



P. O. Box 200901 • Helena, MT 59620-0901 • (406) 444-2544 • Website: [www.deq.state.mt.us](http://www.deq.state.mt.us)

**AGENDA**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014  
METCALF BUILDING, ROOM 111  
1520 EAST SIXTH AVENUE, HELENA, MONTANA

\*\*\*\*\*

**NOTE:** *Individual agenda items are not assigned specific times. For public notice purposes, the meeting will begin no earlier than the time specified; however, the Board might not address the specific agenda items in the order they are scheduled. The Board will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this meeting. Please contact the Board Secretary by telephone at (406) 444-6701 or by e-mail at [jwittenberg@mt.gov](mailto:jwittenberg@mt.gov) no later than 4 days prior to the meeting to advise her of the nature of the accommodation you need.*

**9:00 A.M.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**A. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES**

1. The Board will vote on adopting the December 6, 2013, meeting minutes.

**II. BRIEFING ITEMS**

**A. CONTESTED CASE UPDATE**

1. Enforcement cases assigned to the Hearing Examiner
  - a. **In the matter of violations of the Public Water Supply Laws by Trailer Terrace Mobile Park, LLC, Dennis Deschamps and Dennis Rasmussen at the Trailer Terrace, PWSID No. MT0000025, Great Falls, Cascade County, BER 2012-11 PWS.** A *Fourth Order Granting Extension* was issued on December 1, 2013, giving the parties through April 1, 2014, to settle the matter or file a joint proposed prehearing schedule.
2. Other Cases Assigned to a Hearing Examiner
  - a. **In the matter of violations of the Sanitation in Subdivisions Act and Public Water Supply Laws by Roger Emery at the Sunrise Motel, Sidney, Richland County, BER 2013-06 SUB.** On November 4, 2013, a *First Prehearing Order* was issued. An *Order Extending the Deadline for Filing Proposed Schedule* was issued on December 4, 2013.

3. Contested Cases not assigned to a Hearing Examiner
  - a. **In the matter of the notice of appeal and request for hearing by Western Energy Company (WECO) regarding its MPDES Permit No. MT0023965 issued for WECO's Rosebud Mine in Colstrip, BER 2012-12 WQ.** A hearing on a *Motion to Intervene* occurred on May 7, 2013. On June 13, 2013, counsel for Western Energy filed *Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission for Good Cause Shown* to admit John C. Martin. On July 9, 2013, an *Order Granting the Pro Hac Vice Admission* was issued. On July 31, 2013, the interim hearing examiner issued an order granting the motion to intervene to WECO. A *Second Scheduling Order* was issued on October 4, 2013. On October 22, 2013, an *Order Amending Second Scheduling Order* was issued. A telephonic prehearing conference is set for April 14, 2014. The date of the hearing before the Board will be set at the prehearing conference.
  - b. **In the matter of the notice of appeal for hearing by Montana Environmental Information Center regarding DEQ's approval of coal mine permit No. C1993017 issued to Signal Peak Energy, LLC, for Bull Mountain Mine No. 1 in Roundup, MT, BER 2013-07 SM.** Signal Peak Energy filed a *Motion to Intervene and Brief in Support* on December 4, 2013. On December 9, 2013, an *Order on Motion to Intervene* granting the intervention was issued. On December 13, 2013, an *Order on Waiver and Prehearing Schedule* was issued. A *Joint Motion to Adopt Joint Stipulated Procedural Schedule for Administrative Review* was filed on December 23, 2013. On January 6, 2014, an *Order Adopting Joint Stipulated Procedural Schedule for Administrative Review* was issued.
  - c. **In the matter of the request for hearing by Montana Environmental Information Center and Sierra Club regarding DEQ's issuance of Montana Air Quality Permit No. OP0513-08 for the Colstrip Steam Electric Station, Colstrip, BER 2013-01 AQ.** On August 9, 2013, the interim hearing examiner issued *Third Amended Scheduling Order*. Oral arguments on pending motions occurred on October 22, 2013. Multiple prehearing motions were filed. The motions are listed with their respective disposition:
    - Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (Appellants-Montana Environmental Information Center and Sierra Club) (denied)
    - Motion in Limine to Preclude Appellant's Expert Witnesses from, testifying about Certain issues (PPL) (denied in part and granted in part)
    - Motion to Dismiss Appellant's Third Claim (PPL) or in the Alternative for Summary Judgment on Appellant's Third Claim; Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment (PPL) (denied; written order to follow)
    - Motion and Brief for Summary Judgment (DEQ) (denied; written order to follow)
    - Motion and Brief in Limine (DEQ) (granted in part and denied in part)
    - Stipulation for Partial Dismissal (all parties)
    - Motion for Leave to Amend Affidavit together with Amended Affidavit (Appellants) (granted)
    - Motion for Leave to Supplement Briefs with Appellants' Discovery Responses with supporting Brief (granted)

d. **In the matter of the request for hearing by Montana Environmental Information Center and Sierra Club regarding DEQ's issuance of Montana Air Quality Permit No. OP2953-07 for the JE Corette Steam Electric Station, Billings, BER 2013-02 AQ.** On August 9, 2013, the interim hearing examiner issued *Third Amended Scheduling Order*, setting oral argument on pending motions for October 22, 2013. Oral arguments on pending motions occurred on October 22, 2013. The following prehearing motions were filed:

- Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (Appellants- Montana Environmental Information Center and Sierra Club) (denied)
- Motion for Summary Judgment (PPL) (denied; written order to follow)
- Motion to Dismiss Appellant's Third claim or in the Alternative for summary Judgment on Appellant's Third Claim (PPL)
- Cross Motion for Summary Judgment (PPL) (denied; written order to follow)
- Motion and Brief for Summary Judgment (DEQ) (denied)
- Stipulation for Partial Dismissal (all parties)
- Appellants' Motion for Leave to Amend Affidavit with an Amended Affidavit (Appellants) (granted)
- Motion to Dismiss Appellants' Fourth Claim or in the Alternative, for Summary Judgment on Appellants' Fourth Claim and Its Motion for Summary Judgment for Appellants' Failure to Designate an Expert Witness.
- Motion for Leave to Supplement Briefs with Appellants' Discovery Responses (granted)

### III. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. INITIATION OF RULEMAKING

DEQ will propose that the Board initiate rulemaking to:

1. Amend ARM 17.8.102 to incorporate by reference updated federal and state regulations and other non-substantive "housekeeping" revisions to the ARM.
2. Adopt new nutrient standards for surface waters throughout Montana. The proposed nutrient standards also require the adoption of variances rules by the Department. Together the nutrient standards and the variances rules combine to make the nutrient package, which is necessary to protect the waters of Montana while minimizing the economic hardship. The rulemaking associated with the nutrient package will be in part made by the Board (nutrient standards) and in part by the Department (variance rules). The Department is proposing that these rulemakings proceed concurrently.
3. Amend Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 1, Public Water and Sewer Plans, Cross Connections, and Drilling Water Wells, by updating Department Circulars DEQ-1 and DEQ-3 related to public drinking water design standards, clarification of the requirements for the submission of plans and specifications, updating its expedited checklists, and adding new Department Circular DEQ-10 describing the use of

springs as a public source, and adding new Department Circular DEQ-16 describing the use of cisterns for non-community public water systems.

4. Extend the expiration date for the temporary water quality standards adopted for the New World Mining District at ARM 17.30.630. The Board adopted the temporary water quality standards in June 1999 and conducted triennial reviews in July 2002, July 2005, May 2008, and December 2011. The implementation plan to restore Daisy Creek, Fisher Creek, and portions of the Stillwater Rivers is being administered by the U.S. Forest Service. After a review of available water quality data, the department will propose that the expiration date for the temporary standards be extended 5 years.

#### **IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Under this item, members of the public may comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Board that is not otherwise on the agenda of the meeting. Individual contested case proceedings are not public matters on which the public may comment.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**



P. O. Box 200901 • Helena, MT 59620-0901 • (406) 444-2544 • Website: [www.deq.state.mt.us](http://www.deq.state.mt.us)

**MINUTES**  
**December 6, 2013**

Call to Order

The Board of Environmental Review's regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chairman Shropshire at 9:04 a.m., on Friday, December 6, 2013, in Room 111 of the Metcalf Building, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Joan Miles

Board Members Present via Teleconference: Chairman Shropshire, Larry Mires, Heidi Kaiser, and Joe Russell

Board Members Absent: Chris Tweeten and Marietta Canty

Board Attorney Present: Katherine Orr, Attorney General's Office, Department of Justice

Board Secretary Present: Joyce Wittenberg

Court Reporter Present: Laurie Crutcher, Crutcher Court Reporting

Department Personnel Present: Tom Livers (Deputy Director); John North, Dana David, Kirsten Bowers, Kurt Moser – Legal; Jon Dilliard, Eugene Pizzini, – Public Water Supply & Subdivisions Bureau; David Klemp – Air Resources Management Bureau; John Arrigo – Enforcement Division; Ed Coleman, Chris Cronin, Chris Yde, JJ Conner, Bob Smith - Industrial & Energy Minerals Bureau

Interested Persons Present (*Disclaimer: Names are spelled as best they can be read from the official sign-in sheet.*):

Mr. Livers took roll call at the Chairman's request.

I.A.1 Review and approve the October 4, 2013, teleconference meeting minutes.

Mr. Mires MOVED to approve the October 4, 2013, minutes as written. Mr. Russell SECONDED the motion. The motion CARRIED with a 5-0 vote.

I.A.2 Review and approve the October 29, 2013, teleconference meeting minutes.

Ms. Miles MOVED to approve the October 29, 2013, minutes as written. Mr. Mires SECONDED the motion. The motion CARRIED with a 5-0 vote.

I.B. Set 2014 meeting schedule.

Mr. Livers said the department is proposing January 21, March 21, May 30, July 25, September 26, and December 5, based primarily around rule adoption schedules. He reminded the Board that January 21 is a Tuesday, while the rest of the dates are Fridays.

Chairman Shropshire called for a motion to approve the 2014 calendar as discussed. Mr. Mires so MOVED. Ms. Kaiser SECONDED the motion. The motion CARRIED with a 5-0 vote.

II.A.1.a In the matter of violations of the Public Water Supply Laws by Trailer Terrace Mobile Park, LLC, Dennis Deschamps and Dennis Rasmussen at the Trailer Terrace, PWSID No. MT0000025, Great Falls, Cascade County, BER 2012-11 PWS. *(No discussion took place regarding this matter.)*

II.A.2.a In the matter of the notice of appeal and request for hearing by Western Energy Company (WECO) regarding its MPDES Permit No. MT0023965 issued for WECO's Rosebud Mine in Colstrip, BER 2012-12 WQ.

Ms. Orr said the parties are busy with prehearing preparation.

II.A.2.b In the matter of the request for hearing by Montana Environmental Information Center and Sierra Club regarding DEQ's issuance of Montana Air Quality Permit No. OP0513-08 for the Colstrip Steam Electric Station, Colstrip, BER 2013-01 AQ.

Ms. Orr said she has ruled on all the motions that were pending in this case.

II.A.2.c In the matter of the request for hearing by Montana Environmental Information Center and Sierra Club regarding DEQ's issuance of Montana Air Quality Permit No. OP2953-07 for the JE Corette Steam Electric Station, Colstrip, BER 2013-02 AQ.

Ms. Orr said she hopes to have rulings on all the pending motions by the end of next week.

III.A.1 In the matter of violations of the Sanitation in Subdivisions Act and Public Water Supply Laws by Roger Emery at the Sunrise Motel, Sidney, Richland County, BER 2013-06 SUB.

Ms. Orr said this is a Subdivision Act violation, and a Notice of Violation and Administrative Compliance and Penalty Order was issued by the department on September 26, and that a hearing was requested by Sunrise Motel on October 24 challenging the penalties.

Chairman Shropshire called for a motion to appoint Ms. Orr as the permanent hearing examiner for this matter. Mr. Russell so MOVED. Ms. Miles SECONDED the motion. The motion CARRIED with a 5-0 vote.

III.A.2 In the matter of the notice of appeal for hearing by Montana Environmental Information Center regarding DEQ's approval of coal mine permit No. C1993017 issued to Signal Peak Energy, LLC, for Bull Mountain Mine No. 1 in Roundup, MT, BER 2013-07 SM.

Ms. Orr provided an overview of the appeal.

Chairman Shropshire called for a motion to appoint Ms. Orr as the permanent hearing examiner for this matter. Mr. Russell so MOVED. Mr. Mires SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Russell said he would prefer the Board not appoint a permanent hearing examiner at this point, but rather see how the case plays out. The motion and second were WITHDRAWN by Mr. Russell and Mr. Mires. NO ACTION was taken on this matter.

III.B.1 In the matter of the request for hearing by Hawthorne Springs Property Owners Association; H Lazy Heart, LLC; Patchy, Inc.; and other residents regarding the Opencut Mining Permit No. 2258, issued to Farwest Rock Products, Missoula County, BER 2012-09 OC.

Ms. Orr explained the status of this case. Discussion took place between the Board and Ms. Orr.

<Mr. Tweeten joined the meeting via teleconference at this time.>

Chairman Shropshire called for a motion to authorize her to sign the recommended order. Mr. Russell so MOVED. Mr. Mires SECONDED the motion. The motion CARRIED with a 5-0 vote. (Mr. Tweeten chose not to vote since he was not present for the discussion.)

III.B.2 In the matter of the request for hearing by William E. Smith, on behalf of Mike Adkins, regarding Park County's denial to validate Adkins Class III Waste Tire Monofill License No. 517, BER 2012-05 SW.

Ms. Orr said the Board has before it an order dismissing the case with prejudice and provided an overview of the case.

Chairman Shropshire called for a motion to authorize her to sign the order dismissing the case. Ms. Miles so MOVED. Mr. Mires SECONDED the motion. The motion CARRIED with a 6-0 vote.

III.C.1 In the matter of DEQ's request that the Board initiate rulemaking to amend the insitu coal operations rule as requested by the Office of Surface Mining.

Mr. Smith requested that the Board initiate rulemaking to amend the rules that implement the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act, to make the insitu coal gasification rules as stringent as the federal counterpart, 30 CFR 828, enforced by the Office of Surface Mining.

Ms. Kaiser recused herself from taking action on this matter.

Chairman Shropshire called for a motion to initiate the rulemaking. Mr. Russell MOVED to initiate the rulemaking. Ms. Miles SECONDED the motion. Chairman Shropshire asked if there was any public comment on the rulemaking and there was no response. The motion CARRIED with a unanimous vote.

III.C.2 In the matter of DEQ's request that the Board initiate rulemaking to adopt New Rule I pertaining to the administrative requirements for limited opencut operations.

Mr. Cronin requested that the Board initiate rulemaking to adopt a new rule in ARM 17.24, Subchapter 2, pertaining to the administrative requirements for limited opencut operations. He said the new rule would implement legislative changes. He and Mr. Coleman responded to questions from the Board.

After much discussion, including whether a public hearing was necessary or appropriate, Chairman Shropshire called for a motion to initiate the rulemaking. Mr. Mires MOVED to initiate the rulemaking as proposed by the department (with no hearing). Ms. Kaiser SECONDED the motion. Chairman Shropshire asked if there was any public comment on the matter and no one responded. The motion CARRIED with a 6-0 vote.

IV. General Public Comment

Chairman Shropshire asked if there was anyone who would like to address the Board. There was no one.

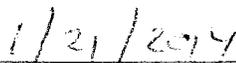
Mr. Livers discussed the January meeting, reminding that it would begin on Tuesday, January 21 at 9:00 a.m. with the meeting into early afternoon, followed by a break, then the PPL case hearings, which could go through Thursday.

V. Adjournment

Chairman Shropshire called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Miles so MOVED. Mr. Mires SECONDED the motion. The motion CARRIED with a unanimous VOTE.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Board of Environmental Review December 6, 2013, minutes approved:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ROBIN SHROPSHIRE  
CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
AGENDA ITEM**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR ACTION ON RULE INITIATION**

**Agenda # III.A.1.**

**Agenda Item Summary:** The Department requests that the Board initiate rulemaking to amend the air quality incorporation by reference (IBR) rule to adopt the current editions of federal statutes and regulations and eliminate certain limited exceptions that no longer accurately reference federal code.

**List of Affected Rules:** This rulemaking would amend ARM 17.8.102.

**Affected Parties Summary:** The proposed rule amendments would affect sources of air pollution subject to regulation under the air quality rules in ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, that are subject to revisions in the July 1, 2013 edition of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and revisions to the June 30, 2013 edition of Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM).

**Scope of Proposed Proceeding:** The Department requests that the Board initiate rulemaking and conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to the above-stated rules.

**Background:** Annually, the Department requests that the Board update the rule incorporating by reference federal statutes and regulations and state administrative rules. The IBR update is accomplished by amending the dates of the codifications of the CFR, U.S. Code, and ARM set forth in ARM 17.8.102(1). Failure to adopt the most recent codification of the CFR may result in the loss of state primacy for administering the air program. During the IBR update, it is sometimes necessary to add limited exceptions when certain sections of the federal regulations have been rescinded by EPA or vacated by the courts after the date of publication. These sections are then either removed from federal regulations or amended, making exceptions in state rules unnecessary. In this update, the Department requests that the Board remove several such exceptions of subparts that have been amended or removed from federal regulations in the time since our last update. Descriptions of these sections follow:

On June 8, 2007, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, vacated EPA's Performance Standards for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units, found in 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart CCCC. On October 3, 2008, the Board excluded Subpart CCCC from IBR of 40 CFR Part 60, in ARM 17.8.102, which applies to the entire chapter of air quality rules. However, the subpart has been revised since that time and readopted into federal regulations. The department is proposing that the Board delete the exception to ensure state authority over the revised subpart.

