration OR exceedance of the State-set maximum turbidity performance requirements for PWSs using alternative filtration technologies.	TT	0300	43	first day of month	last day of month	the number of exceedances $>1$ NTU (max. is $31 \times 6 = 186$ )	do not report

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Contaminant Code (C1103)</b>	<b>Type Code (C1105)</b>	<b>Compliance Period Begin Date (C1107)</b>	<b>Compliance Period End Date (C1109)</b>	<b>Severity Indicator count (C1112)</b>	<b>Major Violation Indicator (C1131)</b>
Failure to achieve CFE turbidity level of 0.3 NTU in 95% of monthly measurements if PWS uses conventional or direct filtration OR failure to meet the State-set turbidity performance requirements in 95% of monthly measurements of PWSs using alternative filtration technologies.	TT	0300	44	first day of month	last day of month	do not report	do not report
Systems are not allowed to begin construction of any uncovered finished water storage facility	TT	0300	47	At beginning of construction	Insert a default future end date of 12/31/2015. Modify the date as a result of a link to an RTC (SOX/EOX), or intentional no action code (SO6/EO6) or no longer subject to the rule code (SO0/EO0) to be reported.	do not report	do not report

## 2.2 Treatment Technique (TT) Violations Reporting

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### General Discussion of Treatment Technique Violations

Treatment technique violations are reported for any one of a number of required actions which a water system fails to take, when it fails to meet prescribed performance standards, or when it performs incorrectly or incompletely. These include violations for failure to notify the Primacy Agency of certain actions. All LT1ESWTR violations are reported as violations of the rule, rather than of a specific contaminant. The contaminant code 0300 is utilized for the LT1ESWTR violations reported to SDWIS/FED.

<b>Table 2-2. SDWIS/FED Codes for Treatment Technique Violations Reporting</b>			
<b>Violation Code</b>	<b>Contaminant Code</b>	<b>Treatment Technique Violations</b>	<b>Section Where Discussed in This Document</b>
37	0300	Failure to develop a disinfection profile or consult with the Primacy Agency before making changes to disinfection practice	Section 2.2.1
43	0300	Combined filter effluent exceeds 1 NTU/Primacy Agency-set performance standards	Section 2.2.2
44	0300	More than 5% of monthly combined filter effluent samples exceed 0.3 NTU/Primacy Agency-set performance standards	Section 2.2.3
47	0300	Construction of an uncovered finished water storage facility	Section 2.2.4

#### 2.2.1 Type 37/0300: Failure to Profile or Consult with Primacy Agency (Disinfection Changes)

Violation type 37/0300 is the failure to produce a disinfection profile or to consult with the Primacy Agency before making a significant change to disinfection practice if required to profile.

***Cross-reference to LT1ESWTR Implementation Guidance:***

Section I, pages 10 - 13

Section II, pages 3 - 5

Section V, pages 2 & 4



<b>Table 2-3. Violation Type: 37/0300</b>			
<b>Violation Code</b>	<b>Contaminant Code</b>	<b>Treatment Technique Violations</b>	<b>Rule Citation</b>
37	0300	Failure to develop a disinfection profile or consult with the Primacy Agency before making a significant change to a disinfection practice if required to develop a disinfection profile.	40 CFR141.530 40 CFR 141.536 40 CFR 141.540 40 CFR 141.542

Example System Description - System A:

System A is a subpart H system that has a conventional treatment plant treating a single surface water source. System A's plant has three individual filters and serves 9,100 persons. The system adds chlorine ahead of the flocculators and again to the combined filter effluent (CFE). Monitoring conducted under 40 CFR141.531 showed that System A had disinfection byproduct levels that required preparation of a disinfection profile. Therefore, System A calculated the log inactivation for *Giardia lamblia* on a weekly basis at peak hourly flow for one full year as described in 40 CFR141.532 and 40 CFR141.533. System A retained the disinfection profile data in a spreadsheet format that was approved by the Primacy Agency.

Example #4: TT 37/0300

System A's operator collects the required samples for TTHMs and HAA5 under the Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule for the first two quarters of calendar year 2004. The operator believes these data show the system will likely incur MCL violations for TTHMs and/or HAA5 at the end of the first full year of monitoring. Therefore, after checking to see that he can meet the CT requirements of the SWTR with chlorination of the combined filter effluent alone, he discontinues the addition of chlorine ahead of the flocculators and begins operation with chlorine only added to the CFE. The Primacy Agency becomes aware of this change to disinfection practice when conducting a sanitary survey on March 1, 2006. During the sanitary survey, the Primacy Agency notes that the operator made changes to the disinfection practice on about August 1, 2004. The Primacy Agency ultimately approves the changes made by the PWS on July 15, 2006.

Example #4 Decision:

This TT violation is SDWIS coded as 37/0300. System A has incurred a treatment technique violation because it did not submit to the Primacy Agency a description of the proposed change, the disinfection profile and benchmark, an analysis of how the proposed change would affect the levels of disinfection, and did not consult with the Primacy Agency prior to making the significant change to disinfection practices.

In reporting to SDWIS, the violation begin date is either the date on which disinfection process change is initiated, or the date on which the Primacy Agency becomes aware of the change(s). For this type of violation, the end date should not be reported to SDWIS/FED because the Primacy Agency did not have an opportunity to review the information prior to reporting the violation to EPA. With the compliance period end date left blank, the SDWIS/FED database processing will default the end date to 20151231 (December 31, 2015). Since the Primacy Agency approved the disinfection changes on July 15, 2006, it must then submit an enforcement action to SDWIS/FED - indicating a return to compliance (Code SOX) with a transaction to link it to the original violation.

### Public Notice Requirement

According to the requirements of 40 CFR141.201, the system must provide Tier 2 public notice regarding this violation.

### System Reporting

The system must submit to the Primacy Agency a description of the proposed change, the disinfection profile and benchmark, an analysis of how the proposed change would affect the levels of disinfection, and must consult with the Primacy Agency prior to making a significant change to disinfection practices.

### Primacy Agency to SDWIS/FED Reporting

The appropriate SDWIS/FED data elements and the DTF transactions for the specific TT violation described as a Failure to Profile or Consult with the Primacy Agency are listed in Exhibit 2.10.

## Exhibit 2.10 Failure to Profile or Consult with Primacy Agency TT Violation Data Elements and DTF Transactions and Associated “RTC” Transaction

### Data Elements:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Value or Comment</u>
C0101	PWS-ID	<i>Qualifier 1</i>
C1101	Violation ID	<i>Qualifier 2</i>
C1103	Contaminant	0300
C1105	Violation Type	37
C1107	Compliance Period Begin Date	<i>Date / Primacy Agency (PA) aware date</i>
C1109	Compliance Period End Date	A date should not be provided with the original violation report to SDWIS/FED. SDWIS/FED processing will generate a default date of 12/31/2015. When the Primacy Agency reaches agreement with the PWS about the disinfection processes to be implemented and has determined that the PWS is compliant with them, then the Primacy Agency needs to submit a “returned to compliance” enforcement action and link it to the original treatment technique violation. The date of the action should represent the date the Primacy Agency made that determination. SDWIS/FED processing will modify the end date of the original violation to be the same date as the “returned to compliance” reported.
C1203	Executive Action Date	
C1205	Enforcement Follow-Up Action	SOX ( <i>Primacy Agency</i> )
Y5000	Associated Violation ID	0400111 ( <i>Refers to this particular violation ID</i> )

### DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
D1	GA1234582	0400111		I	C1103	0300		
D1	GA1234582	0400111		I	C1105	37		
D1	GA1234582	0400111		I	C1107	20040801		
E1	GA1234582	0600001		I	C1203	20060715		
E1	GA1234582	0600001		I	C1205	SOX		
E1	GA1234582	0600001		I	Y5000	0400111		

## 2.2.2 Type 43/0300: CFE Exceeds 1 NTU or Primacy Agency-Set Alternative Technology Maximum Value

### *Cross-reference to LTIESWTR Implementation Guidance:*

Section I, pages 14 - 16

Section II, page 7

Section V, pages 2 & 4

<b>Table 2-4. Violation Type: 43/0300</b>			
<b>Violation Code</b>	<b>Contaminant Code</b>	<b>Treatment Technique Violations</b>	<b>Rule Citation</b>
43	0300	Failure to achieve combined filter effluent turbidity level that at no time exceeds 1 NTU if PWS uses conventional or direct filtration or Failure to achieve combined filter effluent level that at no time exceeds the Primacy Agency-set maximum turbidity performance requirements if PWS uses an alternative filtration technology	40 CFR141.551(b)

### Example System Description - System B:

System B is a subpart H system utilizing a membrane microfiltration treatment plant (i.e. an alternative filtration technology) that treats water from Lake P. System B's water treatment plant includes four individual filter modules and serves 7,500 persons. The system uses chlorine as a primary and secondary disinfectant and adds the chlorine to the CFE ahead of the clearwell where detention time is provided to ensure adequate CT. Pursuant to the requirements of 40 CFR 141.551 and 40 CFR 141.552(a), System B has conducted a pilot study that showed the plant capable of removing 99% of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts, and removing or inactivating 99.9% of *Giardia lamblia* cysts and 99.99% of viruses when the CFE is maintained below 0.5 NTU in 95% of all measurements taken at 4-hour intervals and below 1 NTU at all times. Subsequently, the Primacy Agency established treatment technique turbidity performance standards of 0.5 NTU that System B must meet in 95% of all measurements taken of the CFE at 4-hour intervals, and a level of 1 NTU that the CFE may not exceed at any time.

### Example #5: TT 43/0300

The System B operator measures the CFE turbidity every four hours that the plant is in operation. Those measurements are recorded on a form provided by the Primacy Agency and the completed form is submitted to the Primacy Agency prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. The report provides the Primacy Agency with the total number of filtered water turbidity measurements taken each month, the number and percentage of CFE measurements taken each month that are less than or equal to 0.5 NTU, and the date and value of any CFE turbidity measurement that exceeds 1 NTU. The following information was included on the system's monthly report submitted on October 7, 2005:

<b>Table 2-5. System B September 2005 CFE Turbidity Monthly Report (Excerpt)</b>				
Total Filter Measurements	# ≤ 0.5 NTU	% ≤ 0.5 NTU	Date > 1 NTU	Value of > 1 NTU
180	179	99%	9-12-05	2 NTU

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, 2005, a membrane failure caused one of the four-hour CFE turbidity measurements to be read and recorded at 1.6 NTU. This value is rounded to 2 NTU.

Example #5 Decision:

This is a TT violation and is SDWIS coded as 43/0300. The report submitted to the Primacy Agency by System B on October 7, 2005 identifies this measurement as being >1 NTU and indicates that the system has violated a TT requirement.

Since this violation can occur multiple times in a single month, EPA has opted to have Primacy Agencies provide a single violation record for any month in which there is an exceedance with a field that identifies the number of times during the month that the standard was exceeded. A data element, C1112 (severity indicator count) will be used to capture this number.

Public Notice Requirement

According to the requirements of 40 CFR141.201, the system must provide Tier 2 public notice, unless in consultation with the Primacy Agency, which must occur within 24 hours, it is determined that Tier 1 public notice should be provided. Failure to consult the Primacy Agency automatically results in a Tier 1 public notice requirement for this type of TT violation.

System Reporting Requirement

Public water systems must consult with the Primacy Agency as soon as practical but no later than 24 hours after the public water system learns of the violation, to determine whether a Tier 1 public notice under §141.202(a) is required to protect public health. When consultation does not take place within the 24-hour period, the water system must distribute a Tier 1 notice of the violation within the next 24 hours (i.e., no later than 48 hours after the system learns of the violation), following the requirements under §141.202(b) and (c). Within 10 days after the end of the month, the system must provide a report of turbidity measurements to the Primacy Agency which includes the total number of measurements taken during the month, the number and percentage of measurements less than or equal to 0.5 NTU (the Primacy Agency-set value for the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile turbidity value), and the date and value of any measurements taken during the month which exceed 1 NTU.

Primacy Agency to SDWIS/FED Reporting

The appropriate SDWIS/FED CFE data elements and DTF transactions for the specific violation described as a Treatment Technique violation Type 43/0300 are listed in Exhibit 2.11.

## Exhibit 2.11 Combined Filter Effluent Exceedance Treatment Technique Violation Data Elements and DTF Transactions for a Single Exceedance

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or Comment
C0101	PWS-ID	<i>Qualifier 1</i>
C1101	Violation ID	<i>Qualifier 2</i>
C1103	Contaminant	0300
C1105	Violation Type	43
C1107	Compliance Period Begin Date	
C1109	Compliance Period End Date	<i>Must be one month later than C1107</i>
C1112	Severity Indicator	<i>The number of times during the month the standard was exceeded</i>

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
D1	GA1234584	0500001		I	C1103	0300		
D1	GA1234584	0500001		I	C1105	43		
D1	GA1234584	0500001		I	C1107	20050901		
D1	GA1234584	0500001		I	C1109	20050930		
D1	GA1234584	0500001		I	C1112	1		

Example System Description - System BB:

System BB has two treatment plants which both use surface water as a source and together serve 8,500 people (see the system schematic in Exhibit 2.12). Treatment Plant #1 is a conventional filtration plant that draws water from a small river. Treatment Plant #2 is a direct filtration plant that draws water from a reservoir. Both treatment plants use chlorine as a pre-disinfectant and primary disinfectant and add the chlorine directly after the intake and ahead of the clearwell. Detention time is provided in the clearwell in both plants to ensure adequate CT. The treatment technique standard in 40 CFR 141.551(b) for direct and conventional filtration systems require that the CFE must be maintained below 0.3 NTU in 95% of all measurements taken at 4-hour intervals and below 1 NTU at all times during each monthly reporting period.

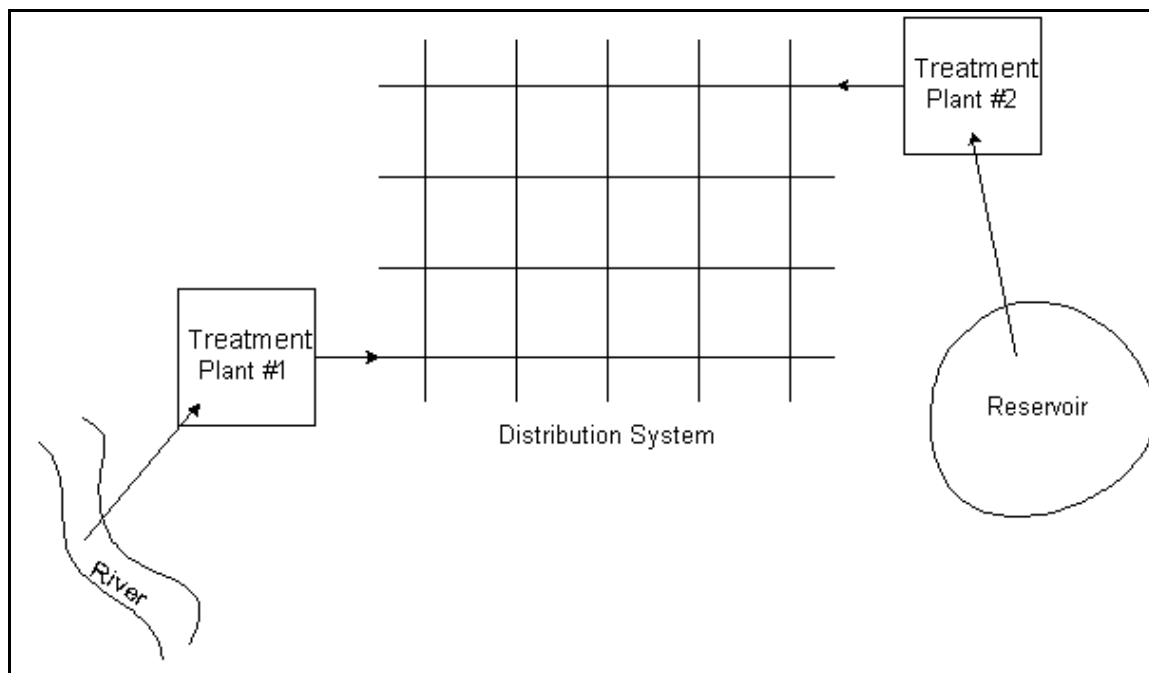
Example #6: TT 43/0300

The System BB operator measures the CFE turbidity every four hours that the plant is in operation. Those measurements are recorded on a form provided by the Primacy Agency and the completed form is submitted to the Primacy Agency by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. The report provides the Primacy Agency with the total number of combined filter effluent turbidity measurements taken each month, the number and percentage of CFE measurements taken each month that are less than or equal to 0.3 NTU, and the date and value of any CFE turbidity measurement that exceeds 1 NTU. The following information was included on the system's monthly report submitted on February 6, 2006:

<b>Table 2-6. System BB, Treatment Plant #1 January 2006 CFE Turbidity Monthly Report (Excerpt)</b>				
Total Filter Measurements	# ≤ 0.3 NTU	% ≤ 0.3 NTU	Date > 1 NTU	Value of > 1 NTU
180	173	96%	1-5-06	3 NTU

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, 2006, one of the four-hour CFE turbidity measurements was read and recorded at 3.2 NTU in treatment plant #1. This value is rounded to 3 NTU.