On February 8, 2008, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, vacated

EPA's Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR), found in 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart HHHH. Effective April 17, 2009, the Board excluded CAMR from IBR of 40 CFR Part 60, in ARM 17.8.102, which applies to the entire chapter of air quality rules. The subpart has been removed from federal regulations since that time. The department is proposing that the Board delete the now unnecessary exception of subpart HHHH in ARM 17.8.102.

On June 8, 2007, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, vacated EPA's National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters, found in 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart DDDDD. On October 3, 2008, the Board excluded Subpart DDDDD from IBR of 40 CFR Part 63, in ARM 17.8.102, which applies to the entire chapter of air quality rules. However, the subpart has been revised since that time and readopted into federal regulations. The department is proposing that the Board delete the exception to ensure state authority over the revised subpart.

A brief summary of substantive changes to the CFR is included in the Board's packet.

**Hearing Information:** The Department recommends the Board appoint a hearing examiner and conduct a public hearing to take comment on the proposed amendments.

**Board Options:** The Board may:

1. Initiate rulemaking and issue the attached Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment;
2. Modify the Notice and initiate rulemaking; or
3. Determine that the amendment of the rules is not appropriate and deny the Department's request to initiate rulemaking.

**DEQ Recommendation:** The Department recommends that the Board initiate rulemaking and appoint a hearing examiner to conduct a public hearing, as described in the proposed Montana Administrative Register notice.

**Enclosures:**

1. Draft Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment
2. List of Affected CFR Sections

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ARM )  
17.8.102 pertaining to incorporation by )  
reference--publication dates )  
)  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
  
(AIR QUALITY)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, at \_\_\_:\_\_\_ .m., the Board of Environmental Review will hold a public hearing [in/at address], Montana, to consider the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules.

2. The board will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this public hearing or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact Elois Johnson, Paralegal, no later than 5:00 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Elois Johnson at Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone (406) 444-2630; fax (406) 444-4386; or e-mail [ejohnson@mt.gov](mailto:ejohnson@mt.gov).

3. The rule proposed to be amended provides as follows, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

17.8.102 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE--PUBLICATION DATES

(1) In this chapter where the board has:

(a) adopted a federal regulation by reference, the reference is to the July 1, 2010 ~~2013~~, edition of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR);

(b) adopted a section of the United States Code (USC) by reference, the reference is to the ~~2006~~ 2012 edition of the USC ~~and Supplement IV (2010)~~ as it exists on December 31, 2013;

(c) ~~adopted another a rule of the department or of another agency of the state of Montana by reference, the reference is to the December 31, 2010, edition from another chapter of the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM), the reference is to the rule in effect on June 30, 2013.~~

~~(2) For purposes of this chapter, the following subparts, or portions thereof, of 40 CFR Part 60, are excluded from incorporation by reference:~~

~~(a) 40 CFR 60, Subpart CCCC, Standards of Performance for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units for which Construction is Commenced After November 30, 1999, or for which Modification or Reconstruction is Commenced on or After June 1, 2001 (40 CFR 60.2000 through 60.2265, and all associated appendices and tables), as vacated June 8, 2007, by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, ruling; and~~

~~(b) 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart HHHH, Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Coal-fired Electric Steam Generating Units.~~

~~(3) (2) For purposes of this chapter, the following subparts, or portions~~

thereof, of 40 CFR Part 63 are excluded from incorporation by reference:

(a) 40 CFR 63, Subpart JJJJJ, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Brick and Structural Clay Products Manufacturing (40 CFR 63.8380 through 63.8515, and all associated appendices and tables), ~~as vacated March 13, 2007, by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit; and~~

(b) 40 CFR 63, Subpart KKKKK, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Clay Ceramics Manufacturing (40 CFR 63.8530 through 63.8665, and all associated appendices and tables), ~~as vacated March 13, 2007, by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit; and~~

(c) ~~40 CFR 63, Subpart DDDDD, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters (40 CFR 63.7480 through 63.7575, and all associated appendices and tables), as vacated June 8, 2007, by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit.~~

(3) A copy of materials incorporated by reference in this chapter is available for public inspection and copying at the Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. 6th Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901.

(4) Copies of federal materials also may be obtained from:

(a) National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161; phone: (800) 553-5847 or (703) 504-5000; fax: (703) 504-5900; e-mail: [orders@ntis.gov](mailto:orders@ntis.gov); web: <http://www.ntis.gov>;

(b) National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242-0419; phone: (800) 490-9198 or (513) 489-8190; fax: (513) 489-8595; e-mail: [ncepimal@one.net](mailto:ncepimal@one.net); web: <http://www.epa.gov/ncepiphom>;

(c) U.S. Government Printing Office, Information Dissemination (Superintendent of Documents), P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954; phone: (866) 512-1800 or (202) 512-2104; e-mail: [orders@gpo.gov](mailto:orders@gpo.gov); web: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov>; and

(d) the EPA regional office libraries listed at <http://www.epa.gov/natlibra/libraries.htm>.

AUTH: 75-2-111, MCA

IMP: Title 75, chapter 2, MCA

REASON: The board is proposing to amend the air quality rules to adopt the current editions of federal and state statutes, regulations, and rules that are incorporated by reference. The board is proposing to amend ARM 17.8.102(1) to adopt revisions to federal laws and regulations published in the 2012 edition of the U.S. Code, as it exists on December 31, 2013, and the July 1, 2013, edition of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and revisions to Montana administrative rules in effect on June 30, 2013. The rules in effect on that date will be contained in the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) as updated by the replacement pages dated June 30, 2013. The board is also proposing to amend ARM 17.8.102 to remove exceptions from incorporation by reference of certain subparts of federal regulations that were vacated by the courts and removed from the CFR or amended and readopted. The board adopts and incorporates by reference federal regulations to ensure that Montana's air quality rules are at least as stringent as federal air quality regulations, to maintain primacy and federal delegation of Montana's air quality

program, and to implement federal emission standards pursuant to a federal program of emissions control.

4. Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing, at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to Elois Johnson, Paralegal, Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; faxed to (406) 444-4386; or e-mailed to [ejohnson@mt.gov](mailto:ejohnson@mt.gov), no later than 5:00 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_, 2014. To be guaranteed consideration, mailed comments must be postmarked on or before that date.

5. Katherine Orr, attorney for the board, or another attorney for the Agency Legal Services Bureau, has been designated to preside over and conduct the hearing.

6. The board maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this agency. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request that includes the name, e-mail, and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies that the person wishes to receive notices regarding: air quality; hazardous waste/waste oil; asbestos control; water/wastewater treatment plant operator certification; solid waste; junk vehicles; infectious waste; public water supply; public sewage systems regulation; hard rock (metal) mine reclamation; major facility siting; opencut mine reclamation; strip mine reclamation; subdivisions; renewable energy grants/loans; wastewater treatment or safe drinking water revolving grants and loans; water quality; CECRA; underground/above ground storage tanks; MEPA; or general procedural rules other than MEPA. Notices will be sent by e-mail unless a mailing preference is noted in the request. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to Elois Johnson, Paralegal, Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, faxed to the office at (406) 444-4386, e-mailed to Elois Johnson at [ejohnson@mt.gov](mailto:ejohnson@mt.gov), or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the board.

7. The bill sponsor contact requirements of 2-4-302, MCA, do not apply.

8. With regard to the requirements of 2-4-111, MCA, the board has determined that the adoption of the above-referenced rules will not significantly and directly impact small businesses.

Reviewed by:

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN F. NORTH  
Rule Reviewer

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBIN SHROPSHIRE  
Chairman

Certified to the Secretary of State, \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

List of CFR Sections Affected (July 1, 2010 - June 28, 2013)

Year / FR Volume	Section	Specific Change	Federal Register Reference	Summary	ARM Reference	Topic
2013/78	50	50.3, 50.14(c)(2)(vi), Appendix N revised, 50.18 added	3277	Revisions based on review of particulate matter NAAQS - revising annual PM2.5 standard to 12 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Revising the AQI to be consistent with the revised standard. Final rule also includes revisions to the PSD program to reflect the NAAQS revisions.	17.8.202	PM NAAQS Review
2011/76	50	Appendix C revised	54323	Measurement principle and calibration procedure for the measurement of CO in the atmosphere (Non-dispersive infrared photometry).	17.8.202	Measurement of carbon monoxide
2012/77	50, 51	Revised	30160	Implementation of 2008 Ozone NAAQS: nonattainment area classification, attainment deadlines. Also revokes 1997 Ozone NAAQS for transportation conformity purposes.	17.8.202	2008 Ozone NAAQS
2012/77	50, 51, 81	Revised	28423	Final rule implementing 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS: Classification of areas initially classified under subpart 1. Deletion of obsolete 1-hour standard provision	17.8.202	1997 Ozone NAAQS
2010/75	51	Appendix M amended	55644, 80134	Restructuring of the Stationary Source Audit Program to allow accredited providers to supply audit samples and to require that some sources obtain and use samples from accredited providers rather than from EPA. Removes audit procedures from Appendix M for Methods 204A-F. Adds PM2.5 to Methods 201A and 202.	17.8.767	Stationary Source Audits, PM2.5
2011/76	51.165(a)	Stay lifted, revisions, etc.	17552	EPA taking interim action to effectuate and extend a stay of the rule titled "PSD and Nonattainment NSR: Reconsideration of Inclusion of Fugitive Emissions" published in 2008. That rule required fugitive emissions be included in determining whether change results in a major modification. Action is to clear up confusion about past stay and extend a stay until EPA completes reconsideration of the rule.	NA	Fugitive Emissions
2010/75	51.165(b)(2)	Table revised	64902	PM2.5 added as a NAAQS potentially violated by a major source or modification. Significance levels are 0.3 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (annual) or 1.2 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (24 hour).	NA	PM2.5
2010/75	51.166	Sections redesignated and other changes	64902	Amended to add requirements for PM2.5 - Definition of major and minor source baseline dates, baseline area, limitations on allowable increments of increase over baseline, SILs, and SMC.	NA	PM2.5
2011/76	51.166	Subparts revised	17553	"PSD and Nonattainment NSR: Reconsideration of Inclusion of Fugitive Emissions"	NA	Fugitive Emissions
2012/77	51.166	(b)(49)(i) revised, (b)(49)(vi) removed	65107	Implementation of NSR program for fine particulate - revising the definition of "regulated NSR pollutant"	NA	NSR/PSD for PM2.5

Year / FR Volume	Section	Specific Change	Federal Register Reference	Summary	ARM Reference	Topic
2013/78	51.166	(i)(10) added	3281	Revisions based on review of particulate matter NAAQS - revising annual PM2.5 standard to 12 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Revising the AQI to be consistent with the revised standard Final rule also includes revisions to the PSD program to reflect the NAAQS revisions.	NA	PM NAAQS Review: PSD
2011/76	51, 52, 70	Parts deferred	43489	Deferral for CO2 emissions from bioenergy and other biogenic sources under the PSD and Title V programs. Part of the process of granting the petition for reconsideration filed by NAFO related to GHG Tailoring Rule. States may opt to adopt the deferral.	NA	Biogenic Deferral
2010/75	52.21	Amendments	64905	Amends PSD definitions to include a PM2.5 baseline date, etc.	NA	PM2.5
2011/76	52.21	Sections revised	17555	PSD. Stay of some subparts lifted, others revised or stayed	NA	Fugitive Emissions
2012/77	52.21	amended	41051	PSD and Title V GHG Tailoring Rule Step 3 and GHG Plant wide Applicability Limits. Step #3 of the phase-in approach to permitting GHG sources. Also includes revisions for better implementation of the federal program for establishing PALS for GHG emissions.	NA	GHG Tailoring Rule
2012/77	52.21	(b)(50)(i) revised, (b)(50)(vi) removed	65107	Implementation of NSR program for fine particulate - revising the definition of "regulated NSR pollutant"	NA	PM2.5
2013/78	53.9	(c) revised	3281	Revisions based on review of particulate matter NAAQS - revising annual PM2.5 standard to 12 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Revising ambient air monitoring reference and equivalent methods related to PM.	17.8.202	Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods
2011/76	53.20-23	Subpart B Revised	54326	Procedures for testing performance characteristics of automated methods for SO2, CO, O3, and NO2 Changes focus on CO monitoring. No substantive change in the Federal reference method.	17.8.202	Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods
2010/75	58	Appendices A and D amended	81137	Relates to QA for SLAMS, SPMs, and PSD air monitoring (3.3.4.3 Collocated Sampling). Network Design Criteria related to Ncore sites. Specifically adds Pb for sites with population of 500,000. Revises pollutant-specific criteria for SLAMS	17.83.202	Quality Assurance
2010/75	58.10(a)(4)	Revised	81137	Changes requirements for Pb monitoring sites to focus on source-oriented only.	17.8.202	Monitoring
2010/75	58.13(a)	Revised	81137	Relates to monitoring network completion for Ncore multi pollutant sites. Specifically discusses Pb.	17.8.202	Monitoring
2011/76	58	58.10(a)(7) added, 58.13(e) added, Appendices D and E amended.	54341	Changes are related to review of NAAQS for CO in which EPA retained primary standards and set no secondary standard Requires a plan for establishing CO monitoring sites and sets deadline for submittal of such plan (1/1/2017).	17.8.202	Monitoring
2013/78	58	58.1, 58.10-13, 58.16, 58.20, 58.30, appendices A, D, E, G revised	3281-3286	Revisions based on review of particulate matter NAAQS - revising annual PM2.5 standard to 12 µg/m <sup>3</sup> Revising ambient air quality surveillance.	17.8.202	PM NAAQS Review: Surveillance

Year / FR Volume	Section	Specific Change	Federal Register Reference	Summary	ARM Reference	Topic
2010/75	60.8	(g) added	55646	Relates to standards of performance for new stationary sources - performance tests. Requires that performance testing shall include a test method performance audit (PA).	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Stationary Source Audits
2011/76	60.30e-39e	Subpart Ce Revised	18412	Emissions guidelines and compliance times for hospital/medical/infectious waste incinerators. EPA's 2009 response to the remanded NSPS and emissions guidelines. Corrects drafting errors and erroneous cross-references, etc.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators
2011/76	60.40-46	Subpart D Revised	3517	NSPS for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generating Units. Final action to amend testing requirements for operators of units with PM continuous emission monitoring systems. Action also amends opacity monitoring requirements.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generators
2011/76	60.40Da-52Da	Subpart Da Revised	3517	NSPS for Electric Utility Steam Generating Units. Final action to amend testing requirements for operators of units with PM continuous emission monitoring systems. Action also amends opacity monitoring requirements.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Electric Utility Steam Generating Units
2013/78	60.40Da-52Da	Subpart Da revised	24073	Reconsideration of MATS NESHAP and Utility NSPS. Originally published at 77 FR 9304, petitioned for reconsideration. Revisions to startup and shutdown provisions related to PM and revisions to definitional and monitoring provisions.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	MATS NESHAP and Utility NSPS
2011/76	60.40b-49b	Subpart Db Revised	3517	NSPS for Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Units. Final action to amend testing requirements for operators of units with PM continuous emission monitoring systems. Action also amends opacity monitoring requirements.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Industrial/Commercial/Institutional Steam Generating Units
2011/76	60.40c-48c	Subpart Dc Revised	3517	NSPS for Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Units. Final action to amend testing requirements for operators of units with PM continuous emission monitoring systems. Action also amends opacity monitoring requirements.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Industrial/Commercial/Institutional Steam Generating Units
2011/76	60.50c-58c	Subpart Ec revised	18408	Revisions to NSPS for large hospital/medical/infectious waste incinerators. Corrects EPA's 2009 response to the remanded NSPS and emissions guidelines by fixing drafting errors and erroneous cross-references, etc.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators
2013/78	60.50c-58c	Subpart Ec revised	28066	NSPS revisions and federal plan for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators. This final action implements national standards promulgated in 2009	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators

Year / FR Volume	Section	Specific Change	Federal Register Reference	Summary	ARM Reference	Topic
2010/75	60.60-66	Subpart F revised	55034-7	Updating NESHAP and NSPS for Portland cement. NSPS amendments add or revise emission limits for PM, opacity, NOx, and SO2 for new facilities as of 6/16/2008. Also includes additional testing and monitoring requirements.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Portland Cement Plants
2013/78	60.60-66	Subpart F revised	10005	Final action to amend NESHAP for Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry and the Portland Cement NSPS for particulate matter. Amends the stack emission standard for PM under the NESHAP and makes a conforming amendment to the NSPS for PM.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Portland Cement Plants
2012/77	60.70a-77a	Subpart Ga added	48445	NSPS review for nitric acid plants (subpart G), adds subpart Ga with new NOx limits specifically for new plants after 10/14/2011.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Nitric Acid Plants
2012/77	60.100a-109a	Subpart Ja added	56422	New NSPS for petroleum refineries for those process units constructed or modified after 5/14/2007.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Petroleum Refineries
2012/77	60.630-636	Subpart KKK revised	49490	In EPA's review of the oil and natural gas sector, the agency revised the NSPS for VOCs from leaking components at onshore natural gas processing plants.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Onshore natural gas processing plants
2012/77	60.640-648	Subpart LLL revised	49490	In EPA's review of the oil and natural gas sector, the agency revised the NSPS for SO2 emissions from natural gas processing plants.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Natural gas processing plants
2011/76	60.2000-2265	Subpart CCCC revised	15750, 28664,	Final rule regarding NSPS for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units. EPA's response to the voluntary remand of the 2001 NSPS and vacatur and remand in 2007.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Commercial/Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units (CISWI)
2013/78	60.2000-2265	Subpart CCCC amended	9111	NSPS for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units. Reconsideration and final amendments to the 2011 final CISWI rule. Also issuing final amendments to Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials (NHSM) rule, which provides standards and procedures for determining if such materials are solid waste under RCRA when used as fuels in combustion units.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	CISWI
2011/76	60.2500-2875	Subpart DDDD revised	15769, 28664	Final rule regarding Emissions Guidelines for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units. EPA's response to the voluntary remand of the 2001 NSPS and vacatur and remand in 2007.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	CISWI
2013/78	60.2500-2875	Subpart DDDD amended	9111	Emission Guidelines for CISWI. Also issuing final amendments to Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials (NHSM) rule, which provides standards and procedures for determining if such materials are solid waste under RCRA when used as fuels in combustion units.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	CISWI