### Exhibit 2.12 System BB Schematic



**Table 2-7. System BB, Treatment Plant #2 January 2006 CFE Turbidity Monthly Report (Excerpt)**

Total Filter Measurements	# ≤ 0.3 NTU	% ≤ 0.3 NTU	Date > 1 NTU	Value of > 1 NTU
180	176	98%	1-17-06	2 NTU

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2006, one of the four-hour turbidity measurements at Treatment Plant #2 was read and recorded at 1.9 NTU. This value is rounded to 2 NTU.

Example #6 Decision:

The violations at both plants are TT violations and are SDWIS coded as 43/0300. The report submitted to the primacy agency by System BB on February 6, 2006 identifies that the CFE measurement greater than 1 NTU at Treatment Plant #1 is 3 NTU and indicates that the system has violated a TT requirement. Likewise, the CFE measurement greater than 1 NTU at Treatment Plant 2, reported in the February 6, 2006 submission by the system is 2 NTU and indicates that the system has violated a TT requirement.

Since this violation can occur multiple times in a single month, EPA desires to have Primacy Agencies provide a single violation record for any month in which there is an exceedance with a field that identifies the number of times during the month that the standard was exceeded. A data element, C1112 (severity indicator count) will be used to capture this number. Although there are two treatment plants in System BB, the Primacy Agency would only submit one violation record for the month of January, 2006 for System BB. However, the severity indicator count (data element C1112) would indicate that two violations had occurred within System BB in January, 2006.



### Public Notice Requirement

According to the requirements of 40 CFR141.201, the system must provide Tier 2 public notice, unless in consultation with the Primacy Agency, which must occur within 24 hours, it is determined that Tier 1 public notice should be provided. If the Primacy Agency is not contacted within 24 hours, then the violation automatically becomes Tier 1.

### System Reporting Requirement

Public water systems must consult with the Primacy Agency as soon as practical but no later than 24 hours after the public water system learns of the violation, to determine whether a Tier 1 public notice under §141.202(a) is required to protect public health. When consultation does not take place within the 24-hour period, the water system must distribute a Tier 1 notice of the violation within the next 24 hours (i.e., no later than 48 hours after the system learns of the violation), following the requirements under §141.202(b) and (c). Within 10 days after the end of the month, the system must provide a report of turbidity measurements for each treatment plant to the Primacy Agency which includes the total number of measurements taken during the month, the number and percentage of measurements less than or equal to 0.3 NTU, and the date and value of any measurements taken during the month which exceed 1 NTU.

### Primacy Agency to SDWIS/FED Reporting

The appropriate SDWIS/FED CFE data elements and DTF transactions for the specific violation described as a Treatment Technique violation Type 43/0300 are listed in Exhibit 2.13 below.

## Exhibit 2.13 Combined Filter Effluent Exceedance Treatment Technique Violation Data Elements and DTF Transactions for Multiple Exceedances

Data Elements:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Value or Comment</u>
C0101	PWS-ID	<i>Qualifier 1</i>
C1101	Violation ID	<i>Qualifier 2</i>
C1103	Contaminant	0300
C1105	Violation Type	43
C1107	Compliance Period Begin Date	
C1109	Compliance Period End Date	<i>Must be one month later than C1107</i>
C1112	Severity Indicator	<i>The number of times during the month the standard was exceeded</i>

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
D1	GA1234681	0600001		I	C1103	0300		
D1	GA1234681	0600001		I	C1105	43		
D1	GA1234681	0600001		I	C1107	20060101		
D1	GA1234681	0600001		I	C1109	20060130		
D1	GA1234681	0600001		I	C1112	2		

**2.2.3 Type 44/0300: > 5% Monthly CFE Samples Exceed 0.3 NTU or Primacy Agency-Set Alternative Technology Maximum Value**

*Cross-reference to LTIESWTR Implementation Guidance:*

Section I, pages 14 - 16

Section II, page 7

Section V, pages 2 & 5

<b>Table 2-8. Violation Type: 44/0300</b>			
<b>Violation Code</b>	<b>Contaminant Code</b>	<b>Treatment Technique Violations</b>	<b>Rule Citation</b>
44	0300	Failure to achieve combined filter effluent turbidity level of 0.3 NTU in 95 percent of monthly measurements if PWS uses conventional or direct filtration or Failure to meet Primacy Agency-set turbidity performance requirements in 95 percent of monthly measurements for systems using alternative filtration technologies	40 CFR141.551(a)

Example #7: TT 44/0300

The System B operator measures the CFE turbidity every four hours that the plant is in operation. Those measurements are recorded on a form provided by the Primacy Agency and the completed form is submitted to the Primacy Agency prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. The report provides the Primacy Agency with the total number of filtered water turbidity measurements taken each month, the number and percentage of CFE measurements taken each month that are less than or equal to 0.5 NTU (the Primacy Agency set performance standard for this alternative filtration technology), and the date and value of any CFE turbidity measurement that exceeds 1 NTU. The November 2005 report submitted by System B to the Primacy Agency on Dec 10, 2005 showed that only 92% of the CFE turbidity measurements taken every four hours were less than or equal to 0.5 NTU. The following information was included in the system's November 2005 report to the Primacy Agency.

<b>Table 2-9. System B November 2005 CFE Turbidity Monthly Report (Excerpt)</b>				
Total Filter Measurements	# ≤ 0.5 NTU	% ≤ 0.5 NTU	Date > 1 NTU	Value of > 1 NTU
180	166	92%	--	—

### Example #7 Decision:

The TT violation is SDWIS coded as 44/0300. System B has a treatment technique violation for November 2005 as a result of its failure to meet the 95% performance standard set by the Primacy Agency (i.e., more than 5% of the CFE turbidity measurements taken in the month exceeded 0.5 NTU).

### Public Notice Requirement

According to the requirements of 40 CFR141.201, this system must provide Tier 2 public notice, regarding this violation.

### System Reporting Requirement

Within 10 days after the end of the month, the system must provide a report of turbidity measurements to the Primacy Agency which includes the total number of measurements taken during the month, the number and percentage of measurements less than or equal to 0.5 NTU (the Primacy Agency-set value for the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile turbidity value), and the date and value of any measurements taken during the month which exceed 1 NTU.

### Primacy Agency to SDWIS/FED Reporting

These TT violations are reported monthly and there is no severity indicator. The appropriate SDWIS/FED Monthly CFE Treatment Technique violation Type 44/0300 data elements and individual DTF transactions are listed in Exhibit 2.14.

## Exhibit 2.14 Monthly Combined Filter Effluent (CFE) Exceedance Treatment Technique Violation Data Elements and DTF Transactions

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or Comment
C0101	PWS-ID	Qualifier 1
C1101	Violation ID	Qualifier 2
C1103	Contaminant	0300
C1105	Violation Type	44
C1107	Compliance Period Begin Date	
C1109	Compliance Period End Date	Must be one month later than C1107

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
D1	GA1234585	0600001		I	C1103	0300		
D1	GA1234585	0600001		I	C1105	44		
D1	GA1234585	0600001		I	C1107	20051101		
D1	GA1234585	0600001		I	C1109	20051130		

Example System Description - System BC:

System BC is a Subpart H system that serves 9,000 people and utilizes two conventional filtration water treatment plants, each with four filter beds.