Year / FR Volume	Section	Specific Change	Federal Register Reference	Summary	ARM Reference	Topic
2012/77	60.4101-4176	Subpart HHHH removed	9303	Action removes 40 CFR part 60 subpart HHHH and adds 40 CFR part 63 subpart UUUUU- NESHAP for Coal- and Oil-Fired EGUs and standards of performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Electric Utility, Industrial-Commercial-Institutional, and Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional EGUs. The main purpose is to address emissions of mercury from this industry. Emissions of other toxic metals will also decrease with installation of controls. In 2000, EPA originally attempted to regulate the industry under section 112 of the CAA. Removed EGUs from source category list in 2005 and established performance standards under CAA section 111 (Clean Air Mercury Rule). 2008 Circuit Court vacated CAMR and 2005 Action - EPA could not remove the source category from 112(c).	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Mercury and Air Toxics Standard (MATS)
2011/76	60.4200-4219	Subpart IIII revised	37967-72	NSPS for Stationary Compression Ignition and Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines. This final rule requires more stringent standards, revises requirements to more closely align with mobile source marine engines, and provides more flexibility to owners.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines
2011/76	60.4230-4248	Subpart JJJJ revised	37972-5	NSPS for Stationary Compression Ignition and Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines. This final rule requires more stringent standards, revises requirements to more closely align with mobile source marine engines, and provides more flexibility to owners.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines
2013/78	60.4200-4248	Subparts IIII and JJJJ revised	6674	Amendments to the NESHAP for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE) and revisions to the NSPS for stationary engines (Subparts IIII and JJJJ) for consistency with the NESHAP.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Stationary Internal Combustion Engines
2011/76	60.4760-4930	Subpart LLLL Added	15404	NSPS for New Sewage Sludge Incineration Units.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Sewage Sludge Incineration Units
2011/76	60.5000-5250	Subpart MMMM Added	15404	Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Existing Sewage Sludge Incineration Units	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Sewage Sludge Incineration Units
2012/77	60.5360-5430	Subpart OOOO added	49490	EPA established standards for oil and gas operations not covered by existing standards. The new standards regulate VOCs from gas wells, etc.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production, Transmission, Distribution
2010/75	60	Appendices A-3 and A-4 amended	55647	Restructuring of the Stationary Source Audit Program. Test Method 51 (low level PM emissions from stationary sources) section 7.2 revised. Test Method 6 - 6C, 7 - 7D, and 8 revised.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Stationary Source Audits
2010/75	60	Appendices A-5 and A-6 amended	55650	Restructuring of the Stationary Source Audit Program. Method 15A revised. Methods 16A and 18 revised.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Stationary Source Audits

Year / FR Volume	Section	Specific Change	Federal Register Reference	Summary	ARM Reference	Topic
2012/77	60	Appendix A-6 revised	44491	Adds Method 16C for determination of total reduced sulfur emissions from stationary sources	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Method 16C
2010/75	60	Appendices A-7 and A-8 amended	55651	Restructuring of the Stationary Source Audit Program. Methods 25 and 25C revised. Methods 26 and 26A revised.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Stationary Source Audits
2012/77	60	Appendix A-7 amended	2460	Affects Test Method 19 - amendments related to determining sulfur content, moisture content, gross caloric value. Incorporations by reference of standards providing flexibility in the use of alternatives to mercury-containing industrial thermometers.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Method 19
2010/75	60	Appendix B amended	55037	Revised performance specification 12A (total vapor phase mercury continuous emission monitoring systems), added 12B (total vapor phase mercury emissions using a sorbent trap monitoring system).	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002, 1502	Hg monitoring performance spec.
2010/75	60	Appendix F amended	55048	Quality Assurance Procedures: reserved 3 and 4, added 5 - QA requirements for vapor phase Hg continuous emissions monitoring systems and sorbent trap monitoring systems.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Hg monitoring performance spec.
2012/77	60	Appendix F amended	8162	Adds Procedure 3 to Quality Assurance Procedures (Requirements for continuous opacity monitoring systems at stationary sources.)	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Quality Assurance
2010/75	61.13	(e)(1) added	55652	Restructuring of the Stationary Source Audit Program. NESHAPs Emission tests and waivers - detailing the performance audit (PA) and accredited audit sample providers (AASP).	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Continuous Monitoring
2010/75	61	Appendix B amended	55653	Restructuring of the Stationary Source Audit Program. Specific methods revised.	17.8.302, 767, 802, 902, 1002	Performance Specifications
2010/75	63.7	(c)(2)(iii) revised, (c)(4) removed	55655	Restructuring of the Stationary Source Audit Program. NESHAPs - performance testing requirements	17.8.302, 1502	Quality Assurance
2012/77	63.340-348	Subpart N amended	58219	NESHAP: Hard and Decorative Chromium Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing Tanks. Finalizes the residual risk and technology review for the two source categories.	17.8.302, 1502	Chromium Electroplating
2012/77	63.440-459	Subpart S amended	55698	NESHAP: Pulp and Paper Industry. Residual Risk and Technology review. Includes a requirement for 5-year repeat emissions testing for selected process equipment; revisions related to SSM; electronic reporting; additional methanol test methods. EPA estimates that of 171 major source pulp and paper mills in the U.S., 114 operate subpart S processes affected by this rule	17.8.302, 1502	Pulp and Paper

Year / FR Volume	Section	Specific Change	Federal Register Reference	Summary	ARM Reference	Topic
2011/76	63.480-507	Subpart U revised	22586-94	NESHAP: Group I Polymers and Resins. Revisions based on risk and technology review. This final action addresses certain sources not previously regulated under NESHAP. Includes finalized provisions regarding SSM.	17.8.302, 1502	Polymers and Resins
2012/77	63.541-552	Subpart X revised	556	NESHAP from Secondary Lead Smelting. Finalizes residual risk and technology review for the source category. Includes revisions to emissions limits for lead compounds, revisions to standards for fugitive emissions, etc.	17.8.302, 1502	Secondary Lead Smelting
2013/78	63.640-579	Subpart CC revised	37145	NESHAP for heat exchange systems at petroleum refineries. Amendments address issues raised in a petition for reconsideration regarding MACT for these systems. Amendments do not add any additional cost burden to refining industry and may result in cost savings.	17.8.302, 1502	Petroleum Refineries
2012/77	63.760-779	Subpart HH amended	49490	NESHAP from Oil and Natural Gas Production Facilities. EPA conducted risk and technology review. Established MACT-based limits on certain currently uncontrolled emission sources.	17.8.302, 1502	Oil & Gas Production
2011/76	63.781-789	Subpart II revised	72068	National Emission Standards for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair (Surface Coating). Final action on residual risk and technology review.	17.8.302, 1502	Shipbuilding
2011/76	63.800-819	Subpart JJ revised	72071	National Emission Standards for Wood Furniture Manufacturing Operations. Final action on residual risk and technology review. Finalizes two compliance options: (1) a limit on formaldehyde emissions by limiting its content in coatings to 1% by weight, or (2) a formaldehyde usage limit of 400 pounds per rolling 12-month period. Less than 20 facilities are known to exceed this limit based on 2005 NEI.	17.8.302, 1502	Wood Furniture Mfg.
2011/76	63.820-39	Subpart KK Revised	22597-8	Emission Standards for the Printing and Publishing Industry. Revisions based on risk and technology review. Includes finalized provisions regarding SSM.	17.8.302, 1502	Printing and Publishing Industry
2012/77	63.1155-1174	Subpart CCC amended	58219	NESHAP: Steel Pickling - HCl Process Facilities and Regeneration Plants. Finalizes the residual risk and technology review for the two source categories.	17.8.302, 1502	Steel Pickling - HCl Process Facilities
2011/76	63.1250-61	Subpart GGG Revised	22599-601	Emission Standards for Pharmaceuticals Production. Revisions based on risk and technology review. Includes finalized provisions regarding SSM.	17.8.302, 1502	Pharmaceuticals Production

Year / FR Volume	Section	Specific Change	Federal Register Reference	Summary	ARM Reference	Topic
2012/77	63.1270-1289	Subpart HHH amended	49490	NESHAP for Natural Gas Transmission and Storage Facilities. EPA completed risk and technology reviews. Established limits for certain currently uncontrolled emission sources reflecting MACT. Revises NESHAP for glycol dehydration unit process vents and leak detection and repair (LDAR).	17.8.302, 1502	Natural gas transmission and storage
2010/75	63.1340-1359	Subpart LLL Revised	54969	Updating NESHAP and NSPS for Portland cement. Add or revised limits for Hg, THC, PM at major and area sources and HCl at major sources.	17.8.302, 1502	Portland Cement Manufacturing
2011/76	63.1340-59	Subpart LLL Revised	2835-7	NESHAP for Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry. Direct final action on amendments. Clarifies compliance dates, etc.	17.8.302, 1502	Portland Cement Manufacturing
2013/78	63.1340-1359	Subpart LLL amended	10005	Final action to amend NESHAP for Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry and the Portland Cement Plant NSPS for particulate matter. Amends the stack emission standard for PM under the NESHAP and makes a conforming amendment to the NSPS for PM.	17.8.302, 1502	Portland Cement Manufacturing
2011/76	63.1541-1551	Subpart TTT Revised	70833	NESHAP for primary lead smelting. Final action on residual risk and technology review. Includes revisions to applicability provision, stack emission limits, dust minimization, monitoring notification and recordkeeping. Also finalizes SSM revisions.	17.8.302, 1502	Primary Lead Smelting
2010/75	63.6580-6675	Subpart ZZZZ Revised	51588, etc	Promulgation of NESHAP for existing stationary spark ignition reciprocating internal combustion engines.	17.8.302, 1502	Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines
2011/76	63.6580-6675	Subpart ZZZZ Revised	12866-70	NESHAP for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines. Direct final action to promulgate amendments to final rule. Clarifies compliance requirements related to continuous parameter monitoring systems.	17.8.302, 1502	Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines
2013/78	63.6580-6675	Subpart ZZZZ revised	6674	Final amendments to NESHAP for stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines. Amendments include alternative testing options for certain large spark ignition engines, management practices for a subset of existing spark ignition engines, and alternative monitoring and compliance options. Also includes limits on the hours that stationary emergency engines can be used for emergency demand response.	17.8.302, 1502	Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines

Year / FR Volume	Section	Specific Change	Federal Register Reference	Summary	ARM Reference	Topic
2011/76	63.7480-7575	Subpart DDDDD revised	15664, 28664	NESHAP for Industrial, Commercial, Industrial Boilers and Process Heaters. Subpart was vacated in 2007. Amended rule due to remand. EPA is now establishing new emission standards. Was to be effective on 5/20/2011 until FR 28664 delayed that date indefinitely. 28664 postpones the Major Source Boiler MACT and CISWI Rule until judicial review is complete.	17.8.302, 1502	Industrial, Commercial, Industrial Boilers Major Source
2013/78	63.7480-7575	Subpart DDDDD revised	7162	NESHAP for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters. Reconsideration of certain issues in emission standards for new and existing sources. Revising certain MACT standards established in 2011.	17.8.302, 1502	Industrial, Commercial, Industrial Boilers Major Source
2012/77	63.9980-10042	Subpart UUUUU added	9303	Action removes 40 CFR part 60 subpart HHHH and adds 40 CFR part 63 subpart UUUUU. NESHAP for Coal- and Oil-Fired EGUs, and standards of performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Electric Utility, Industrial-Commercial-Institutional, and Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional EGUs. The main purpose is to address emissions of mercury from this industry. Emissions of other toxic metals will also decrease with installation of controls. In 2000, EPA originally attempted to regulate the industry under section 112 of the CAA. Removed EGUs from source category list in 2005 and established performance standards under CAA section 111 (Clean Air Mercury Rule). 2008 Circuit Court vacated CAMR and 2005 Action - EPA could not remove the source category from 112(c).	17.8.302, 1502	Mercury and Air Toxics Standard (MATS)
2013/78	63.9980-10042	Subpart UUUUU revised	24073	Reconsideration of MATS NESHAP and Utility NSPS. Originally published at 77 FR 9304, petitioned for reconsideration. Revisions to new source numerical standards and requirements applicable during periods of startup and shutdown. Affects 1700 existing facilities and an estimated additional 1844 new units in the next three years.	17.8.302, 1502	MATS NESHAP and Utility NSPS
2011/76	63.11080-100	Subpart BBBBBB revised	4176-9	NESHAP for Gasoline Distribution Bulk Terminals, Bulk Plants, and Pipeline Facilities. Publishes amendments clarifying certain definitions and applicability provisions in response to issues raised in petitions.	17.8.302, 1502	Gasoline Distribution Bulk Sources and Pipeline Facilities
2011/76	63.11110-32	Subpart CCCCCC revised	4181-4	NESHAP for Gasoline Dispensing Facilities. Publishes amendments clarifying certain definitions and applicability provisions in response to issues raised in petitions.	17.8.302, 1502	Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

Year / FR Volume	Section	Specific Change	Federal Register Reference	Summary	ARM Reference	Topic
2012/77	63.11140-11145 63.11860-12005	Subpart DDDDDD revised, Subpart HHHHHHH added	22848	NESHAP for polyvinyl chloride and copolymers production area sources. Final rules establish that standards apply at all times, including SSM, for major and area sources. Includes monitoring provisions and recordkeeping and reporting requirements.	17.8.302, 1502	Polyvinyl Chloride and Copolymers (PVC) Production
2011/76	63.11193-237	Subpart JJJJJ Added	15591	NESHAP for Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers Area Sources.	17.8.302, 1502	Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers (Area)
2013/78	63.11193-11237	Subpart JJJJJ revised	7488	NESHAP for Area Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers. Amending certain compliance dates and making technical corrections.	17.8.302, 1502	Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers (Area)
2012/77	63.11494-11503	Subpart VVVVVV revised	75739	NESHAP for Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources, originally issued in 2009. Revisions lift the stay on title V permitting and requires some chemical mfg. synthetic area sources to obtain title V permits. Revisions also improve clarity of rule and provide greater flexibility to facilities. No additional costs since 2009 rule.	17.8.302, 1502	Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources
2011/76	63.11504-13	Subpart WWWWWW Revised	35750-3	NESHAP area source standards for plating and polishing operations. Direct final action to amend the 2008 NESHAP Action clarifies that the emission control requirements of the NESHAP do not apply to bench-scale activities.	17.8.302, 1502	Plating and Polishing
2011/76	63.11504-11513	Subpart WWWWWW withdrawn and revised	57913	NESHAP for plating and polishing area source category. EPA is withdrawing June 20, 2011, amendments due to adverse comment. Clarification that emission control requirements do not apply to bench-scale activities.	17.8.302, 1502	Plating and Polishing
2011/76	63.11619-11627	Subpart DDDDDDD revised	80265	NESHAP for prepared feeds manufacturing area source category. Revisions addressing generally available control technology (GACT). EPA states that the amendments are not expected to impose costs beyond those described in the original 2010 rule.	17.8.302, 1502	Prepared Feeds Mfg.
2011/76	63.11640-53	Subpart EEEEEEE Added	9480	NESHAP for Gold Mine Ore Processing and Production Area Source.	17.8.302, 1502	Gold Mine Ore Processing and Production
2010/75	63	Appendix A amended	51603, 55066, 55656	Test methods. Method 323 for measuring formaldehyde emissions from natural gas-fired stationary sources (acetyl acetone derivitization method) added. Method 321 (measurement of gaseous hydrogen chloride at Portland cement kilns by FTIR) amended. Methods 306, 306A, 308 amended.	17.8.302, 1502	Method 323 Method 321 Method 306 Method 306A Method 308

Year / FR Volume	Section	Specific Change	Federal Register Reference	Summary	ARM Reference	Topic
2012/77	63	Appendix A revised	58252	Method 306B: Surface Tension Measurement for Tanks Used at Decorative Chromium Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing Facilities.	17.8.302, 1502	Method 306B
2011/76	72.13	Revised	17306	Amendments to incorporation by reference in the Acid Rain Program General Provisions.	17.8.1202	Acid Rain Program
2011/76	75	Sections revised	17306-25	Continuous Emission Monitoring. Finalizes revisions modifying requirements for sources affected by federally administered emission trading programs. Amendments to the Protocol Gas Verification Program and Minimum Competency Requirements for Air Emission Testing.	17.8.1202, 1502	Continuous Monitoring
2011/76	81.327	Table added	72112	Added table showing whole of Montana designated as Unclassifiable/Attainment for the 2008 Lead NAAQS.	17.8.302, 802, 902, 1002	2008 Lead NAAQS
2012/77	81.327	Table added	9566	Table added for the 2010 1-hour NO2 NAAQS designating all counties as unclassifiable/attainment.	17.8.302, 802, 902, 1002	2010 NO2 NAAQS
2012/77	81.327	Table added	30132	Table added for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS	17.8.302, 802, 902, 1002	2008 Ozone NAAQS
2012/77	93	Subpart A Amended	14979	Restructuring amendments for the transportation conformity rule. Amendments to finalize provisions proposed on 8/13/2010. This restructures several sections so they apply to new and revised NAAQS.	17.8.1302	Transportation Conformity

**BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
AGENDA ITEM  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENT**

**Agenda Item # III.A.2.**

**Agenda Item Summary** – The Department requests that the Board initiate rulemaking to adopt numeric criteria for total nitrogen and total phosphorus for the protection of surface water beneficial uses. The surface waters affected are: virtually all wadeable streams and small rivers statewide; one large river segment (lower Yellowstone River); and one lake (Flathead Lake).