Example #8: TT 44/0300

During the month of July 2006, the operator measures CFE turbidity every four hours at each plant while they are in operation and records the results on a form provided by the agency. His report, that he submits to the Primacy Agency on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, includes the following information.

Table 2-10. System BC Plant #1 July 2006 CFE Turbidity Monthly Report (Excerpt)				
Total Filter Measurements	# ≤ 0.3 NTU	% ≤ 0.3 NTU	Date > 1 NTU	Value of > 1 NTU
186	167	90%	--	--

Table 2-11. System BC Plant #2 July 2006 CFE Turbidity Monthly Report (Excerpt)				
Total Filter Measurements	# ≤ 0.3 NTU	% ≤ 0.3 NTU	Date > 1 NTU	Value of > 1 NTU
186	169	91%	--	--

The report shows that during the month of July, 2006, Plants #1 and #2 failed to achieve a 0.3 NTU or less CFE turbidity at least 95% of the time operating.

Example #8 Decision:

These TT violations are SDWIS coded as 44/0300. System BC has incurred two Type 44/0300 violations of the LT1ESWTR, since both of the system's water treatment plants failed to achieve 0.3 NTU or less CFE turbidity 95% of the time operating in July 2006. Although there are two Type 44/0300 violations observed at this facility during the month, only one record of violation is reported to SDWIS/FED.

Public Notice Requirement

According to the requirements of 40 CFR141.201, this system must provide Tier 2 public notice.

System Reporting Requirement

Within 10 days after the end of the month, the system must provide a report of turbidity measurements to the Primacy Agency which includes the total number of measurements taken during the month, the number and percentage of measurements less than or equal to 0.3 NTU, and the date and value of any measurements taken during the month which exceed 1 NTU.

Primacy Agency to SDWIS/FED Reporting

The appropriate SDWIS/FED CFE Treatment Technique violation Type 43/0300 data elements and individual DTF transactions are shown below in Exhibit 2.15.

**Exhibit 2.15 Data Elements and DTF Transactions Monthly CFE Exceedance TT Violation**

Data Elements:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Value or Comment</u>
C0101	PWS-ID	<i>(Qualifier 1)</i>
C1101	Violation ID	<i>(Qualifier 2)</i>
C1103	Contaminant	0300
C1105	Violation Type	44
C1107	Compliance Period Begin Date	
C1109	Compliance Period End Date	<i>Must be one month later than C1107</i>

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
D1	GA1234585	0600002		I	C1103	0300		
D1	GA1234585	0600002		I	C1105	44		
D1	GA1234585	0600002		I	C1107	20060701		
D1	GA1234585	0600002		I	C1109	20060731		

**2.2.4 Type 47/0300: Begin Construction of Uncovered Water Storage Facility After March 15, 2002**

*Cross-reference to LT1ESWTR Implementation Guidance:*

<b>Table 2-12. Violation Type: 47/0300</b>			
<b>Violation Code</b>	<b>Contaminant Code</b>	<b>Treatment Technique Violations</b>	<b>Rule Citation</b>
47	0300	Construction of an uncovered finished water storage reservoir on or after March 15, 2002.	40 CFR141.510 40 CFR141.511

### Example System Description - System C:

System C is an unfiltered subpart H system that meets the filtration avoidance criteria and uses water from Y2 Lake. System C chlorinates the unfiltered water to provide adequate CT, then pumps it into the distribution system. The system provides water to 1,000 persons.

### Example #9: TT 47/0300

On May 15, 2002 System C had a construction company begin construction of an uncovered finished water storage reservoir. The storage facility was constructed and put on-line on October 31, 2002. During a sanitary survey conducted by the Primacy Agency in March, 2003, the completed reservoir was discovered and a cease and desist order was issued. The reservoir was physically disconnected from the water system on January 15, 2004.

### Example #9 Decision:

This TT violation is SDWIS coded as 47/0300. System C incurred a Type 47/0300 TT violation that began on May 15, 2002, the day the uncovered finished water storage reservoir construction was begun. The violation would end when the reservoir was properly covered or taken off-line (physically disconnected from the system). (Note: Since the primacy agency became aware of the violation in March 2003, the violation is considered to be a fiscal year 2003 violation. Thus the fiscal year portion of the violation ID is 03).

### Public Notice Requirement

According to the provisions of 40 CFR141.201, the system must provide Tier 2 public notice.

### System Reporting Requirements

Since this violation was discovered by the Primacy Agency during a sanitary survey, there are no applicable system reporting requirements.

### Primacy Agency to SDWIS/FED Reporting

The appropriate SDWIS/FED Construction of an Uncovered Storage Facility Treatment Technique violation data elements and the individual DTF transactions are listed below in Exhibit 2.16.



## Exhibit 2.16 Construction of an Uncovered Finished Water Storage Facility Treatment Technique Violation Data Elements and DTF Transactions

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or <i>Comment</i>
C0101	PWS-ID	<i>Qualifier 1</i>
C1101	Violation ID	<i>Qualifier 2</i>
C1103	Contaminant	0300
C1105	Violation Type	47
C1107	Compliance Period Begin Date	20020515
C1109	Compliance Period End Date	A date should not be provided with the original violation report to SDWIS/FED. When a date is not provided, SDWIS/FED processing will generate a default date of 12/31/2015. When the Primacy Agency has determined that the PWS has returned to compliance (i.e., either covered the reservoir or physically taken offline), then the Primacy Agency should submit a “returned to compliance” enforcement action and link it to the original treatment technique violation. The date of the action should be the date the Primacy Agency made that determination. SDWIS/FED processing will modify the end date of the original violation to be the same date as the “returned to compliance” reported.
C1203	Enforcement Action Date	20040115
C1205	Enforcement Follow-Up Action	SOX ( <i>Followed-up by Primacy Agency</i> )
Y5000	Associated Violation ID	0300001

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
D1	GA1234586	0200001		I	C1103	0300		
D1	GA1234586	0200001		I	C1105	47		
D1	GA1234586	0200001		I	C1107	20020515		
E1	GA1234586	0400001		I	C1203	20040115		
E1	GA1234586	0400001		I	C1205	SOX		
E1	GA1234586	0400001		I	Y5000	0200001		

## 2.3 Monitoring & Reporting (M&R) Violations

### General Discussion of Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) Violations

M&R violations of the LT1ESWTR are reported for water systems that have failed to conduct the required turbidity monitoring or report the results of the monitoring, have failed to conduct appropriate individual filter turbidity trigger response activities or have otherwise failed to report required information to the Primacy Agency. All LT1ESWTR violations are reported as violations of the rule, rather than of a specific contaminant. The contaminant code 0300 is utilized for the LT1ESWTR violations reported to SDWIS/FED. Only one M&R violation may be reported for a facility per compliance period, for each violation type. The type 29 violation is considered by EPA to be a major violation. The type 38 violation can be either major or minor, depending upon the severity of the missed sampling and reporting. Thus, for type 29 violations, the Major violation flag (C1131) field is to be reported as “Y” to represent “Yes” instead of reporting multiple violation. The following Table 2-15 is a summary of the CFE and IFE turbidity monitoring requirements under the LT1ESWTR.

Table 2-13. Turbidity Monitoring Requirements for Conventional and Direct Filtration Systems	
Type/Location of Sample	Frequency
Combined Filter Effluent (CFE)	Collect and analyze a sample every four (4) hours of operation. Less frequent monitoring is allowed for systems serving 500 or fewer people.
Individual Filter Effluent (IFE)	Monitor continuously and record values every fifteen (15) minutes of filter operation.

Table 2-14. M&R Violations Under the LT1ESWTR			
Violation Code	Contaminant Code	Monitoring and Reporting Violations	Section Where Discussed in This Document
29	0300	<b>Major:</b> Failure to conduct follow-up activities triggered by individual filter turbidity exceedances.	Section 2.3.1
38	0300	<b>Major:</b> Failure to collect and report 90% of required combined filter effluent turbidity samples	Section 2.3.2
		<b>Major:</b> Failure to report all individual filter monitoring has been conducted	Section 2.3.2
		<b>Minor:</b> Any other failure to monitor or report	Section 2.3.2

#### 2.3.1 Type 29/0300: Monitoring and Reporting Violations - Failure to conduct individual filter monitoring follow-up activities

***Cross-reference to Implementation Guidance:***

Section I, pages 16 - 18

Section II, pages 7 - 9

Section V, pages 2 & 6

<b>Table 2-15. Violation Type: 29/0300</b>		
<b>Violation Code</b>	<b>Contaminant Code</b>	<b>Monitoring and Reporting Violations</b>
29	0300	Failure to conduct follow-up activities triggered by individual filter turbidity exceedances (multiple).

<b>Table 2-16 Individual Filter Follow Up Activities*</b>		
<b>Violation 29/0300</b>	<b>Rule Citation</b>	<b>Section Where Discussed in This Document</b>
Failure to report to the Primacy Agency by the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the month following a turbidity exceedance (> 1.0 NTU in 2 consecutive recordings taken 15 minutes apart)	40 CFR141.563(a)	Section 2.3.1.1
Failure to conduct and/or report to the Primacy Agency a self-assessment of an individual filter within 14 days of a turbidity exceedance (>1.0 NTU in 2 consecutive recordings taken 15 minutes apart in each of 3 consecutive months)	40 CFR141.563(b)	Section 2.3.1.2
Failure to have a comprehensive performance evaluation conducted by the Primacy Agency or a third party no later than 60 days after a turbidity exceedance (> 2.0 NTU in 2 consecutive recordings taken 15 minutes apart in 2 consecutive months) and have the evaluation completed and submitted to the Primacy Agency no later than 120 days following the exceedance.	40 CFR141.563(c)	Section 2.3.1.3

\* These follow-up activities apply only to systems using conventional or direct filtration treatment.

**2.3.1.1 Type 29/0300: Failure to Report to the State by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the Month Following a IFE Turbidity Exceedance**

***Cross-reference to Rule:*** 40 CFR141.563(a)

Example System Description - System D:

System D is a subpart H system that treats a single surface water source with a direct filtration plant that has eight individual filters capable of producing 6.91 MGD over a 24-hour period. The system serves 9,000 persons. Pursuant to the treatment technique requirements of the LT1ESWTR, System D must measure the turbidity of the CFE every four hours of operation and record those measurements on a form approved by the Primacy Agency. Additionally, System D must have continuous monitoring turbidimeters placed on the effluent of each individual filter and must measure the turbidity continuously while each filter is producing water that goes to the clearwell. These individual filter turbidity readings must be recorded every 15 minutes during the time each filter is in operation and records of the 15-minute measurements must be retained by the system for at least three years. Systems must report that they have conducted individual filter monitoring within ten days following the end of each month. Systems must also report to the State by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month if the IFE exceeded 1.0 NTU in 2 consecutive recordings taken 15 minutes apart.

At the time of the Primacy Agency’s sanitary survey, conducted on February 26, 2006, the inspector printed out the individual filter monitoring data and learned the following information, presented in the following four example scenarios. A description of the violation, example data reports, and the data elements and DTF transactions which should be used to report these kinds of violations to SDWIS/FED are presented.

In the following examples #10A, #10B and #10C relevant data is excerpted from turbidity monitoring forms and presented numerically. Shaded cells represent data that has been recorded but does not trigger follow-up activities under the LT1ESWTR.

Example #10A: M&R 29/0300

Filter number 7 had exceeded 1.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart on November 11, 2005 and again on December 6, 2005. No report was provided to the Primacy Agency.

<b>Table 2-17. System D Filter #7 November 2005 IFE Turbidity Monitoring Form (Excerpt)</b>								
Date	Time							
	<12:00 pm	12:00 pm	12:15 pm	12:30 pm	12:45 pm	1:00 pm	1:15 pm	>1:15 pm
11/11			1.2 NTU	1.1 NTU				
11/12								

Table 2-18. System D Filter #7 December 2005 IFE Turbidity Monitoring Form (Excerpt)								
Date	Time							
	<12:00 pm	12:00 pm	12:15 pm	12:30 pm	12:45 pm	1:00 pm	1:15 pm	>1:15 pm
12/6						1.3 NTU	1.1 NTU	
12/7								

Example #10A. Decision:

These M&R violations are SDWIS coded as 29/0300. System D has incurred two (2) Major M&R violations because of the failure to report by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month that the turbidity in filter #7 exceeded 1.0 in two consecutive recordings taken 15 minutes apart in November 2005 (report due by December 10, 2005) and in December 2005 (report due by January 10, 2006). The SDWIS/FED data elements and individual DTF transactions are summarized at the end of the section in Exhibit 2.17.

**2.3.1.2 Type 29/0300: Failure to Perform a Self-Assessment of an Individual Filter**

*Cross-reference to Rule:* 40 CFR141.563(b)

Example #10B: M&R 29/0300

Filter number 3 exceeded 1.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart on October 31, 2005, November 1, 2005 and December 2, 2005 (3 consecutive months). System D failed to conduct a self-assessment of filter number 3 within 14 days of the trigger and made no report to the Primacy Agency.

Table 2-19. System D Filter #3 October 2005 IFE Turbidity Monitoring Form (Excerpt)								
Date	Time							
	<12:00 pm	12:00 pm	12:15 pm	12:30 pm	12:45 pm	1:00 pm	1:15 pm	>1:15 pm
10/30								
10/31		1.2 NTU	1.1 NTU					

Table 2-20. System D Filter #3 November 2005 IFE Turbidity Monitoring Form (Excerpt)								
Date	Time							
	<12:00 pm	12:00 pm	12:15 pm	12:30 pm	12:45 pm	1:00 pm	1:15 pm	>1:15 pm
11/1						2.3 NTU	2.1 NTU	
11/2								

Table 2-21. System D Filter #3 December 2005 IFE Turbidity Monitoring Form (Excerpt)								
Date	Time							
	<12:00 pm	12:00 pm	12:15 pm	12:30 pm	12:45 pm	1:00 pm	1:15 pm	>1:15 pm
12/2		2.2 NTU	2.4 NTU					
12/3								

Example #10B. Decision:

This M&R violation is SDWIS coded as 29/0300. System D has incurred a Major M&R violation because of the failure to conduct a self-assessment of filter number 3 within 14 days of the observation of two consecutive measurements exceeding 1.0 NTU taken 15 minutes apart in three consecutive months on December 2, 2005. The SDWIS/FED data elements and individual DTF transactions are summarized at the end of the section in Exhibit 2.17.

**2.3.1.3 Type 29/0300: Failure to Arrange for a Comprehensive Performance Evaluation**

*Cross-reference to Rule:* 40 CFR141.563(c)

Example #10C: M&R 29/0300

Filter number 3 exceeded 2.0 NTU in two consecutive measurements taken 15 minutes apart on both November 1, 2005 and December 2, 2005 (2 consecutive months) which triggered a CPE. System D had not, at the time of the sanitary survey (February 26, 2006), made arrangements for the Primacy Agency or a third party approved by the Primacy Agency to conduct a CPE (required to have been arranged within 60 days of the last trigger).

Table 2-22. System D Filter #3 November 2005 IFE Turbidity Monitoring Form (Excerpt)								
Date	Time							
	<12:00 pm	12:00 pm	12:15 pm	12:30 pm	12:45 pm	1:00 pm	1:15 pm	>1:15 pm
11/1						2.3 NTU	2.1 NTU	
11/2								

Table 2-23. System D Filter #3 December 2005 IFE Turbidity Monitoring Form (Excerpt)								
Date	Time							
	<12:00 pm	12:00 pm	12:15 pm	12:30 pm	12:45 pm	1:00 pm	1:15 pm	>1:15 pm
12/2		2.2 NTU	2.4 NTU					
12/3								

Example #10C. Decision:

This M&R violation is SDWIS coded as 29/0300. System D has incurred a Major M&R violation because of the failure to have the CPE arranged by no later than 60 days after the observation on December 2, 2005 of the second of two consecutive measurements exceeding 2.0 NTU taken 15 minutes apart in two consecutive months. System D is at risk of being out of compliance for additional time if they do not complete the CPE and submit the results within 120 days of December 2, 2005 (the date the second consecutive (month) filter number 3 exceedance was measured). The CPE must be submitted to the Primacy Agency by no later than April 1, 2006. The SDWIS/FED data elements and individual DTF transactions are summarized at the end of the section.