**List of Affected Board Rules** – ARM 17.30.201, 17.30.507, 17.30.516, 17.30.602, 17.30.619, 17.30.622, 17.30.623, 17.30.624, 17.30.625, 17.30.626, 17.30.627, 17.30.628, 17.30.629, 17.30.635, 17.30.702, and 17.30.715.

**Affected Parties Summary** –The primary parties affected by the standards are current and future MPDES permit holders. This includes both municipalities and private companies.

**Scope of Proposed Proceeding** – The Department requests that the Board initiate rulemaking and schedule a public hearing to take comment on the amendments to the rules listed above, and Department Circular DEQ-12A, which contains the numeric nutrient criteria.

**Background** – The Department has documented that various forms of nitrogen and phosphorus rank among the top ten most common types of pollution in Montana's flowing waters. In fact, excess nitrogen and phosphorus levels account for 17 percent of all stream miles impaired by all forms of water pollution in Montana. The intent of the proposed nutrient standards is to control the undesirable effects of eutrophication. Eutrophication is the enrichment of a waterbody (e.g., a stream or lake) by nitrogen and phosphorus, which leads to increased plant and algae growth and decay and all the consequential changes to the water quality that occur as a result. At present, Montana does not have numeric water quality standards for controlling eutrophication, except on the Clark Fork River. The proposed criteria will protect surface water beneficial uses from eutrophication impacts linked to nitrogen and phosphorus.

The Department began developing statewide numeric nutrient criteria for flowing waters in 2001 and completed the most up-to-date criteria recommendations in May of 2013. This work has been extensively peer reviewed by external academic reviewers. The scientifically-derived criteria concentrations are low in relation to commonly-used wastewater treatment technologies of today. As a result, starting in late 2008, the Department began hosting informal meetings with affected stakeholders (municipalities, industries, forestry, agriculture, environmental interests, etc.). Later, senate bills in the 2009 and 2011 legislative sessions gave the Department authority to provide MPDES permit holders temporary variances from the criteria when economic impacts or limits of technology preclude a discharger from meeting the criteria. Temporary variances allow time for technologies to advance and alternative effluent and nonpoint source

management methods to be considered and implemented. These laws are now codified at 75-5-313, MCA.

In addition to allowances for variances, the 2009 legislative actions created a new advisory group to the Department, the Nutrient Work Group. The Department has met with the Nutrient Work Group 24 times since its formation and many complex implementation issues associated with the criteria and the variances have been addressed and resolved.

Rulemaking associated with the variances discussed above are Department rules and will not be directly considered by the Board. The Board will, however, be asked to consider: (a) the scientific merits of the nutrient criteria themselves; (b) how they will be implemented in MPDES permits; and (c) a new low-flow design flow tailored to nutrient discharges (the seasonal 14Q5). These elements are found in a new Department Circular, DEQ-12A. The new circular is in turn incorporated into the surface water classifications in the rules listed above.

**Hearing Information** – The Department recommends that the Board appoint a hearing examiner and conduct a public hearing to take comment on the proposed amendments to the rules listed above and on Department Circular DEQ-12A.

**Board Options** – The Board may:

1. Initiate rulemaking and issue the attached Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment;
2. Determine that amendment of the rules is not appropriate and decline to initiate rulemaking; or
3. Modify the notice and initiate rulemaking.

**DEQ Recommendation** – The Department recommends the Board initiate rulemaking and appoint a hearing examiner.

**Enclosures** –

1. Draft Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment
2. Department Circular DEQ-12A

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ARM )  
17.30.201, 17.30.507, 17.30.516, )  
17.30.602, 17.30.619, 17.30.622, )  
17.30.623, 17.30.624, 17.30.625, )  
17.30.626, 17.30.627, 17.30.628, )  
17.30.629, 17.30.635, 17.30.702, and )  
17.30.715 pertaining to permit )  
application, degradation authorization, )  
and annual permit fees, specific )  
restrictions for surface water mixing )  
zones, standard mixing zones for )  
surface water, definitions, incorporations )  
by reference, A-1 classification )  
standards, B-1 classification standards, )  
B-2 classification standards, B-3 )  
classification standards, C-1 )  
classification standards, C-2 )  
classification standards, I classification )  
standards, C-3 classification standards, )  
general treatment standards, definitions, )  
and criteria for determining )  
nonsignificant changes in water quality )

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(WATER QUALITY)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, at \_\_\_\_\_.m., the Board of Environmental Review will hold a public hearing [in/at address], Montana, to consider the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules.

2. The board will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this public hearing or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact Elois Johnson, Paralegal, no later than 5:00 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Elois Johnson at Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone (406) 444-2630; fax (406) 444-4386; or e-mail [ejohnson@mt.gov](mailto:ejohnson@mt.gov).

3. The board is proposing to adopt new Department Circular DEQ-12A (DEQ-12A), which contains base numeric nutrient standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus, and to incorporate new DEQ-12A into the surface water quality classifications and the nondegradation rules. The board is also proposing rule amendments pertaining to definitions and a low flow for base numeric nutrient standards appropriate for the design of disposal systems.

The department has documented that various forms of nitrogen and

phosphorus rank as the 4th, 8th, 10th, and 12th most common types of pollution in Montana's flowing waters. In fact, excess nitrogen and phosphorus levels account for 17 percent of all stream miles impaired by all forms of water pollution in Montana. The intent of the proposed nutrient standards is to control the undesirable effects of eutrophication. Eutrophication is the enrichment of a waterbody (e.g., a stream or lake) by nitrogen and phosphorus, which leads to increased plant and algae growth and decay and all the consequential changes to the water quality that occur as a result. At present Montana does not have numeric water quality standards for controlling eutrophication, except on the Clark Fork River. Therefore, in most cases, permit limits, including waste load allocations determined in Total Maximum Daily Loads (i.e. TMDLs), are based upon the narrative water quality standard. The narrative standard prohibits substances in water that "create conditions which produce undesirable aquatic life" (ARM 17.30.637(1)(e)). Translating the narrative standard into enforceable permit limits on a case-by-case basis is time-consuming, dependent upon judgment which invites controversy, and may result in inconsistent or differing permit limits due to various interpretations among permit or TMDL writers. Numeric nutrient criteria will resolve this.

The effects of excess nitrogen and phosphorus in streams and rivers go well beyond the undesirable aquatic life referred to in the narrative standard. Excess nitrogen and phosphorus affect other water quality parameters for which Montana already has standards (dissolved oxygen, pH). The state of the science is such that linkages can clearly be made between nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations and these other, already-adopted standards. Thus, the numeric nutrient criteria will also assure protection and attainment of Montana's dissolved oxygen and pH standards which are, in and of themselves, critical to the protection of fish and aquatic life.

State law requires that waterbodies support multiple beneficial uses (e.g., agriculture, fish and associated aquatic life, recreation). In turn, a water quality criterion for a given pollutant is established at a concentration that protects the most sensitive of the beneficial uses from the impacts caused by the pollutant. Numeric criteria for nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations are contained in DEQ-12A and vary geographically across the state. For streams and small rivers of western Montana, the numeric nutrient criteria have generally been established at concentrations that will prevent nuisance levels of bottom-attached algae and assure that dissolved oxygen levels are maintained at standards already established by the state. The nuisance threshold for attached algae was determined via scientific polling of Montana citizens and river and stream users, and is, therefore, associated with the recreation use. Dissolved oxygen standards, in contrast, are associated with the fish and aquatic life beneficial use. In western Montana, the fish and aquatic life use and the recreation use have broadly similar sensitivities to nitrogen and phosphorus pollution.

In eastern Montana, the criteria are established at levels that will protect the indigenous fish populations and will generally assure that dissolved oxygen levels do not decline below state standards. The attached algae threshold was not used to derive nutrient criteria for eastern Montana streams and small rivers because (a) the department's scientific poll did not address the types of streams typical of eastern Montana, and (b) attached algae levels higher than the nuisance threshold have been periodically observed in reference streams of the region. Nitrogen and phosphorus

criteria concentrations are substantially higher in eastern Montana and this is due, in part, to the higher natural turbidity of those streams. Nutrient criteria for large rivers are mostly still under development. However, they have been completed for a large river segment (the lower Yellowstone), which is included in DEQ-12A. In the lower Yellowstone River, the nutrient criteria are set at concentrations that will prevent nuisance bottom-attached algae and extreme variations in pH (the latter of which impacts fish). The scientific bases for the criteria are laid out in more detail in the following documents: Scientific and Technical Basis of the Numeric Nutrient Criteria for Montana's Wadeable Streams and Rivers (2008) and Scientific and Technical Basis of the Numeric Nutrient Criteria for Montana's Wadeable Streams and Rivers: Update 1 (2013). These documents may be viewed on the department's web site at <http://www.deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/standards/NumericNutrientCriteria.mcp>x. They may also be obtained from the department at the address or phone number listed in paragraph 5 of this notice.

The nutrient criteria concentrations being proposed for adoption as standards are generally low, particularly in the western region of Montana. In many cases, the concentrations are below the limits of current wastewater treatment technology, particularly for nitrogen. Therefore, when little or no stream dilution is available, dischargers will find it difficult or impossible to meet the standards. Senate Bill 95 (2009 Legislature) and Senate Bill 367 (2011 Legislature), now codified at 75-5-313, MCA, addressed the high cost and technological difficulties associated with meeting the nutrient standards in the short term. Section 75-5-313, MCA, allows dischargers to be granted variances from numeric nutrient standards, once the criteria have been adopted as standards, in those cases where meeting the standards today would be an unreasonable economic burden or technologically infeasible. Variances from the standards may be granted for up to twenty years. Thus, 75-5-313, MCA, allows for the nutrient standards to be met in a staged manner, over time, as alternative effluent management methods are considered, nutrient removal technologies become more cost-effective and efficient, and nonpoint sources of nutrients are addressed. Rules implementing 75-5-313, MCA, are within the rulemaking authority of the Department of Environmental Quality, not the Board of Environmental Review. Concurrent with the board's rulemaking process initiated by this notice, the department has proposed rulemaking to implement the variance process. See MAR Notice 17-\_\_\_\_. The department will hold a separate hearing on those rules. Comments regarding the variance process must be submitted to the Department as indicated in MAR Notice No. 17-\_\_\_\_.

4. The rules proposed to be amended provide as follows, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

17.30.201 PERMIT APPLICATION, DEGRADATION AUTHORIZATION, AND ANNUAL PERMIT FEES (1) through (5) remain the same.

(6) The fee schedules for new or renewal applications for, or modifications of, a Montana pollutant discharge elimination system permit under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 11 or 13, a Montana ground water pollution control system permit under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 10, or any other authorization under 75-5-201, 75-5-301, or 75-5-401, MCA, or rules promulgated under these

MAR Notice No. 17-\_\_\_\_

authorities, are set forth below as Schedules I.A, I.B, I.C, and I.D. Fees must be paid in full at the time of submission of the application. For new applications under Schedule I.A, the annual fee from Schedule III.A for the first year must also be paid at the time of application. For new applications under Schedule I.B and I.C, the annual fee is included in the new permit amount and covers the annual fee for the calendar year in which the permit coverage becomes effective.

(a) through (e) remain the same.

(f) Applications for new permits or permit renewals for sources that constitute a new or increased source, as defined in ARM 17.30.702~~(18)~~ (17), must pay a significance determination fee for each outfall in addition to the application fee.

(g) through (11)(b) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-516, MCA

IMP: 75-5-516, MCA

REASON: The amendment to ARM 17.30.201(6)(f) modifies a cross-reference to ARM 17.30.702 because the numbering in that rule is proposed to be changed in this notice.

17.30.507 SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS FOR SURFACE WATER MIXING ZONES (1) Mixing zones for surface waters are ~~to comply with~~ subject to the following water quality standards:

(a) narrative water quality standards, standards for harmful substances, numeric acute and chronic standards for aquatic life, ~~standards in Department Circular DEQ-12A;~~ and standards based on human health must not be exceeded beyond the boundaries of the surface water mixing zone;

(b) through (3) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.516 STANDARD MIXING ZONES FOR SURFACE WATER (1) and (2) remain the same.

(3) Facilities that meet the terms and conditions in (a) through ~~(d)~~ (e) qualify for a standard mixing zone as follows:

(a) through (d) remain the same.

(e) Facilities that discharge the parameters found in Department Circular DEQ-12A to surface water. Discharge limitations must be based on dilution with the entire seasonal 14-day, five-year (seasonal 14Q5) low flow of the receiving water without the discharge.

(4) The length of a standard mixing zone for flowing surface water, other than a nearly instantaneous mixing zone, must not extend downstream more than the one-half mixing width distance or extend downstream more than 40 ~~ten~~ times the stream width, whichever is more restrictive. For purposes of making this determination, the stream width as well as the discharge limitations are considered at the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5 low flow. The seasonal 14Q5 low flow may be used only in conjunction with base numeric nutrient standards in Department Circular

DEQ-12A. The recommended calculation to be used to determine the one-half mixing width distance downstream from a stream bank discharge is described below.

- (a)  $A_{1/2} = [0.4(W/2)^2V]/L$ , where:
- (i) remains the same.
  - (ii)  $W$  = width in feet at the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5;
  - (iii)  $V$  = velocity of the stream at the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5 downstream of the discharge (in ft/second);
  - (iv)  $L$  = lateral dispersion coefficient for the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5 downstream of the discharge (in ft<sup>2</sup>/second), where:
- (b)  $L = CDU$ , where:
- (i) through (i)(E) remain the same.
  - (ii)  $D$  = average water depth at the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5 downstream of the discharge (in feet);
  - (iii) remains the same.
- (c)  $U = (32.2DS)^{1/2}$ , where:
- (i) remains the same.
  - (ii)  $D$  = average water depth at the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5 downstream of the discharge (in feet); and
  - (iii) through (6) remains the same.

AUTH: 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, MCA

REASON: The manner in which nutrients affect and impact beneficial uses in streams and rivers is different from toxic and harmful compounds found in Department Circular DEQ-7 (DEQ-7), and it is necessary to develop an appropriate low flow design flow (the seasonal 14Q5) specifically for permitting nutrient discharges. Derivation of the seasonal 14Q5 is discussed in the proposed changes to ARM 17.30.635. Here, the rule amendments incorporate the seasonal 14Q5 flow into the calculations used to determine the length of a standard mixing zone. ARM 17.30.516 is proposed to be amended to provide that the full volume of a seasonal 14Q5, as opposed to some fraction of it, is to be used for dilution calculations for nutrients in DEQ-12A. This allowance reflects the non-toxic nature of nutrients at the concentrations found in DEQ-12A.

17.30.602 DEFINITIONS In this subchapter the following terms have the meanings indicated below and are supplemental to the definitions given in 75-5-103, MCA:

- (1) through (32) remain the same.
- (33) "Total nitrogen" means the ~~total nitrogen concentration (as N) of unfiltered water. This may be determined by direct methods, or derived as the sum of the soluble (as N) and non-soluble (as N) nitrogen fractions. The filter used to separate the soluble and non-soluble fractions must be 0.45-µm~~ sum of all nitrate, nitrite, ammonia, and organic nitrogen, as N, in an unfiltered water sample. Total nitrogen in a sample may also be determined by the persulfate digestion or as the sum of total kjeldahl nitrogen plus nitrate plus nitrite.

(34) "Total phosphorus" means the total phosphorus concentration (as P) of unfiltered water sum of orthophosphates, polyphosphates, and organically bound phosphates, as P, in an unfiltered water sample. Total phosphorus may also be determined directly by persulfate digestion.

(35) through (38) remain the same.

(39) "DEQ-7" means the department circular that is adopted and incorporated by reference in ARM 17.30.619 and is entitled "Montana Numeric Water Quality Standards." This circular establishes water quality standards for toxic, carcinogenic, bioconcentration bioconcentrating, nutrient, radioactive, and harmful parameters, and also establishes human health-based water quality standards for the following specific nutrients with toxic effects:

(a) nitrate;

(b) nitrate + nitrite;

(c) and nitrite.

(40) "DEQ-12A" means the department circular that is adopted and incorporated by reference in ARM 17.30.619 and is entitled "Montana Base Numeric Nutrient Standards." This circular contains numeric water quality standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus in surface waters.

(41) "DEQ-12B" means the department circular that is adopted and that is entitled "Montana Base Numeric Nutrient Standards Variances." This circular describes procedures for receiving a variance from the standards and will document recipients of individual variances.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA  
IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.602 provide modification of existing definitions and a new definition in order to implement the nutrient standards. The modified definition of "total nitrogen," at (33), provides a more technically accurate description compared to the old definition. The same is true for "total phosphorus," at (34). In the definition for "DEQ-7," at (39), "nutrient" has been removed because base numeric nutrient standards will now be housed in a new department circular, DEQ-12A. Some nitrogen compounds (nitrate, nitrate + nitrite, and nitrite) have toxic effects at relatively high concentrations and standards for them already exist and are intended to protect human health. By definition at 75-5-103(2)(b), MCA, these compounds are not considered part of the base numeric nutrients standards. Therefore, they will remain in DEQ-7 and are now listed under the DEQ-7 definition for better clarity. The new definition at (40), "DEQ-12A," defines the new department circular where base numeric nutrient standards are found. In addition to the criteria concentrations, the circular includes instructions on how to develop permits for base numeric nutrient standards. In MAR Notice No. 17-\_\_\_\_, the department is proposing to adopt new department Circular DEQ-12B. It contains the procedures for receiving a variance from the standards and will document recipients of individual variances. The board anticipates that DEQ-12B will be adopted before or at the same time DEQ-12A is adopted.