Example #10 Summary:

During the month of November, the system incurred one Type 29/0300 M&R violation for failure to report to the State following an IFE turbidity exceedance. During the month of December, the system incurred two Type 29/0300 M&R violations for failure to report to the State by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following an IFE turbidity exceedance and for failure to perform a Filter Self-Assessment. Although the Primacy Agency should appropriately respond to both of the violations from the month of December, the Primacy Agency should only submit one M&R violation report to SDWIS for the month of December. During the month of February the system incurred one Type 29/0300 violation for failure to arrange for a

CPE within 60 days after the observation of two consecutive IFE measurements exceeding 2.0 NTU taken 15 minutes apart in 2 consecutive months.

### Public Notice Requirements

According to the provisions of 40 CFR 141.201, the system must provide Tier 3 public notice for these violations.

### System Reporting

Within ten days after the end of each month the system must report to the Primacy Agency that continuous monitoring was conducted at each individual filter and that the system recorded results of that monitoring every fifteen minutes and will maintain the records for three years. The system must also report for any individual filter turbidity measurement that meets any of the following:

- two consecutive measurements taken fifteen minutes apart > 1.0 NTU
- two consecutive measurements taken fifteen minutes apart > 1.0 NTU in each of three consecutive months
- two consecutive measurements taken fifteen minutes apart > 2.0 NTU in two consecutive months

The report must include the filter number, the turbidity measurement, and the date(s) on which the exceedance(s) occurred.

### Primacy Agency to SDWIS/FED Reporting

Although the Primacy Agency should appropriately respond to all documented violations of the rule, SDWIS/FED should receive only one M&R violation report per monitoring period for each violation type for each PWS. Since Type 29/0300 violations are reported monthly, by system, to the Primacy Agency, and since all type 29/0300 violations are Major violations, the Primacy Agency should report one Type 29/0300 M&R violation, flagged as Major (“Y” in C1131) for November 2005, December 2005 and February 2006. In example #10C above, the issue of a potential Major M&R violation during April of 2006 is raised, however, at the time of the sanitary survey, System D’s compliance with the April submittal date for the required CPE report is unknown.

The appropriate SDWIS/FED Individual Filter Trigger Response violation (29/0300) data elements and individual DTF transactions for a violation in November 2005 are listed below in Exhibit 2.17. The same entry should be made for the months of December 2005 and February 2006 (with associated C1107 and C1109 dates). It should be noted that the deadline date by which the system should have arranged for a CPE falls in February 2006. All individual filter M&R violations are considered Major. The Major violation flag (C1131), if reported, must be “Y.” SDWIS/FED will default the value to “Y” if not it is not reported.



## Exhibit 2.17 Major LT1ESWTR M&R Violation - Response to Individual Filter Triggers Data Elements and DTF Transactions

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or Comment
C0101	PWS-ID	Qualifier 1
C1101	Violation ID	Qualifier 2
C1103	Contaminant	0300
C1105	Violation Type	29
C1107	Compliance Period Begin Date	
C1109	Compliance Period End Date	Must be one month later than C1107
C1131	Major Violation Flag	Y (default)

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
D1	GA1234588	0600001		I	C1103	0300		
D1	GA1234588	0600001		I	C1105	29		
D1	GA1234588	0600001		I	C1107	20051101		
D1	GA1234588	0600001		I	C1109	20051130		
D1	GA1234588	0600001		I	C1131	Y		

### 2.3.2 Type 38/0300: Failure to Collect and Report Filter Effluent Turbidity Monitoring

*Cross-reference to LT1ESWTR Implementation Guidance:*

Section V, pages 2 & 7

There are two distinct situations that define a Type 38/0300 M&R violation. They are described below in Sections 2.3.2.1 and 2.3.2.2. They are followed by individual examples of each definition (Examples #11 and #12). Finally, the data elements and individual DTFs used to report to SDWIS are presented.

Example System Description - System E:

System E is a subpart H system that treats a single surface water source with a direct filtration plant that has four individual filters capable of producing 3.46 MGD over a 24-hour period. The system serves 5,000 persons. Pursuant to the treatment technique requirements of the SWTR and LT1ESWTR, System E must measure the turbidity of the CFE every four hours of operation and record those measurements on a form approved by the Primacy Agency. Additionally, System E must have continuous monitoring turbidimeters placed on the effluent of each individual filter and must measure the turbidity continuously while each filter is producing water that goes to the clearwell. These individual filter turbidity readings must be recorded every 15 minutes during the time each filter is in operation and records of the 15-minute measurements must be retained by the system for at least three years. Systems must report that they have conducted individual filter monitoring within ten days following the end of each month. If the IFE

exceeded 1.0 NTU in 2 consecutive recordings taken 15 minutes apart, systems must also report this and the reason for the exceedance to the State by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

**2.3.2.1 Type 38/0300: Failure to Monitor or Report Required CFE Samples**

<b>Table 2-24. Violation Type: 38/0300</b>			
<b>Violation Code</b>	<b>Contaminant Code</b>	<b>Monitoring and Reporting Violations</b>	<b>Rule Citation</b>
38	0300	Major: Failure to collect and report at least 90% of required combined filter effluent turbidity sample results.  Minor: Any other failure to monitor or report.	40 CFR141.570(a)

**2.3.2.1.1 Major - Failure to Collect and Report at Least 90% of Required Combined Filter Effluent Samples**

**Minor - Any Other Failure to Monitor or Report**

Example #11: M&R 38/0300

System E’s operator takes samples of the CFE every four hours and measures turbidity. The results of these turbidity measurements are recorded on a daily CFE form approved by the Primacy Agency and the operator submits the completed forms to the Primacy Agency prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month. However, on April 15, 2006, System E’s operator went on extended medical leave for 90 days. During this period of time (April 15, 2006 to July 15, 2006) although some samples were taken, the backup operators failed to collect or report 25% of the required CFE samples, resulting in collection of only 75% of required samples during that time period.

Example #11 Decision: M&R 38/0300

This M&R violation is SDWIS coded as 38/0300. System E has incurred 3 Major M&R reporting violations (1 for each month) for the months of April, May and June of 2006 because of the failure to collect or report the necessary CFE samples.

Public Notice Requirement

According to the requirements of 40 CFR141.201, the system must provide Tier 3 public notice regarding the violation.

System Reporting

Within ten days after the end of each month the system must report to the Primacy Agency that continuous monitoring was conducted at each individual filter and that the system recorded results of that monitoring every fifteen minutes and will maintain the records for three years. The system must also report for any individual filter turbidity measurement that meets any of the following:

- two consecutive measurements taken fifteen minutes apart > 1.0 NTU

- two consecutive measurements taken fifteen minutes apart > 1.0 NTU in each of three consecutive months
- two consecutive measurements taken fifteen minutes apart > 2.0 NTU in two consecutive months

The report must include the filter number, the turbidity measurement(s), the date(s) on which the exceedance(s) occurred, and if the follow-up action has been completed.

Primacy Agency to SDWIS/FED Reporting

The SDWIS/FED data elements and individual DTF transactions are summarized at the end of the section and are illustrated in Exhibit 2.18.

**2.3.2.2 Type 38/0300 Major: Failure to Complete and Report Required Individual Filter Monitoring**

<b>Table 2-25. Violation Type: 38/0300</b>			
<b>Violation Code</b>	<b>Contaminant Code</b>	<b>Monitoring and Reporting Violations</b>	<b>Rule Citation</b>
38	0300	Major: Failure to report, within 10 days of end of month, that all individual filter monitoring has been conducted	40 CFR141.570(b)

Example #12: M&R 38/0300

During the 90 day period that System E’s operator is on extended medical leave the backup operators also fail to report on a monthly basis that individual filter effluent has been monitored on a continuous basis and that the results of such monitoring has been measured and recorded at 15-minute intervals for each filter.

Example #12 Decision:

This M&R violation is SDWIS coded as 38/0300. System E has incurred 3 Major M&R violations (1 for each month) for the failure in each month to report that the individual filter effluent has been monitored as required.