17.30.619 INCORPORATIONS BY REFERENCE (1) The board adopts and

MAR Notice No. 17-\_\_\_\_

incorporates by reference the following state and federal requirements and procedures as part of Montana's surface water quality standards:

(a) Department Circular DEQ-7, entitled "Montana Numeric Water Quality Standards" (October 2012 edition), which establishes water quality standards for toxic, carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, ~~nutrient~~, radioactive, and harmful parameters and also establishes human health-based water quality standards for the following specific nutrients with toxic effects:

(i) nitrate;

(ii) nitrate + nitrite; and

(iii) nitrite;

(b) remains the same.

(c) 40 CFR Part 136 (July 1, 2011), which establishes guidelines and procedures for the analysis of pollutants; ~~and~~

(d) 40 CFR 131.10(g), (h) and (j) (2000), which establishes criteria and guidelines for conducting a use attainability analysis; ~~and~~

(e) Department Circular DEQ-12A, entitled "Montana Base Numeric Nutrient Standards" (December 2013 edition), which establishes numeric water quality standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus in surface waters.

(2) If a court of competent jurisdiction declares 75-5-313, MCA, or any portion of that statute invalid, or if the United States Environmental Protection Agency disapproves 75-5-313, MCA, or any portion of that statute, under 30 CFR 131.21, or if rules adopted pursuant to 75-5-313(6) or (7), MCA, expire and general variances are not available, then (1)(e) and all references to DEQ-12A, base numeric nutrient standards and nutrient standards variances in ARM 17.30.201, 17.30.507, 17.30.516, 17.30.602, 17.30.622 through 17.30.629, 17.30.635, 17.30.702, and 17.30.715 are void, and the narrative water quality standards contained in ARM 17.30.637 are the standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus in surface water, except for the Clark Fork River, for which the standards are the numeric standards in ARM 17.30.631.

(2) remains the same, but is renumbered (4).

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

REASON: The amendments to the definitions for DEQ-7, in (1)(a), correspond to those already discussed above for definitions (ARM 17.30.602). Proposed new (2) is a non-severability clause. Essentially, if the statute that defines the nutrient standards variance process is rendered invalid, or if general variance rules expire and general variances are not available, then the base numeric nutrient standards would no longer be contained in the rules. The Legislature intended that variances be available to permittees once base numeric nutrient standards were adopted and both pieces (base numeric standards and variances) must remain together as a package.

17.30.622 A-1 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) and (2) remain the same.

(3) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for

waters classified A-1:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards set forth in Department Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards contained in Department Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.623 B-1 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified B-1:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards set forth in Department Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards specified in Department Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.624 B-2 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified B-2:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards set forth in Department Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable

standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.625 B-3 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified B-3:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards set forth in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.626 C-1 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified C-1:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.627 C-2 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified C-2:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards specified in Department Circular WQB DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards specified in Department Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.622 through 17.30.627 are necessary to incorporate DEQ-12A standards and nutrient standards variance limits into the surface water classes.

17.30.628 I CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified I:

(a) through (i) remain the same.

(j) Beneficial uses are considered supported when the concentrations of toxic, carcinogenic, nutrient, or harmful parameters in these waters do not exceed the applicable standards specified in Department Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2) or, alternatively, for aquatic life when site-specific criteria are adopted using the procedures given in 75-5-310, MCA. The limits shall be used as water quality standards for the affected waters and as the basis for permit limits instead of the applicable standards in Department Circular DEQ-7.

(k) Limits for toxic, carcinogenic, or harmful parameters in new discharge permits issued pursuant to the MPDES rules (ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13) are the larger of ~~either~~ the applicable standards specified in Department Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A, site-specific standards, or one-half of the mean in-stream concentrations immediately upstream of the discharge point.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendment to ARM 17.30.628 is necessary to incorporate DEQ-12A and the nutrient standards variance limits into the I surface

water class. I Class waterbodies are those which had severe human-caused pollution problems at the time the surface water class system was adopted in the 1970s, and it is the board's intent that these waterbodies will eventually support beneficial uses typical for ecologically-similar unimpacted waterbodies.

17.30.629 C-3 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified C-3:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards set forth in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.629 are necessary to incorporate DEQ-12A standards and nutrient variance limits into the C-3 surface water class.

17.30.635 GENERAL TREATMENT STANDARDS (1) through (1)(e) remain the same.

(2) For design of disposal systems, stream flow dilution requirements must be based on the minimum consecutive seven-day average flow which may be expected to occur on the average of once in ten years. When dilution flows are less than the above design flow at a point discharge, the discharge is to be governed by the permit conditions developed for the discharge through the waste discharge permit program. If the flow records on an affected surface water are insufficient to calculate a ten-year seven-day low flow, the department shall determine an acceptable stream flow for disposal system design. ~~The department shall determine the acceptable stream flow for disposal system design for controlling nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations.~~ For total nitrogen and total phosphorus, the stream flow dilution requirements must be based on the seasonal 14Q5, which is the lowest average 14 consecutive day low flow, occurring from July through October, with an average recurrence frequency of once in five years.

(3) remains the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.635 will provide a low flow for the design of disposal systems specific to eutrophication-based nutrient standards. Work by the department and others shows that nuisance benthic algae can develop in about 15-20 days once nutrient concentrations exceed the proposed standards. In many streams, these algae levels can ultimately lead to dissolved oxygen impacts. The use of the seasonal 14Q5 flow for the design of disposal systems is appropriate because this flow should not allow excess algae levels to develop more often than about once in five summers, on average. This frequency of exceedence is within the acceptable recommendations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the protection of aquatic life. Unlike the 7Q10 flow, which will continue to be used for parameters in DEQ-7 and which was derived from year-round flow data, the seasonal 14Q5 flow is derived from July through October data and is, therefore, in alignment with the proposed nutrient standards' periods of application. The seasonal 14Q5 is routinely calculated and reported by the U.S. Geological Survey.

17.30.702 DEFINITIONS The following definitions, in addition to those in 75-5-103, MCA, apply throughout this subchapter (Note: 75-5-103, MCA, includes definitions for "base numeric nutrient standards," "degradation," "existing uses," "high quality waters," "mixing zone," and "parameter"):

(1) through (16) remain the same.

~~(17) "Nutrients" means total inorganic phosphorus and total inorganic nitrogen.~~

(18) through (21) remain the same, but are renumbered (17) through (20).

~~(22)~~ (21) "Reporting values (RRV)" means the detection level that must be achieved in reporting surface water or ground water monitoring or compliance data to the department unless otherwise specified in a permit, approval, or authorization issued by the department. The RRV is the ~~department's~~ board's best determination of a level of analysis that can be achieved by the majority of commercial, university, or governmental laboratories using EPA approved methods or methods approved by the department. The RRV is listed in Department Circular DEQ-7, Department Circular DEQ-12A, and in the definition of "total inorganic phosphorus."

(23) remains the same, but is renumbered (22).

(23) "Total nitrogen" means the sum of all nitrate, nitrite, ammonia, and organic nitrogen, as N, in an unfiltered water sample. Total nitrogen in a sample may also be determined by persulfate digestion, or as the sum of total kjeldahl nitrogen plus nitrate plus nitrite.

(24) "Total phosphorus" means the sum of orthophosphates, polyphosphates, and organically bound phosphates, as P, in an unfiltered water sample. Total phosphorus may also be determined directly by persulfate digestion.

(24) and (25) remain as proposed, but are renumbered (25) and (26).

~~(26)~~ (27) The board adopts and incorporates by reference:

(a) Department Circular DEQ-7, entitled "Montana Numeric Water Quality Standards" (October 2012 edition), which establishes water quality standards for toxic, carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, ~~nutrient,~~ radioactive, and harmful parameters and also establishes human health-based water quality standards for the following specific nutrients with toxic effects:

- (i) nitrate;
- (ii) nitrate + nitrite; and
- (iii) nitrite;

(b) Department Circular DEQ-12A, entitled "Montana Base Numeric Nutrient Standards" (December 2013 edition), which establishes numeric water quality standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus in surface waters;

(b) through (d) remain the same, but are renumbered (c) through (e).

AUTH: 75-5-301, 75-5-303, MCA

IMP: 75-5-303, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.702 will modify current definitions in the nondegradation rules and will add new definitions necessary for the implementation of base numeric nutrient standards. "Base numeric nutrients standards" have been added to the list of definitions from 75-5-103, MCA, that are incorporated by reference. The current definition of "nutrients," at (17), is being repealed, because it is not consistent with the use of the term in DEQ-12A, which contains standards for total nutrients. Further, the definition of "nutrients" added no clear value to the nondegradation rules, because, where needed, specific nutrient compounds or forms (e.g., TKN, nitrate as N) are named or referenced in the nondegradation rules. The proposed definitions of "total nitrogen," at (24), and "total phosphorus," at (25), correspond to those discussed above for amendments to ARM 17.30.602. The definition of "DEQ-7," in (28)(b), has been amended for the same reasons described above for ARM 17.30.602.

17.30.715 CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING NONSIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN WATER QUALITY (1) The following criteria will be used to determine whether certain activities or classes of activities will result in nonsignificant changes in existing water quality due to their low potential to affect human health or the environment. These criteria consider the quantity and strength of the pollutant, the length of time the changes will occur, and the character of the pollutant. Except as provided in (2), changes in existing surface or ground water quality resulting from the activities that meet all the criteria listed below are nonsignificant, and are not required to undergo review under 75-5-303, MCA:

(a) and (b) remain the same.

(c) discharges containing toxic parameters, inorganic nitrogen, or inorganic phosphorus or nutrients, except as specified in (1)(d) and (e), which will not cause changes that equal or exceed the trigger values in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7. Whenever the change exceeds the trigger value, the change is not significant if the resulting concentration outside of a mixing zone designated by the department does not exceed 15% of the lowest applicable standard;

(d) through (e) remain the same.

(f) changes in the quality of water for any harmful parameter, including parameters listed in Department Circular DEQ-12A, for which water quality standards have been adopted other than nitrogen, phosphorous, and carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, or toxic parameters, in either surface or ground water, if the changes outside of a mixing zone designated by the department are less than 10%

of the applicable standard and the existing water quality level is less than 40% of the standard;

(g) through (3) remain the same.

(4) If a court of competent jurisdiction declares 75-5-313, MCA, or any portion of that statute invalid or if the United States Environmental Protection Agency disapproves 75-5-313, MCA, or any portion of that statute under 30 CFR 131.21, then the significance criteria contained in (1)(g) are the significance criteria for total nitrogen and total phosphorus in surface water.

AUTH: 75-5-301, 75-5-303, MCA

IMP: 75-5-303, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.715 will allow the department to calculate nonsignificant changes in water quality for the base numeric nutrient standards in DEQ-12A. If adopted by the board, base numeric nutrient standards will preclude the need to use the narrative standards at ARM 17.30.637(1)(e) to interpret eutrophication-based water quality impacts from nutrients. Base numeric nutrient standards are intended to control eutrophication and, at the concentrations found in DEQ-12A, the board considers base numeric nutrient standards to be harmful parameters. Therefore, DEQ-12A is incorporated into (1)(f), the section of the nondegradation rules addressing nonsignificance specific to harmful parameters. Nitrogen compounds at concentrations that are toxic, e.g. nitrate at ten mg/L, will remain in DEQ-7, as discussed earlier, and toxics-based nonsignificance criteria applicable to such compounds will continue to be applied to them. The proposed deletion of "or nutrients," in (1)(c), corresponds with the retaining of toxic-level nitrogen compounds in DEQ-7 and the relocation of eutrophication-based nitrogen and phosphorus standards to DEQ-12A. In addition, the term "or nutrients" in (1)(c) has been replaced with "or total inorganic phosphorus or total inorganic nitrogen," for the specific purpose of providing a nonsignificance threshold for nondegradation review of new dischargers, which are commonly subdivisions. This change allows the department to continue to carry out these reviews in the same manner as currently practiced, because DEQ-7 provides a trigger value for both of these inorganic compounds. ARM 17.30.715(1)(c) also provides: "Whenever the change exceeds the trigger value, the change is not significant if the resulting concentration outside of a mixing zone designated by the department does not exceed 15% of the lowest applicable standard." When these provisions become applicable, the "lowest applicable standard" would be the narrative standard contained in ARM 17.30.637(1)(e). Significance would then be determined under ARM 17.30.715(1)(g). Proposed new (4) is a non-severability clause. If the statute that defines the nutrient standards variance process is rendered invalid, then the numeric nutrient standards in DEQ-12A are void and the narrative standard for nutrients at ARM 17.30.637(1)(e) applies. As a result, the part of the nondegradation rules at ARM 17.30.715(1)(g) that relate to the narrative standards would apply. The Legislature intended that both major pieces of the numeric nutrient standards rules (base numeric nutrient standards and nutrient standards variances) remain together as a package.

5. The proposed new circular may be viewed at and copied from the department's web site at . Also, copies may be obtained by contacting Carrie Greeley at Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901; by phone at (406) 444-6749; or by e-mail at CGreeley@mt.gov.

6. Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing, at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to Elois Johnson, Paralegal, Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; faxed to (406) 444-4386; or e-mailed to ejohnson@mt.gov, no later than 5:00 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_, 2014. To be guaranteed consideration, mailed comments must be postmarked on or before that date.

7. Katherine Orr, attorney for the board, or another attorney for the Agency Legal Services Bureau, has been designated to preside over and conduct the hearing.

8. The board maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this agency. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request that includes the name, e-mail, and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies that the person wishes to receive notices regarding: air quality; hazardous waste/waste oil; asbestos control; water/wastewater treatment plant operator certification; solid waste; junk vehicles; infectious waste; public water supply; public sewage systems regulation; hard rock (metal) mine reclamation; major facility siting; opencut mine reclamation; strip mine reclamation; subdivisions; renewable energy grants/loans; wastewater treatment or safe drinking water revolving grants and loans; water quality; CECRA; underground/above ground storage tanks; MEPA; or general procedural rules other than MEPA. Notices will be sent by e-mail unless a mailing preference is noted in the request. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to Elois Johnson, Paralegal, Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, faxed to the office at (406) 444-4386, e-mailed to Elois Johnson at ejohnson@mt.gov, or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the board.

9. The bill sponsor contact requirements of 2-4-302, MCA, do not apply.

10. With regard to the requirements of 2-4-111, MCA, the department has determined that the adoption of the above-referenced rules will significantly and directly impact small businesses.

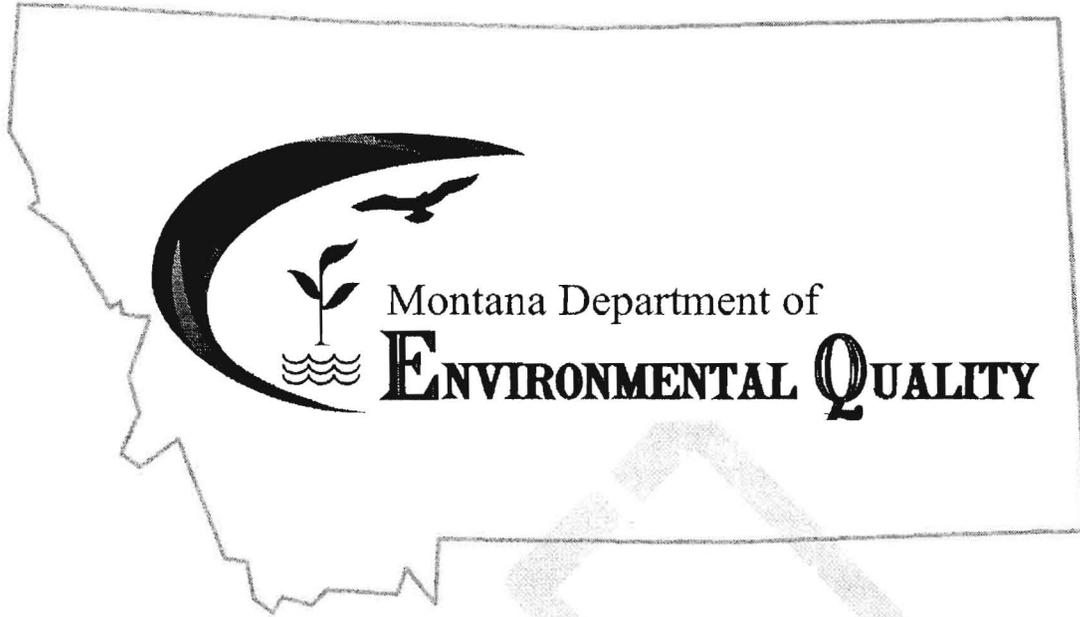
Reviewed by:

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN F. NORTH  
Rule Reviewer

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBIN SHROPSHIRE  
Chairman

Certified to the Secretary of State, \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.



# **DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR**

## **DEQ-12A**

### **Montana Base Numeric Nutrient Standards**

## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

This circular (DEQ-12A) contains information pertaining to the base numeric nutrients standards (§75-5-103(2), MCA) and their implementation. This information includes the standards' concentration limits, where the standards apply, and their period of application. DEQ-12A is adopted by the Board of Environmental Review under its rulemaking authority in §75-5-301(2), MCA.

Circular DEQ-12B contains information about variances from the base numeric nutrient standards and is a separate document available from the Department. DEQ-12B addresses effluent treatment requirements associated with general nutrient standards variances, as well as effluent treatment requirements for individual nutrient standards variances and to whom these apply. Unlike DEQ-12A, DEQ-12B is not adopted by the Board of Environmental Review; DEQ-12B is adopted by the Department following its formal rulemaking process, pursuant to §75-5-313, MCA.

The Department has reviewed a considerable amount of scientific literature and has carried out scientific research on its own in order to derive the base numeric nutrient standards (see **References** in this circular). Because many of the base numeric nutrient standards are stringent and may be difficult for MPDES permit holders to meet in the short term, Montana's Legislature adopted laws (e.g., §75-5-313, MCA) allowing for the achievement of the standards over time via the variance procedures in Circular DEQ-12B. This approach should allow time for nitrogen and phosphorus removal technologies to improve and become less costly and to allow time for nonpoint sources of nitrogen and phosphorus pollution to be better addressed.

# Circular DEQ-12A

DECEMBER 2013 EDITION

## 1.0 Introduction

Elements comprising Circular DEQ-12A are found below. These elements are adopted by the Montana Board of Environmental Review. The nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations provided here have been set at levels that will protect beneficial uses and prevent exceedences of other surface water quality standards which are commonly linked to nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations (e.g., pH and dissolved oxygen; see Circular DEQ-7 for those standards). The nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations provided here also reflect the intent of the narrative standard at ARM 17.30.637(1)(e) and will preclude the need for case-by-case interpretations of that standard in most cases.

## 1.1 Definitions

1. **Ecoregion** means mapped regions of relative homogeneity in ecological systems derived from perceived patterns of a combination of causal and integrative factors including land use, land surface form, potential natural vegetation, soils, and geology. See also Endnote 1.
2. **Large river** means a perennial waterbody which has, during summer and fall baseflow (August 1 to October 31 each year), a wadeability index (product of river depth [in feet] and mean velocity [in ft/sec]) of 7.24 ft<sup>2</sup>/sec or greater, a depth of 3.15 ft or greater, or a baseflow annual discharge of 1,500 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec or greater. See also, Endnote 6.
3. **Total nitrogen** means the sum of all nitrate, nitrite, ammonia, and organic nitrogen, as N, in an unfiltered water sample. Total nitrogen in a sample may also be determined via persulfate digestion or as the sum of total kjeldahl nitrogen plus nitrate plus nitrite.
4. **Total phosphorus** means the sum of orthophosphates, polyphosphates, and organically bound phosphates, as P, in an unfiltered water sample. Total phosphorus may also be determined directly by persulfate digestion.
5. **Wadeable stream** means a perennial or intermittent stream in which most of the wetted channel is safely wadeable by a person during baseflow conditions.

## 2.0 Base Numeric Nutrient Standards

**Table 12A-1** contains the base numeric nutrient standards for Montana's flowing waters. In **Table 12A-1** nutrient standards for wadeable streams are grouped by ecoregion, either at level III (coarse scale) or level IV (fine scale). Following the ecoregional standards is a list of wadeable streams with reach-specific standards. These waterbodies have characteristics dissimilar from those of the ecoregions in which they reside and have therefore been provided reach-specific values. **For wadeable streams, the standards should be applied in this order: named stream reach first (if applicable) then level IV ecoregion (if applicable) then level III ecoregion.** **Table 12A-1** also contains a list of large river segments for which base numeric nutrient standards have been developed. Note that the ecoregional values in **Table 12A-1** do not apply to large rivers within those ecoregions. See Endnote 6 for a list of all large Montana rivers. If a particular large river reach is not listed in **Table 12A-1**, standards for it have not yet been developed.

**Table 12A-2** contains base numeric nutrient standards for Montana's lakes and reservoirs. The Department has not yet developed regional lake criteria, but it is expected that when they are developed they will be grouped by ecoregion. As such, placeholders for future ecoregionally-based criteria are provided in the table. The table also provides lake-specific standards. The Department anticipates that reservoir standards will generally be developed case-by-case and, therefore, will be individually listed, as provided for in the table.

**Table 12A-1. Base Numeric Nutrient Standards for Wadeable Streams in Different Montana Ecoregions.**  
If standards have been developed for level IV ecoregions (subcomponents of the level III ecoregions) they are shown in italics below the applicable level III ecoregion.

Ecoregion <sup>1,2</sup> (level III or IV) and Number	Ecoregion Level	Period When Criteria Apply <sup>3</sup>	Numeric Nutrient Standard <sup>4</sup>	
			Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	Total Nitrogen (µg/L)
Northern Rockies (15)	III	July 1 to September 30	25	275
Canadian Rockies (41)	III	July 1 to September 30	25	325
Idaho Batholith (16)	III	July 1 to September 30	25	275
Middle Rockies (17)	III	July 1 to September 30	30	300
<i>Absaroka-Gallatin Volcanic Mountains (17i)</i>	IV	July 1 to September 30	105	250
Northwestern Glaciated Plains (42)	III	June 16 to September 30	110	1300
<i>Sweetgrass Upland (42l), Milk River Pothole Upland (42n), Rocky Mountain Front Foothill Potholes (42q), and Foothill Grassland (42r)</i>	IV	July 1 to September 30	80	560
Northwestern Great Plains (43) and Wyoming Basin (18)	III	July 1 to September 30	150	1300
<i>River Breaks (43c)</i>	IV	See endnote 5	See endnote 5	See endnote 5
<i>Non-calcareous Foothill Grassland (43s), Shields-Smith Valleys (43t), Limy Foothill Grassland (43u), Pryor-Bighorn Foothills (43v), and Unglaciated Montana High Plains (43o)*</i>	IV	July 1 to September 30	33	440

\*For the Unglaciated High Plains ecoregion (43o), criteria only apply to the polygon located just south of Great Falls, MT.

<sup>1</sup> See endnote 1

<sup>3</sup> See endnote 3

<sup>2</sup> See endnote 2

<sup>4</sup> See endnote 4

Table 12A-1, Cont. Base Numeric Nutrient Standards for Individual Wadeable Streams (and Wadeable-stream Reaches) and Large-river Reaches.

Individual Stream or Reach Description <sup>2</sup>	Period When Criteria Apply <sup>3</sup>	Numeric Nutrient Standard <sup>4</sup>	
		Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	Total Nitrogen (µg/L)
<b>Wadeable Streams: Clark Fork River basin</b>			
Flint Creek, from Georgetown Lake outlet to the ecoregion 17ak boundary (46.4002, -113.3055)	July 1 to September 30	72	500
<b>Wadeable Streams: Gallatin River basin</b>			
Bozeman Creek, from headwaters to Forest Service Boundary (45.5833, -111.0184)	July 1 to September 30	105	250
Bozeman Creek, from Forest Service Boundary (45.5833, -111.0184) to mouth at East Gallatin River	July 1 to September 30	76	270
Hyalite Creek, from headwaters to Forest Service Boundary (45.5833,-111.0835)	July 1 to September 30	105	250
Hyalalite Creek, from Forest Service Boundary (45.5833,-111.0835) to mouth at East Gallatin River	July 1 to September 30	90	260
East Gallatin River between Bozeman Creek and Bridger Creek confluences	July 1 to September 30	50	290
East Gallatin River between Bridger Creek and Hyalite Creek confluences	July 1 to September 30	40	300
East Gallatin River between Hyalite Creek and Smith Creek confluences	July 1 to September 30	60	290
East Gallatin River from Smith Creek confluence mouth (Gallatin River)	July 1 to September 30	40	300
<b>Large Rivers<sup>6</sup>:</b>			
Yellowstone River (Bighorn-River confluence to Powder River confluence)	August 1 -October 31	55	655
Yellowstone River (Powder River confluence to stateline)	August 1 -October 31	95	815

<sup>2</sup> See endnote 2

<sup>3</sup> See endnote 3

<sup>4</sup> See endnote 4

<sup>6</sup> See endnote 6

Table 12A-2. Base Numeric Nutrient Standards and Other Standards for Lakes and Reservoirs.

Ecoregion <sup>1</sup> (level III) and Number, or Individual Lake or Reservoir Description	Period of Application	Numeric Nutrient Standard <sup>7</sup>		Other Standards <sup>8</sup>
		Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	
<i>LAKES/RESERVOIRS by ecoregion:</i>				
Middle Rockies (17)	Year-round	{}	{}	
Northern Rockies (15)	Year-round	{}	{}	
Canadian Rockies (41)	Year-round	{}	{}	
Idaho Batholith (16)	Year-round	{}	{}	
<i>LAKE SPECIFIC CRITERIA:</i>				
Flathead Lake <sup>9</sup>	Year-round	5.0	95	Secchi depth ≥ 10.4 m during non turbidity-plume conditions. Phytoplankton chlorophyll <i>a</i> 1.0 µg/L, as an annual average, not to be exceeded more than once in any three year period, on average.
<i>RESERVOIR SPECIFIC CRITERIA:</i>				
	Year-round	{}	{}	

<sup>1</sup> See endnote 1<sup>9</sup> See endnote 9<sup>7</sup> See endnote 7<sup>8</sup> See endnote 8

## 2.1 Required Reporting Values for Base Numeric Nutrient Standards

Table 12A-3 presents the required reporting values (RRVs) for total phosphorus and total nitrogen, as well as the RRVs for nitrogen fractions that can be used to compute total nitrogen.

Table 12A-3. Required reporting values<sup>a,b</sup> for total nitrogen and phosphorus measurements.

Nutrient	Method of Measurement	Required Reporting Value
Total phosphorus	Persulfate digestion	3 µg/L
Total nitrogen	Persulfate digestion	70 µg/L
Total nitrogen	Sum of:	(a) total kjeldahl nitrogen 150 µg/L
		(b) nitrate + nitrite See RRVs below
Nitrate- as N		20 µg/L
Nitrite- as N		10 µg/L
Nitrate + Nitrite-as N		20 µg/L

<sup>a</sup> See definition for required reporting values found in footnote 19 of Department Circular DEQ-7.<sup>b</sup> Concentrations in Table 12A-3 must be achieved unless otherwise specified in a permit, approval, or authorization issued by the Department (DEQ-7; ARM 17.30.702).

## 2.2 Developing Permit Limits for Base Numeric Nutrient Standards

For total nitrogen and total phosphorus, the critical low-flow for the design of disposal systems shall be based on the seasonal 14Q5 of the receiving water (ARM 17.30.635(2)). When developing permit limits for base numeric nutrient standards, the Department will use an average monthly limit (AML) only, using methods appropriate for criterion continuous concentrations (i.e., chronic concentrations). Permit limits will be established using a value corresponding to the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile probability distribution of the effluent. Nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations of the receiving waterbody upstream of the discharge may be characterized using other frequency distribution percentiles. The Department shall use methods that are appropriate for criterion continuous concentrations which are found in the document "*Technical Support Document for Water Quality-based Toxics Control*," Document No. EPA/505/2-90-001, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1991.

## 3.0 Endnotes

(1) Ecoregions are based on the 2009 version (version 2) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency maps. These can be found at: [http://www.epa.gov/wed/pages/ecoregions/mt\\_eco.htm](http://www.epa.gov/wed/pages/ecoregions/mt_eco.htm) . For Geographic Information System (GIS) use within the Department, the GIS layers may be found at: L:\DEQ\Layers\Ecoregions.lyr

(2) Within and among the geographic regions or watersheds listed, base numeric nutrient standards of the downstream reaches or other downstream waterbodies must continue to be maintained. Where possible, modeling methods will be utilized to determine the limitations required which provide for the attainment and maintenance of water quality standards of downstream waterbodies.

(3) For the purposes of ambient surface water monitoring and assessment only, a ten-day window (plus/minus) on the beginning and ending dates of the period when the criteria apply is allowed in order to accommodate year-specific conditions (an early-ending spring runoff, for example).

(4) The 30 day average concentration of these parameters may not be exceeded more than once in any five-year period, on average.

(5) In this level IV ecoregion, the narrative standard for nuisance aquatic life (ARM 17.30.637(1)(e)) applies in lieu of specific base numeric nutrient standards.

(6) **Table E-1** below shows the beginning and ending locations for large rivers in Montana.

**Table E-1. Large river segments within the state of Montana.**

River Name	Segment Description
Big Horn River	Yellowtail Dam to mouth
Clark Fork River	Bitterroot River to state-line
Flathead River	Origin to mouth
Kootenai River	Libby Dam to state-line
Madison River	Ennis Lake to mouth
Missouri River	Origin to state-line
South Fork Flathead River	Hungry Horse Dam to mouth
Yellowstone River	State-line to state-line

(7) No lake or reservoir in **Table 12A-2** shall have a total nutrient concentration that exceeds the values shown, as an annual average, more than once in any three year period, on average. The Department will determine on a case-by-case basis whether or not a permitted discharge to a stream or river is likely to be affecting any downstream lake or reservoir. If yes, the permittee would be required to meet its average monthly nutrient limit year round.

(8) Parameters listed under this column are standards specific to lakes and reservoirs.

(9) Standards and related assessment information (excluding Secchi depth) are to be determined from 0-30 m depth-integrated samples. Samples and Secchi depth measurements are to be collected at the Midlake Deep site which is located approximately 1 mile west of Yellow Bay Point in a pelagic area of the lake (approximately at latitude 47.861, longitude -114.067).

## 4.0 References

The following are citations for key scientific and technical literature used to derive the base numeric nutrient standards. This is not a complete list; rather, it contains the most pertinent citations. Many other articles and reports were reviewed during the development of the standards.

Biggs, B.J.F., 2000. New Zealand Periphyton Guideline: Detecting, Monitoring and Managing Enrichment in Streams. Prepared for the New Zealand Ministry of the Environment, Christchurch, 122 p.

Dodds, W.K., V.H. Smith, and B. Zander, 1997. Developing Nutrient Targets to Control Benthic Chlorophyll Levels in Streams: A Case Study of the Clark Fork River. *Water Research* 31: 1738-1750.

Dodds, W.K., V.H. Smith, and K. Lohman, 2002. Nitrogen and Phosphorus Relationships to Benthic Algal Biomass in Temperate Streams. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 59: 865-874.

- Dodds, W.K, V.H. Smith, and K. Lohman, 2006. Erratum: Nitrogen and Phosphorus Relationships to Benthic Algal Biomass in Temperate Streams. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 63: 1190-1191.
- Elser, J.J., M.E.S. Bracken, E.E. Cleland, D.S. Gruner, W.S. Harpole, H. Hillebrand, J.T. Ngai, E.W. Seabloom, J.B. Shurin, and J.E. Smith, 2007. Global Analysis of Nitrogen and Phosphorus Limitation of Primary Producers in Freshwater, Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems. *Ecology Letters* 10: 1135-1142.
- Flynn, K., and M.W. Suplee, 2010. Defining Large Rivers in Montana using a Wadeability Index. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 14 p.
- Flynn, Kyle and Michael W. Suplee. 2013. Using a Computer Water Quality Model to Derive Numeric Nutrient Criteria: Lower Yellowstone River. WQPBDMSTECH-22. Helena, MT: Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality. <http://deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/standards/NumericNutrientCriteria.mcp>
- McCarthy, P.M., 2005. Statistical Summaries of Streamflow in Montana and Adjacent Areas, Water years 1900 through 2002. U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2004-5266, 317 p.
- Omernik, J.M., 1987. Ecoregions of the Conterminous United States. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 77: 118-125.
- Smith, R.A., R.B. Alexander, and G.E. Schwarz, 2003. Natural Background Concentrations of Nutrients in Streams and Rivers of the Conterminous United States. *Environmental Science and Technology* 37: 3039-3047.
- Sosiak, A., 2002. Long-term Response of Periphyton and Macrophytes to Reduced Municipal Nutrient Loading to the Bow River (Alberta, Canada). *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 59: 987-1001.
- Stevenson, R.J, S.T. Rier, C.M. Riseng, R.E. Schultz, and M.J. Wiley, 2006. Comparing Effects of Nutrients on Algal Biomass in Streams in Two Regions with Different Disturbance Regimes and with Applications for Developing Nutrient Criteria. *Hydrobiologia* 561: 149-165.
- Suplee, M., R. Sada de Suplee, D. Feldman, and T. Laidlaw, 2005. Identification and Assessment of Montana Reference Streams: A Follow-up and Expansion of the 1992 Benchmark Biology Study. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 41 p.
- Suplee, M.W., A. Varghese, and J. Cleland, 2007. Developing Nutrient Criteria for Streams: An Evaluation of the Frequency Distribution Method. *Journal of the American Water Resources Association* 43: 453-472.
- Suplee, M.W., V. Watson, A. Varghese, and J. Cleland, 2008. Scientific and Technical Basis of the Numeric Nutrient Criteria for Montana's Wadeable Streams and Rivers. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 86 p.  
<http://deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/standards/NumericNutrientCriteria.mcp>

- Suplee, M.W., and V. Watson, 2013. Scientific and Technical Basis of the Numeric Nutrient Criteria for Montana's Wadeable Streams and Rivers—Update 1, *and addendums*. Helena, MT: Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality.  
<http://deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/standards/NumericNutrientCriteria.mcp>
- Suplee, M.W., V. Watson, M. Teply, and H. McKee, 2009. How Green is too Green? Public Opinion of what Constitutes Undesirable Algae Levels in Streams. *Journal of the American Water Resources Association* 45: 123-140.
- Suplee, M.W., and R. Sada de Suplee, 2011. Assessment Methodology for Determining Wadeable Stream Impairment Due to Excess Nitrogen and Phosphorus Levels. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Environmental Quality
- Suplee, M.W., V. Watson, W.K. Dodds, and C. Shirley, 2012. Response of Algal Biomass to Large Scale Nutrient Controls on the Clark Fork River, Montana, United States. *Journal of the American Water Resources Association* 48: 1008-1021.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2000a. Nutrient Criteria Technical Guidance Manual, Rivers and Streams. United States Environmental Protection Agency, EPA-822-B00-002. Washington, D.C.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2000b. Nutrient Criteria Technical Guidance Manual, Lakes and Reservoirs. United States Environmental Protection Agency, EPA-822-B00-001. Washington, D.C.
- Varghese, A., and J. Cleland, 2005. Seasonally Stratified Water Quality Analysis for Montana Rivers and Streams-Final Report. Prepared by ICF International for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 44 p plus appendices.
- Varghese, A., J. Cleland, and B. Dederick, 2008. Updated Statistical Analyses of Water Quality Data, Compliance Tools, and Change-point Assessment for Montana Rivers and Streams. Prepared by ICF International for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality under agreement No. 205031, task order 5.
- Woods, A.J., J.M. Omernik, J.A. Nesser, J. Sheldon, J.A. Comstock, and S. J. Azevedo, 2002. Ecoregions of Montana, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. (Color Poster with Map, Descriptive Text, Summary Tables, and Photographs): Reston, Virginia, U.S. Geological Survey (map scale 1:1,500,000).

**BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
AGENDA ITEM  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR RULE AMENDMENT**

**AGENDA # III.A.3.**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY** - The department requests approval of amendments to the public water supply rules to:

1. Amend existing public water supply engineering rules to adopt updated Department Circular DEQ-1, 2014 edition, which sets forth the requirements for the design and preparation of plans and specifications for public water supply systems;
2. Amend existing public water supply engineering rules to adopt updated Department Circular DEQ-3, 2014 edition, which sets forth minimum design standards for small water systems;
3. Adopt New Department Circular DEQ-10, 2014 edition, which sets forth the standards for development of springs to serve public water supply systems;
4. Adopt New Department Circular DEQ-16, 2014 edition, which sets forth standards for cisterns to serve non-community public water supply systems;
5. Amend existing Checklists to incorporate proposed changes in DEQ-1 and DEQ-3 and previous changes to Department Circular DEQ-4, 2013 edition;
6. Clarification of existing rules related to when a professional engineer is required to submit plans and specifications;
7. Amend, for clarification, existing rules related to submission of required documents by a professional engineer;
8. Amend existing rules for clarification related to submission of plans and specifications for systems that have never submitted plans and specifications and for those systems that fail to complete construction within the 3 year window; and
9. Amend Subdivision rules that adopt DEQ-1 and DEQ-3 to reference the 2014 editions.

**LIST OF AFFECTED RULES** - ARM 17.38.101 and 17.36.345

**AFFECTED PARTIES SUMMARY** – All owners and operators of public water systems, consulting engineers, and well drillers proposing to construct or modify public water supply systems.

**SCOPE OF PROPOSED PROCEEDING** - The department is requesting initiation of rulemaking and appointment of a hearing officer for a public hearing.

**BACKGROUND** – The legislature requires the Board of Environmental Review to adopt rules related to the siting, construction, operation, and modification of a public water

supply system. MCA, 75-6-103. The Board has adopted various Circulars to describe design requirements. The Board currently adopts Circulars DEQ-1 and DEQ-3, 2006 editions, related to the construction of public water supply systems. Although Montana does not adopt by reference the 10 State Standards, DEQ-1 and DEQ-3 adopt language related to a significant portion of those standards. The 10 State Standards are intended to standardize design requirements across the country. This leads to reduced costs in design, operation, and litigation and increases consumer confidence and health. In 2012, 10 State Standards were updated and we now propose to update DEQ-1 and DEQ-3 to incorporate those changes.

Proposed changes to DEQ-1 and DEQ-3 include references to proposed NEW DEQ-10 and DEQ-16.

The new Department of Environmental Quality Circular DEQ-10, 2014 edition, sets forth the standards for development of springs to serve public water supply systems. Springs are used as a source of water for some public systems; however, the Board has not adopted design standards for their use. The lack of design standards does not eliminate the use of springs as a public water supply source, but may lead to the requirement that the water be treated as a surface water source as opposed to groundwater. The cost and complexity for treatment for surface water sources is many times more than what is required for groundwater sources. Design standards will reduce the costs associated with the design, construction, and operation of systems using springs and will increase public health protection.

The new Department of Environmental Quality Circular DEQ-16, 2014 edition, sets forth standards for cisterns to serve non-community public water supply systems. The use of cisterns for community systems is not allowed, but cistern's use in non-community systems may be appropriate under the right circumstances. Cisterns have increased risks associated with water quality due to their design. Design standards will reduce the costs associated with the design, construction, and operation of non-public systems proposing to use a cistern and will increase public health protection.

The Board has adopted a number of Checklists that expedites the review process which reduces the costs associated with design review and approval. The proposed amendments to these checklists are intended to incorporate the proposed changes in design standards into the checklists.

The Department proposes clarification of the rules related to the use of a professional engineer for the design of various facilities and for the submission of various documents. The clarifications will describe when a professional engineer is required to submit plans and specifications. Although the criterion the Department uses to make that determination is not changing, the proposed amendments will clarify those criteria for the regulated public. The Department also proposes to clarify the use of a professional engineer to submit required documentation. The current language infers that only the design engineer can submit those required documents. The Department wishes to clarify that when a professional engineer is required to design a system, any qualified professional engineer may submit the required documents. The Department has had to make exceptions to existing rule language where the design engineer has passed away, moved out of state, or has refused to submit the documents. Any engineer submitting documents is bound by their license and code of ethics to ensure the appropriate use of their stamp.

The Department proposes to clarify its implementation of the statutory requirement for all systems to have department review and approval of the system's plans and specifications. There exists a significant portion of the regulated community that was in existence prior to the requirement for plan and specification review. The statute does not contain a "grandfather" clause. In its enforcement discretion, the department does not require those systems that are in continuous operation to submit plans and specifications. The Department relies on the systems routine monitoring to indicate whether the system is capable of producing a safe supply of water. In the event that a system's routine monitoring indicates that the water may not be safe or where the system has not been in continuous operation, defined as being out of operation for three or more years, the Department will require the system to submit plans and specifications. In either instance, the plans and specifications will be reviewed against the most current design standards and may require the system to correct design deficiencies.

The proposed amendments to ARM, 17.36.345 are intended to update the adoption by reference of DEQ-1 and DEQ-3 in the Subdivisions/On-site Subsurface Wastewater Treatment rules, to the 2014 edition.

**HEARING INFORMATION** – The Department recommends that the Board appoint a hearing examiner and conduct a public hearing to take comment on the proposed amendments.

**BOARD OPTIONS** - The Board may:

1. Initiate rulemaking, appoint a hearing examiner, and schedule a public hearing;
2. Determine that the adoption of rules is not appropriate and decline to initiate rulemaking; or
3. Direct the Department to modify the rulemaking and proceed.

**DEQ RECOMMENDATION** – The Department recommends initiation of rulemaking and appointment of a hearing examiner to conduct a public hearing.

**ENCLOSURES** -

1. Draft Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment and Adoption
2. Department Circulars DEQ-1, DEQ-3, DEQ-10, and DEQ-16
3. Summary of major changes to Department Circulars DEQ-1 and DEQ-3
4. New Community Water Supply Well Review Checklist
5. New Non-community Water Supply Well Review Checklist
6. Sewer Main Extension and Replacement Certified Checklist
7. Water Main Extension and Replacement Certified Checklist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ARM )	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
17.36.345 and 17.38.101 pertaining to )	PROPOSED AMENDMENT
adoption by reference and plans for )	
public water supply or public sewage )	(WATER QUALITY)
system )	(SUBDIVISIONS/ON-SITE
)	SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER
)	TREATMENT)
)	(PUBLIC WATER AND SEWAGE
)	SYSTEMS REQUIREMENTS)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, at \_\_:\_\_.m., the Board of Environmental Review and the Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing [in/at address], Montana, to consider the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules.

2. The board and department will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this public hearing or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact Elois Johnson, Paralegal, no later than 5:00 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Elois Johnson at Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone (406) 444-2630; fax (406) 444-4386; or e-mail [ejohnson@mt.gov](mailto:ejohnson@mt.gov).

3. The rules proposed to be amended provide as follows, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

17.36.345 ADOPTION BY REFERENCE (1) For purposes of this chapter, the department adopts and incorporates by reference the following documents. All references to these documents in this chapter refer to the edition set out below:

(a) Department Circular DEQ-1, "Standards for Water Works," ~~2006~~ 2014 edition;

(b) remains the same.

(c) Department Circular DEQ-3, "Standards for Small Water Systems," ~~2006~~ 2014 edition;

(d) through (f) remain the same.

(g) Department Circular DEQ-10, "Standards for the Development of Springs for Public Water Systems," 2014 edition.

(g) remains the same, but is renumbered (h).

(i) Department Circular DEQ-16, "Standards for Hauled Water Cisterns for Noncommunity Public Systems," 2014 edition.

(h) through (k) remain the same, but are renumbered (j) through (m).

(2) remains the same.

AUTH: 76-4-104, MCA

IMP: 76-4-104, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendment to (1)(a) updates the adoption by reference of Department Circular DEQ-1, "Standards for Water Works," and Department Circular DEQ-3, "Standards for Small Water Systems," to the 2014 editions. The proposed amendments to these circulars are necessary to make the design standards consistent with current industry standards contained in the Recommended Standards for Water Works, which are commonly referred to as the 10 States Standards. The 10 States Standards have been developed by the states and provinces in the Great Lakes and upper Mississippi Rivers regions to ensure the safety of drinking water. They are used by those states and provinces to apply consistent engineering standards across those regions. They are also used by a number of other states across the country, including Montana. The 10 States Standards are periodically updated to incorporate changes in technology and drinking water protection practices. The Board and Department do not adopt the 10 States Standards by reference. However, they do adopt, via Department Circulars DEQ-1 and DEQ-3, language similar to a significant portion of language found in the 10 States Standards. Use of these standards, or language similar to these standards, protects potable water, reduces the costs associated with the preparation of plans and specifications, and increases consumer confidence in the safety of the system. DEQ-1 and DEQ-3 are currently based on the 2003 edition of the 10 States Standards. The 10 States Standards were updated in 2007 and 2012. The Board and Department are proposing to modify DEQ-1 and DEQ-3 to incorporate the 2007 and 2012 changes, to make the circular consistent with recent changes to water well requirements adopted by the Board of Water Well Contractor, to make the circular consistent with recent changes to Water Use Act rules adopted by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, to remove requirements that are beyond the the board and department's authority, and to make style and grammar changes for readability. A more detailed summary of the major changes to these circulars is available as indicated in section 4 of this notice.

The proposed new Department Circular DEQ-10, "Standards for the Development of Springs for Public Water Systems," would set standards for the development of springs to serve public water supply systems. The proposed standards are necessary to ensure that a spring that is developed to supply water for a public system is capable of producing a safe supply of water. In addition to jeopardizing public health, incorrectly developed spring sources can be very expensive to fix. The Board and Department have not adopted standards for the use of springs as a public water supply source. However, they have adopted Department Circular DEQ-11, Montana Standards for Development of Springs for Individual and Shared Non-Public Systems. Proposed DEQ-10 adapts the DEQ-10 standards to public systems.

The proposed new Department Circular DEQ-16, "Standards for Hauled Water Cisterns for Noncommunity Public Systems," would set standards for the construction and maintenance of cisterns in public water supply systems. Incorrectly

installed or maintained cisterns have a significant potential to create public health and regulatory issues. The proposed standards are necessary to ensure that a noncommunity public water supply system using cisterns has an adequate and safe supply of water. The Board and Department have not adopted standards for the use of cisterns within a noncommunity public water supply system. However, they have adopted Department Circular DEQ-17, Montana Standards for Cisterns (Water Storage Tanks) for Individual Non-Public Systems. Cisterns used for noncommunity public systems are similar to cisterns used for private systems, and proposed DEQ-16 generally adapts the DEQ-17 standards to noncommunity public systems.

17.38.101 PLANS FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY OR PUBLIC SEWAGE SYSTEM (1) through (3)(n)(ii) remain the same.

(4) A person may not commence or continue the construction, alteration, extension, or operation of a public water supply system or public sewage system until the applicant has submitted a design report along with the necessary plans and specifications for the system to the department or a delegated division of local government for its review and has received written approval. Three sets of plans and specifications are needed for final approval. Approval by the department or a delegated division of local government is contingent upon construction and operation of the public water supply or public sewage system consistent with the approved design report, plans, and specifications. Failure to construct or operate the system according to the approved plans and specifications or the department's conditions of approval is an alteration for purposes of this rule. Design reports, plans, and specifications must meet the following criteria:

(a) remains the same.

(b) the design report, plans, and specifications for non-community water systems must be prepared in accordance with the format and criteria set forth in ~~d~~Department Circular DEQ-3, "Montana Department of Environmental Quality Standards for Small Water Systems."

(i) The department or a delegated division of local government may require the plans and specifications for such a system to be prepared by a professional engineer when the complexity of the proposed system warrants such engineering (e.g., systems using gravity storage, pressure booster/reduction stations).

(ii) ~~Except as provided in (iii),~~ The the department or a delegated division of local government will require the plans and specifications for such a system to be prepared by a professional engineer when:

~~(A) treatment processes and equipment, system components~~ subject to review under ~~d~~Department Circular DEQ-1, "Montana Department of Environmental Quality Standards for Water Works," are proposed;

~~(B) chlorination~~ subject to review under Department Circular DEQ-3, "Standards for Small Water Systems," is proposed; or

~~(C) springs~~ subject to review under Department Circular DEQ-10, "Standards for the Development of Springs to Serve Public Water Supply Systems" are proposed.

(iii) The department or a delegated division of local government may allow standard plans and specifications previously approved by the department to be used for such a system in place of those prepared by a professional engineer on a case-

by-case basis;

(c) through (5) remain the same.

(6) Plans and specifications for a project that would violate the approval of a public water supply system, public wastewater system, or that would cause a significant deficiency, as defined in ARM 17.38.104(1), will may not be approved by the reviewing authority.

(7) through (8)(c) remain the same.

(9) Except as provided in ~~(10)~~ (11)(b), unless the applicant has completed the construction, alteration, or extension of a public water supply or public sewage system within three years after the department or a delegated unit of local government has issued its written approval, the approval is void and a design report, plans, and specifications must be resubmitted as required by (4) with the appropriate fees specified in this subchapter. ~~The department may grant a completion deadline extension if the applicant requests an extension in writing and demonstrates adequate justification to the department.~~

(a) If the relevant design standards and administrative rules have not changed since the original approval was issued, the department may, at its discretion, reapprove the project using the following abbreviated process:

(i) The original design report, plans, and specifications must be resubmitted as required by (4).

(ii) The engineer or firm that originally submitted the project must, in writing, grant permission for the department to re-review the plan set, and state that the conditions surrounding the original submission have not changed.

(iii) The review fee will be established by the hourly rate designated in ARM 17.38.106(3) multiplied by the time required to review the plans and specifications.

(10) Continuously active public water supply systems that have never submitted plans and specifications for department review are not required to submit plans and specifications unless specifically required by the department. All public water supply systems that are inactive for three or more years must submit a design report, plans, and specifications, as required by (4) with the appropriate fees specified in this subchapter, for approval prior to reactivation. Previously approved systems that have been inactive for three or more years may, at the department's discretion, use the abbreviated review process described in (9)(a).

~~(10)~~ (11) As provided in 75-6-131, MCA, the following requirements apply to regional public water supply systems for which a final engineering report has been approved by the United States Bureau of Reclamation. These requirements are in addition to the other requirements in this chapter, except where a rule specifically provides otherwise:

(a) and (b) remain the same.

(c) Except as provided in (4) and ~~(10)~~ (11)(b), the approval of a regional water system's standard construction contract documents and provisions for amendments to those documents remains in effect for the construction period of the project as contained in the final engineering report approved by the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

(11) remains the same, but is renumbered (12).

~~(12)~~ (13) A person may not commence or continue the operation of a public water supply or public sewage system, or any portion of such system, prior to

certifying by letter to the department or a delegated division of local government that the system, or portion of the system constructed, altered, or extended to that date, was completed in substantial accordance with plans and specifications approved by the department and there are no deviations from the design standards of the applicable circulars other than those previously approved by the department pursuant to ARM 17.38.101. For a system or any portion of a system designed by a professional engineer, ~~the~~ an engineer shall sign and submit the certification letter to the department or a delegated division of local government.

~~(13)~~ (14) Within 90 days after the completion of construction, alteration, or extension of a public water supply or public sewage system, or any portion of such system, a complete set of certified "as-built" drawings must be signed and submitted to the department or a delegated division of local government. The department may require that the "as-built" submittal be accompanied by an operation and maintenance manual. For a system or any portion of a system designed by a professional engineer, ~~the~~ an engineer shall sign and submit the certified "as-built" drawings to the department or a delegated division of local government.

~~(14)~~ through ~~(18)~~(b) remain the same, but are renumbered ~~(15)~~ through ~~(19)~~(b).

~~(19)~~ (20) For purposes of this chapter, the board adopts and incorporates by reference the following documents. All references to these documents in this chapter refer to the edition set out below:

(a) Department of ~~Environmental Quality~~ Circular DEQ-1, ~~2006~~ 2014 edition, which sets forth the requirements for the design and preparation of plans and specifications for public water supply systems;

(b) remains the same.

(c) Department of ~~Environmental Quality~~ Circular DEQ-3, ~~2006~~ 2014 edition, which sets forth minimum design standards for small water systems;

(d) remains the same.

(e) Department of ~~Environmental Quality~~ Water Main Certified Checklist, ~~2007~~ 2014 edition, which sets forth minimum criteria and design standards for water main extensions and replacements;

(f) Department of ~~Environmental Quality~~ Sewer Main Certified Checklist, ~~2007~~ 2014 edition, which sets forth minimum criteria and design standards for sewer main extensions and replacements;

(g) Department of ~~Environmental Quality~~ Community Water Supply Well Expedited Review Checklist, ~~2007~~ 2014 edition, which sets forth minimum criteria and design standards for new community water supply wells;

(h) Department of ~~Environmental Quality~~ Non-community Water Supply Well Expedited Review Checklist, ~~2007~~ 2014 edition, which sets forth minimum criteria and design standards for new non-community water supply wells; ~~and~~

(i) 40 CFR 141.5, which sets forth siting requirements for public water supply components;

(j) Department Circular DEQ-10, 2014 edition, which sets forth the standards for development of springs to serve public water supply systems; and

(k) Department Circular DEQ-16, 2014 edition, which sets forth standards for cisterns to serve noncommunity public water supply systems.