Public Notice Requirement

According to the requirements of 40 CFR141.201, the system must provide Tier 3 public notice regarding the violation.

System Reporting

Within ten days after the end of each month the system must report to the Primacy Agency that continuous monitoring was conducted at each individual filter and that the system recorded results of that monitoring every 15 minutes and will maintain the records for three years. The system must also report for any individual filter turbidity measurement that meets any of the following:

- two consecutive measurements taken fifteen minutes apart > 1.0 NTU
- two consecutive measurements taken fifteen minutes apart > 1.0 NTU in each of three consecutive months

- two consecutive measurements taken fifteen minutes apart > 2.0 NTU in two consecutive months

The report must include the filter number, the turbidity measurement, and the date(s) on which the exceedance(s) occurred.

Within 10 days of his return the operator submits the completed notification to the Primacy Agency prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month that continuous monitoring was conducted at each individual filter and that the results were recorded.

#### Primacy Agency to SDWIS/FED Reporting

Although the Primacy Agency should appropriately respond to all documented violations of the rule, only one M&R violation is reported per monitoring period for each violation type. Type 38 /0300 violations are reported monthly, by the system, to the Primacy Agency, and may be either Major or Minor violations. The examples above illustrate that the water system incurred a number of violations during the months of April, May and June. If there are both Major and Minor Type 38/0300 violations at the same system, during the same reporting period (month in this case), then preference for SDWIS reporting should be given to the Major violation. The details of the violation are not reported to SDWIS, only the type.

The appropriate SDWIS/FED Major M&R sampling violation data elements and individual DTF transactions for Example #11 and Example #12 are listed below in Exhibit 2.18.

## Exhibit 2.18 LT1ESWTR M&R Major Sampling Violation Data Elements and DTF Transactions

Data Elements:

Number	Name	Value or Comment
C0101	PWS-ID	<i>Qualifier 1</i>
C1101	Violation ID	<i>Qualifier 2</i>
C1103	Contaminant	0300
C1105	Violation Type	38
C1107	Compliance Period Begin Date	
C1109	Compliance Period End Date	<i>Must be one month later than C1107 (defaulted if neither C1109 nor C1111 is reported)</i>
C1131	Major Violation Flag	<i>Y = Major, N = Minor</i>

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
D1	GA1234589	0600001		I	C1103	0300		
D1	GA1234589	0600001		I	C1105	38		
D1	GA1234589	0600001		I	C1107	20060401		
D1	GA1234589	0600001		I	C1109	20060430		
D1	GA1234589	0600001		I	C1131	Y		
D1	GA1234589	0600002		I	C1103	0300		
D1	GA1234589	0600002		I	C1105	38		
D1	GA1234589	0600002		I	C1107	20060501		
D1	GA1234589	0600002		I	C1109	20060531		
D1	GA1234589	0600002		I	C1131	Y		
D1	GA1234589	0600003		I	C1103	0300		
D1	GA1234589	0600003		I	C1105	38		
D1	GA1234589	0600003		I	C1107	20060601		
D1	GA1234589	0600003		I	C1109	20060630		
D1	GA1234589	0600003		I	C1131	Y		

## 2.4 Recordkeeping Violations

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### General Discussion of Recordkeeping Violations

Under the LT1ESWTR, one type of Recordkeeping violation is reported to SDWIS/FED. A Recordkeeping violation is reported for water systems that fail to maintain, in a reviewable format, the results of individual filter monitoring for at least 3 years from the date of sample collection. All LT1ESWTR violations are reported as violations of the rule, rather than of a specific contaminant. The contaminant code 0300 is utilized for the LT1ESWTR violations reported to SDWIS/FED.

#### 2.4.1 Type 09/0300: Failure to Maintain the Results of Individual Filter Monitoring for at Least 3 Years From Date of Sample Collection

*Cross-reference to LT1ESWTR Implementation Guidance:*

Section I, page 2 & 8

Section V, pages 2 & 8

<b>Table 2-26. Violation Type: 09/0300</b>			
<b>Violation Code</b>	<b>Contaminant Code</b>	<b>Recordkeeping Violations</b>	<b>Rule Citation</b>
09	0300	Failure to maintain the results of individual filter monitoring for at least 3 years after the date of sample collection.	40 CFR141.571(a)

#### Example System Description - System F:

System F is a subpart H system that treats a single surface water source with a direct filtration plant that has four individual filters capable of producing 3.46 MGD over a 24-hour period. The system serves 5,000 persons. Pursuant to the treatment technique requirements of the LT1ESWTR, System F must measure the turbidity of the CFE every four hours of operation and record those measurements on a form approved by the Primacy Agency. Additionally, System F must have continuous monitoring turbidimeters placed on the effluent of each individual filter and must measure the turbidity continuously while each filter is producing water that goes to the clearwell. These individual filter turbidity readings must be recorded every 15 minutes during the time each filter is in operation and records of the 15-minute measurements must be retained by the system for at least three years. Systems must report that they have conducted individual filter monitoring within ten days following the end of each month. Systems must also report to the State by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month if the IFE exceeded 1.0 NTU in 2 consecutive recordings taken 15 minutes apart. If the IFE exceeded 1.0 NTU in 2 consecutive recordings taken 15 minutes apart, systems must also report this and the reason for the exceedance to the State by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

#### Example #13: Recordkeeping 09/0300

A representative from the Primacy Agency travels to System F on January 5, 2006 to conduct a sanitary survey. During the sanitary survey, she asks to see the individual filter monitoring results and learns that they are purged from System F's SCADA system at the end of each quarter and no other records of such measurements are retained.

#### Example #13 Decision:

This violation is SDWIS coded as 09/0300. System F has incurred a recordkeeping violation because records of individual filter turbidity measurements have not been maintained for at least three years after the date of sample collection (they are purged from the SCADA system at the end of each quarter and no other records are kept).

#### Public Notice Requirements

According to the requirements of 40 CFR141.201, the system must provide Tier 3 public notice regarding the violation.

#### System Reporting Requirements

There are no specific system reporting requirements for this violation.

#### Primacy Agency to SDWIS/FED Reporting

For SDWIS/FED reporting, the violation begin date is the date on which the Primacy Agency becomes aware of the failure on January 5, 2006 (20060105). The violation is considered to be returned to compliance when the water system documents to the primacy agency that it has 3-years of filter turbidity monitoring data. The appropriate SDWIS/FED recordkeeping violation data elements and individual DTF transactions for violation Type 09/0300 are listed in Exhibit 2.19.

**Exhibit 2.19 Recordkeeping Violation - Failure to Maintain Results of Individual Filter Effluent Measurements For at Least 3 Years After Date of Sample Data Elements and DTF Transactions**

Data Elements:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Value or Comment</u>
C0101	PWS-ID	<i>Qualifier 1</i>
C1101	Violation ID	<i>Qualifier 2</i>
C1103	Contaminant	0300
C1105	Violation Type	09
C1107	Compliance Period Begin Date	
C1109	Compliance Period End Date	This date should not be provided with the violation. SDWIS/FED processing will generate a default date of 12/31/2015. When the primacy agency has determined that the PWS is compliant (i.e., collected and kept on site 3 years of individual filter turbidity measurements), then the primacy agency needs to submit a “returned to compliance” enforcement action and link it to the original record keeping violation. The date of the action should represent the date the primacy agency made that determination. SDWIS/FED processing will modify the end date of the original violation to be the same date as the “returned to compliance” reported.

DTF Transactions:

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
D1	GA1234585	0600001		I	C1103	0300		
D1	GA1234585	0600001		I	C1105	09		
D1	GA1234585	0600001		I	C1107	20060105		



## **Section 3**

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# **General SDWIS Reporting**

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# **General SDWIS Reporting & SDWIS Inventory Reporting**

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## **3.1 Federally Reported Violations**

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Under SDWIS/FED reporting, Primacy Agencies report when violations occur. In the interest of reducing the reporting burden on Primacy Agencies, EPA has limited the number and type of violations to be reported to SDWIS/FED. However, PWSs must still keep records and report all required information to the Primacy Agency. Any violation of the rule, whether included in the accompanying table or not, is a basis for a Primacy Agency or federal enforcement action. Table 3-1 summarizes the violation and contaminant codes that will be used when it is necessary to report violations of the LT1ESWTR to SDWIS/FED.

Table 5.2, from the *LT1ESWTR Implementation Guidance*, contains the federally reportable violations for the LT1ESWTR in more detail. These violations are listed by contaminant or requirement and violation type. The table includes the SDWIS/FED reporting codes, the regulatory citation, system type affected, a detailed description of the violation, and the initial compliance date. This table will contribute to a user's understanding of those violations listed in SDWIS.

### SDWIS/FED Reporting

This section provides guidance to EPA Regions and Primacy Agencies on reporting facility information and violations of the LT1ESWTR and DBP rules to the national SDWIS/FED database.

The SDWIS/FED reporting requirements in this section apply to systems of all types and sizes. Although the method of violation determination may differ between systems, a particular violation code will define the same violation at any system.

### SDWIS/FED Data Transfer File (DTF) Format

Data are reported to SDWIS/FED via a formatted Data Transfer File (DTF). Exhibit 3.1 depicts the format of a DTF transaction. Refer to *SDWIS/FED Data Entry Instructions* for further information regarding DTF processing and construction, particularly modification and deletion issues which are not covered in this document.

<b>Table 3-1. SDWIS/FED Codes for Federal Reporting Under the LT1ESWTR</b>		
<b>Violation Code</b>	<b>Contaminant Code</b>	<b>Treatment Technique (TT) Violations</b>
37	0300	Failure to profile or consult w/Primacy Agency (disinfection changes)
43	0300	Combined filter effluent exceeds 1 NTU/Primacy Agency-set maximum requirements
44	0300	More than 5% of monthly combined filter effluent samples exceed 0.3 NTU/Primacy Agency-set maximum requirements
47	0300	Construction of an uncovered finished water storage facility
<b>Monitoring and Reporting Violations</b>		
29	0300	<b>Major:</b> Failure to conduct follow-up activities triggered by individual filter turbidity exceedances.
38 <sup>1</sup>	0300	<b>Major:</b> Failure to collect and report 90% of required combined filter effluent turbidity samples
		<b>Major:</b> Failure to report all individual filter monitoring has been conducted
		<b>Major:</b> Failure to report combined filter effluent maximum turbidity exceedances by the end of the next business day
		<b>Minor:</b> Any other failure to monitor or report
<b>Recordkeeping Violations</b>		
09	0300	Failure to maintain the results of individual filter monitoring for at least 3 years

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Flag used to denote major or minor

### Exhibit 3.1 General DTF File and Transaction Format

1-2	3-11	12-18	19-25	26	27-31	32-71	72-74	75-80
Form ID	Qual 1	Qual 2	Qual 3	DIM Code	DE Number	Data Value	Blank	Batch Sequence Number

- Form ID                                      An identification number that allows input of certain types of data.
- Form B1                                      Used for Source/Entity Data in Inventory Reporting.
- Form B2                                      Used for Treatment Data.
- Form B3                                      Used for Facility Flow Data.
- Form D1                                      Used for Violation Data.
- Form E1                                      Used for Enforcement Data.
- Qualifier 1                                   The Public Water System Identifier (PWS-ID) of the Water System to be inserted, modified, or deleted.
- Qualifier 2                                   Contains an ID that further defines what record is to be inserted, modified, or deleted. Qualifier 2 contains the SE ID when reporting facilities and Treatments, the violation ID when reporting violations, and the enforcement ID when reporting enforcements.
- Qualifier 3                                   Contains an ID that further defines what record is to be inserted, modified, or deleted. Qualifier 3 contains the treatment ID when reporting treatments.
- DIM Code                                    D= Delete  
     I = Insert  
     M =    Modify
- Data Element Number                    The DTF data element number (e.g., C0483, C1105) identifying a specific element to be inserted, modified, or deleted.
- Data Value                                    The data value associated with the data element number.
- Batch Sequence Number                    The number assigned to the group of data being submitted. Used to sequence processing against the database, if required.

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## **Section 4**

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# **Additional Sources of Information**

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# Additional Sources for Technical Information on the LT1ESWTR

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## **SDWIS/FED Documents**

### SDWIS/FED Data Entry Instructions

This document provides details for the creation of all parts of DTF transactions

### SDWIS/FED Online Data Dictionary

This application provides details on every table and field contained in SDWIS/FED, including definitions, permitted values, names, and editing requirements.

### LT1ESWTR Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking Technical Guidance Manual (EPA 816-R-03-004)

**Objective:** Help determine if a disinfection profile (an evaluation of current disinfection practices) is required and how to do one; when a disinfection benchmark must be determined and how to extract it from the profile; and how a PWS should use the benchmark, in consultation with the Primacy Agency, to assure protection from microbial risk is maintained when the system changes its disinfection practice.

**Contents:** The manual provides detailed information on the following subjects: applicability of the profiling and benchmarking requirements to PWSs; procedures for generating a disinfection profile, including example profiles; methods for calculating the disinfection benchmark, including example calculations; the use of the benchmark in modifying disinfection practices, communication with the Primacy Agency, and assessing significant changes to disinfection practices; the development of the profiling and benchmarking regulations; the significance of the log inactivation concept and CT values for inactivations achieved by various disinfectants; and the determination of contact time.

### LT1ESWTR Turbidity Provisions Technical Guidance Manual (EPA 816-R-03-005)

**Objective:** To provide information on the turbidity requirements in LT1ESWTR and on concepts surrounding turbidity.

**Contents:** The manual includes information on turbidity requirements, data collection, data management, filter self-assessments, and other treatment processes related to turbidity.

### Alternative Disinfectants and Oxidants Guidance Manual (EPA 815-R-99-014)

**Objective:** To provide technical data and engineering information on disinfectants and oxidants that are not as commonly used as chlorine so that systems can evaluate their options for developing disinfection schemes to control water quality problems such as zebra mussels and Asiatic clams, and oxidation to control water quality problems associated with iron and manganese.

**Contents:** The manual discusses six disinfectants and oxidants: ozone, chlorine dioxide, potassium permanganate, chloramines, ozone/hydrogen peroxide combinations, and ultraviolet light. A decision tree is provided to assist in evaluating which disinfectant, or disinfectants, is most appropriate given certain site-specific conditions (e.g., water quality conditions, existing treatment, and operator skill). The manual also contains a summary of existing alternative disinfectants used in the U.S. and cost estimates for the use of alternative disinfectants.

### Guidance Manual for Conducting Sanitary Surveys of Public Water Systems (EPA 815-R-99-016)

- Objective: Provides an overview of how to conduct a sanitary survey of all water systems using surface water and ground water under the direct influence of surface water. It is intended to help Primacy Agency agencies improve their sanitary survey programs where needed.
- Contents: The manual provides information about the objective and regulatory context of sanitary surveys. It covers four principal stages of a sanitary survey: planning, including preparatory steps to be taken by inspectors before conducting the on-site portion conducting the on-site survey, compiling a sanitary survey report, and performing follow-up activities.

#### Uncovered Finished Water Reservoirs Manual (EPA 815-R-99-011)

- Objective: To provide information on ways to limit water quality degradation in existing uncovered finished water reservoirs.
- Contents: Provides detailed information on the following subjects: developing and implementing comprehensive open finished water reservoir management plans based on site-specific conditions; identifying potential sources of contamination in open finished water reservoirs and potential mitigation measures; employing different methods to control the degradation of water quality while it resides in the reservoir; monitoring schemes that can be used to characterize water quality and identify water quality degradation before it becomes severe and difficult to correct.

#### Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts Rules Simultaneous Compliance Guidance Manual (EPA 815-R-99-015)

- Objective: To assist PWSs on complying simultaneously with various drinking water regulations (e.g., Stage 1 DBPR, IESWTR, Lead and Copper Rule, and the Total Coliform Rule). The manual discusses operational problems systems may encounter when implementing these rule.
- Contents: The manual provides detailed information on the requirements in the Stage 1 DBPR and the IESWTR.

#### Implementation Guidance for the LT1ESWTR

- Objective: To assist Primacy Agencies with implementation of the LT1ESWTR, including preparation of primacy revision application packages.
- Contents: The manual contains chapters on rule overview, primacy implementation issues, primacy revision packages, PN and CCR requirements related to the rule, and SDWIS reporting.