~~(20)~~ (21) A copy of any of the documents adopted under ~~(19)~~ (20) may be

obtained from viewed at the Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901.

AUTH: 75-6-103, MCA

IMP: 75-6-103, 75-6-112, 75-6-121, MCA

REASON: ARM 17.38.101(4)(b) is being amended to correct the titles of Department Circular DEQ-1 and Department Circular DEQ-3. This amendment has no significant impact and is housekeeping in nature only.

The other proposed amendments modify a requirement to employ a professional engineer to prepare plans and specifications for department review of a noncommunity system. The proposed amendments are necessary because all systems must submit plans and specifications for review against department design standards. The minimum standards for drinking water are described in two separate documents, Department Circular DEQ-1 and Department Circular DEQ-3. The minimum design standards are based on risks associated with exposure and the complexity of treatment. Community systems must submit under Department Circular DEQ-1 and must use a professional engineer. Noncommunity systems may submit under Department Circular DEQ-3 and are required to use a professional engineer only when directed by the department. Because of the complexities involved, the department currently requires an engineer for systems using chlorination or springs. Inserting a requirement to use a professional engineer upfront would avoid the return and resubmittal of plans and specifications that were originally submitted without the use of a professional engineer.

The proposed amendment to (6) provides clarification. The proposed amendment is necessary to clarify that the department may not approve plans and specifications that would create a violation of a previously issued approval, whether for a water system or a wastewater system, or that would create a significant deficiency.

The proposed amendments to (9) are intended to clarify the rule and to make the rule consistent with the statute. The proposed amendments are necessary because the current rule, which allows for an extension for non-completed facilities, is in conflict with the law. The law states that a system that has not completed construction within three years "must" resubmit those unconstructed portions of the facility for re-review. No authority exists for a department extension.

The proposed addition of (9)(a) is intended to create a potentially abbreviated review process for those facilities that did not complete construction within the three-year window. The proposed addition is necessary to ensure that newly constructed facilities meet the current design standards, but will also allow for a reduced cost approach when the standards used in the original review have not been significantly modified.

The proposed addition of (10) would set out the department's approval process for existing systems that have not previously been required to undergo department review and approval. The proposed addition provides that existing systems that have never received department review and approval may be subject to that requirement. In its enforcement discretion, the department does not routinely require systems that were in existence prior to the requirement for submittal of plans

and specifications to submit those documents for department review and approval. Satisfactory routine monitoring reports submitted by these operating systems are used in place of the review to determine if the system is capable of producing a safe supply of water. Those systems with unsatisfactory results, or those systems that have discontinued operations for more than three years, are required to submit plans and specifications for department review. Proposed section (10) lays out that process.

The proposed changes in (12) and (13) clarify that "an" engineer must submit required documents as opposed to "the" design engineer exclusively. The proposed change is necessary to resolve issues in which the design engineer is unable or unwilling to submit the required documents. The non-design engineer will be bound by the engineering code of ethics and licensure requirements to ensure the appropriate use of their stamp on a project that they may have acquired after the project was initiated.

The additional proposed change in (13) clarifies that deviations from the approved plans and specifications during construction may not violate a design standard. The proposed change is necessary to allow engineers the ability to resolve construction issues encountered during construction, but makes it clear that those changes may not violate a design standard unless the department has approved the deviation.

The proposed amendments to (20)(a) and (c) simply incorporate by reference into the public water supply rules the new versions of DEQ 1 and 3. The proposed new (20)(i) and (k) simply incorporate by reference into the public water supply rules the new DEQ 10 and 16. The proposed amendments to (20)(e), (g), and (h) simply incorporate into the public water supply updated checklists that reflect the amendments made to DEQ-1 and DEQ-3. The proposed amendments to (20)(f) simply incorporate by reference into the public water supply rules an updated checklist that reflects changes made to DEQ-2 in 2012.

4. The proposed new and amended circulars and checklists may be viewed at and copied from the department's website at <http://deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/pws/PlanReviewEngineer.mcp>. Also, copies may be obtained by contacting Leata English at Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901; by phone at (406) 444-4224; or by e-mail at [LEnglish@mt.gov](mailto:LEnglish@mt.gov).

5. Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing, at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to Elois Johnson, Paralegal, Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; faxed to (406) 444-4386; or e-mailed to [ejohnson@mt.gov](mailto:ejohnson@mt.gov), no later than 5:00 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_, 2014. To be guaranteed consideration, mailed comments must be postmarked on or before that date.

6. Katherine Orr, attorney for the board, or another attorney for the Agency Legal Services Bureau, has been designated to preside over and conduct the hearing.

7. The board and department maintain a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this agency. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request that includes the name, e-mail, and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies that the person wishes to receive notices regarding: air quality; hazardous waste/waste oil; asbestos control; water/wastewater treatment plant operator certification; solid waste; junk vehicles; infectious waste; public water supplies; public sewage systems regulation; hard rock (metal) mine reclamation; major facility siting; opencut mine reclamation; strip mine reclamation; subdivisions; renewable energy grants/loans; wastewater treatment or safe drinking water revolving grants and loans; water quality; CECRA; underground/above ground storage tanks; MEPA; or general procedural rules other than MEPA. Notices will be sent by e-mail unless a mailing preference is noted in the request. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to Elois Johnson, Paralegal, Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, faxed to the office at (406) 444-4386, e-mailed to Elois Johnson at ejohnson@mt.gov; or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the board or department.

8. The bill sponsor contact requirements of 2-4-302, MCA, do not apply.

9. With regard to the requirements of 2-4-111, MCA, the department has determined that the adoption of the above-referenced rules will not significantly and directly impact small businesses.

Reviewed by: BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN F. NORTH  
Rule Reviewer

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBIN SHROPSHIRE  
Chairman

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TRACY STONE-MANNING, Director

Certified to the Secretary of State, \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.



## **CIRCULAR DEQ 1**

# **STANDARDS FOR WATER WORKS**

2014 Edition

FOREWORD.....	5
POLICY ON PRE-ENGINEERED WATER TREATMENT PLANTS FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES.....	6
POLICY ON AUTOMATED/UNATTENDED OPERATION OF SW TREATMENT PLANTS.....	8
POLICY ON USE OF CHLORAMINE DISINFECTANT FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES.....	10
POLICY ON ULTRA VIOLET LIGHT FOR TREATMENT OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES.....	18
POLICY FOR APPLICATION OF POU/POE TECHNOLOGY TO TREAT FOR MCL VIOLATIONS.....	28
POLICY STATEMENT ON ARSENIC REMOVAL.....	3434
POLICY STATEMENT ON INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES.....	3636
POLICY STATEMENT ON DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE OPTIMIZATION OF RAPID RATE FILTRATION AT SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS.....	3838
CHAPTER 1 - SUBMISSION OF PLANS.....	4040
1.0    GENERAL.....	4040
1.1    ENGINEER'S REPORT.....	4141
1.2    PLANS.....	4444
1.3    SPECIFICATIONS.....	4646
1.4    DESIGN CRITERIA.....	4646
1.5    REVISIONS TO APPROVED PLANS.....	4747
1.6    ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED.....	4747
1.7    DEVIATIONS FROM STANDARDS.....	4747
CHAPTER 2 - GENERAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS.....	4848
2.0    GENERAL.....	4848
2.1    DESIGN BASIS.....	4848
2.2    PLANT LAYOUT.....	4848
2.3    BUILDING LAYOUT.....	4848
2.4    LOCATION OF STRUCTURES.....	4949
2.5    ELECTRICAL CONTROLS.....	4949
2.6    STANDBY POWER.....	4949
2.7    SHOP SPACE AND STORAGE.....	4949
2.8    LABORATORY FACILITIES.....	4949
2.9    MONITORING EQUIPMENT.....	5050
2.10   SAMPLE TAPS.....	5050
2.11   FACILITY WATER SUPPLY.....	5050
2.12   WALL CASTINGS.....	5151
2.13   METERS.....	5151
2.14   PIPING COLOR CODE.....	5151
2.15   DISINFECTION.....	5252
2.16   OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL.....	5252
2.17   OPERATOR INSTRUCTION.....	5252
2.18   SAFETY.....	5252
2.19   SECURITY.....	5252
2.20   FLOOD PROTECTION.....	5252
2.21   CHEMICALS AND WATER CONTACT MATERIALS.....	5252
2.22   OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.....	5252
CHAPTER 3 - SOURCE DEVELOPMENT.....	5454
3.0    GENERAL.....	5454
3.1    SURFACE WATER.....	5454
3.2    GROUNDWATER.....	5757
3.3    SPRINGS.....	6969
CHAPTER 4 - TREATMENT.....	7070
4.0    GENERAL.....	7070
4.1    MICROSCREENING.....	7070
4.2    CLARIFICATION.....	7070
4.3    FILTRATION.....	7878

4.4	DISINFECTION.....	104104
4.5	SOFTENING.....	115115
4.6	ION EXCHANGE- ANION AND CATION EXCHANGE.....	116116
4.7	AERATION.....	120120
4.8	IRON AND MANGANESE CONTROL.....	125125
4.9	FLUORIDATION.....	128128
4.10	STABILIZATION.....	129129
4.11	TASTE AND ODOR CONTROL.....	131131
4.12	ADSORPTIVE MEDIA – GRANULAR FERRIC HYDROXIDE & ACTIVATED ALUMINA.....	137137
CHAPTER 5 - CHEMICAL APPLICATION.....		141141
5.0	GENERAL.....	141141
5.1	FEED EQUIPMENT.....	142142
5.2	CHEMICALS.....	148148
5.3	OPERATOR SAFETY.....	148148
5.4	SPECIFIC CHEMICALS.....	149149
CHAPTER 6 - PUMPING FACILITIES.....		158158
6.0	GENERAL.....	158158
6.1	LOCATION.....	158158
6.2	PUMPING STATIONS.....	158158
6.3	PUMPS.....	160160
6.4	BOOSTER PUMPS.....	161161
6.5	AUTOMATIC AND REMOTE CONTROLLED STATIONS.....	162162
6.6	APPURTENANCES.....	162162
CHAPTER 7 - FINISHED WATER STORAGE.....		164164
7.0	GENERAL.....	164164
7.1	TREATMENT PLANT STORAGE.....	169169
7.2	HYDROPNEUMATIC TANK SYSTEMS.....	169169
7.3	DISTRIBUTION STORAGE.....	170170
7.4	CISTERNS.....	171171
CHAPTER 8 –TRANSMISSION MAINS, DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, PIPING & APPURTENANCES.....		172172
8.0	GENERAL.....	172172
8.1	MATERIALS.....	172172
8.2	WATER MAIN DESIGN.....	173173
8.3	VALVES.....	173173
8.4	HYDRANTS.....	174174
8.5	AIR RELIEF, VACUUM RELIEF, AND COMBINATION AIR/VACUUM RELIEF VALVES.....	174174
8.6	VALVE, METER, AND BLOW-OFF CHAMBERS.....	175175
8.7	INSTALLATION OF MAINS.....	175175
8.8	SEPARATION OF WATER MAINS, SANITARY SEWERS AND STORM SEWERS.....	176176
8.9	SURFACE WATER CROSSINGS.....	178178
8.10	CROSS-CONNECTIONS AND INTERCONNECTIONS.....	179179
8.11	WATER SERVICES AND PLUMBING.....	179179
8.12	SERVICE METERS.....	179179
8.13	WATER LOADING STATIONS.....	179179
8.14	WATER MAIN ABANDONMENT.....	180180
8.15	TEMPORARY WATER DISTRIBUTION.....	180180
CHAPTER 9 – WASTE RESIDUALS.....		181181
9.0	GENERAL.....	181181
9.1	SANITARY WASTE.....	181181
9.2	BRINE WASTES.....	181181
9.3	PRECIPITATIVE SOFTENING SLUDGE.....	181181
9.4	ALUM SLUDGE.....	183183
9.5	“RED WATER” WASTE.....	184184

9.6	WASTE FILTER WASH WATER .....	185+85
9.7	RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS .....	186+86
9.8	ARSENIC WASTE RESIDUALS.....	186+86
<u>APPENDIX A.....</u>		<u>187+87</u>
<u>APPENDIX B.....</u>		<u>191</u>
<u>Glossary .....</u>		<u>196+9+6</u>

## FOREWORD

The Board of Environmental Review of the State of Montana as authorized by 75-6-103(2)(f), MCA, hereby adopts the following standards for water works.

Preceding the standards are policy statements of the Board concerning water works design, practice, or resource protection. Those policy statements recommending an approach to the investigation of innovative treatment processes have not been included as part of the standards because sufficient confirmation has not yet been documented to allow the establishment of specific limitations or design parameters.

These standards, consisting of proven technology, are intended to serve as a guide in the design and preparation of plans and specifications for public water supply systems, to suggest limiting values for items upon which an evaluation of such plans and specifications may be made by the MDEQ, and to establish, as far as practicable, uniformity of practice.

The terms shall and must are used where practice is sufficiently standardized to permit specific delineation of requirements or where safeguarding of the public health justifies such definite action. These mandatory items serve as a checklist for the MDEQ. The terms should, recommended, and preferred are used to indicate desirable procedures or methods. These non-mandatory items serve as guidelines for designers.

The term "-MDEQ" as used in these standards refers to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality or its authorized agents.

It is not possible to cover recently developed processes and equipment in a publication of this type. However, the policy is to encourage, rather than obstruct, the development of new processes and equipment. Recent developments may be acceptable if they meet at least one of the following conditions: 1) have been thoroughly tested in full scale comparable installations under competent supervision; 2) have been thoroughly tested as a pilot plant operated for a sufficient time to indicate satisfactory performance; or 3) a performance bond or other acceptable arrangement has been made so the owners or official custodians are adequately protected financially or otherwise in case of failure of the process or equipment; or 4) they meet generally accepted industry standards that have not yet been adopted by the Board of Environmental Review.

These standards are based on the "Recommended Standards for Water Works" (2003~~12~~ Edition), prepared by the Great Lakes Upper Mississippi River Board of State Sanitary Engineers. The Board of Environmental Review acknowledges this basis and expresses its appreciation to the Great Lakes Upper Mississippi River Board of State Sanitary Engineers for its contribution to public health.

## POLICY ON PRE-ENGINEERED WATER TREATMENT PLANTS FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

~~Pre-engineered water treatment plants are becoming available and being used for production of potable water at public water systems. Many applications being proposed are for small systems that have relatively clean surface water sources and that are now being required to provide filtration under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.~~

Pre-engineered water treatment plants are normally modular process units, which are pre-designed for specific process applications and flow rates and purchased as a package. Multiple units may be installed in parallel to accommodate larger flows.

Pre-engineered treatment plants have numerous applications but are especially applicable at small systems where conventional treatment facilities may not be cost effective. As with any design, the proposed treatment must fit the situation and assure a continuous supply of safe drinking water for water consumers. MDEQ may accept proposals for pre-engineered water treatment plants on a case-by-case basis where they have been demonstrated to be effective in treating the source water being used. In most cases an applicant will be required to demonstrate, through pilot studies and/or other data, adequacy of the proposed plant for the specific application.

Factors to be considered include:

1. Raw water quality characteristics under normal and worst case conditions. Seasonal fluctuations must be evaluated and considered in the design.
2. Demonstration of treatment effectiveness under all raw water conditions and system flow demands. This demonstration may be on-site pilot or full scale testing or testing off-site where the source water is of similar quality. On-site testing is required at sites having questionable water quality or applicability of the treatment process. The proposed demonstration project must be approved by MDEQ prior to starting.
3. Sophistication of equipment. The reliability and experience record of the proposed treatment equipment and controls must be evaluated.
4. Unit process flexibility allowing for optimization of treatment.
5. Operational oversight that is necessary. ~~At surface water sources f~~ Full-time operators are necessary at surface water sources, except where MDEQ has approved an automation plan. See Policy Statement on Automated/Unattended Operation of Surface Water Treatment Plants.
6. Third party certification or approvals such as National Sanitation Foundation (NSF), International Underwriters Laboratory (UL), or other acceptable ANSI accredited third parties; for a) treatment equipment and b) materials that will be in contact with the water.
7. Suitable pretreatment based on raw water quality and the pilot study or other demonstration of treatment effectiveness. Pretreatment may be included as an integral process in the pre-engineered module.
8. Factory testing of controls and process equipment prior to shipment.
9. Automated troubleshooting capability built into the control system.
10. Start-up and follow-up training and troubleshooting to be provided by the manufacturer or contractor.

11. Operation and maintenance manual. This manual must provide a description of the treatment, control and pumping equipment, necessary maintenance and maintenance schedule, and a troubleshooting guide for typical problems.
12. In addition to any automation, full manual override capabilities must be provided.
13. Cross-connection control including, but not limited to, the avoidance of single wall separations between treated and partially treated or untreated surface water.
- ~~12:~~14. On-site and contractual laboratory capability. The on-site testing must include all required continuous and daily testing as specified by MDEQ. Contract testing may be considered for other parameters.
- ~~13:~~15. Manufacturer's warranty and replacement guarantee. Appropriate safeguards for water supplier must be included in contract documents. MDEQ may consider interim or conditional project approvals for innovative technology when there is sufficient demonstration of treatment effectiveness and contract provisions to protect the water supplier should the treatment not perform as claimed.
- ~~14:~~16. Water supplier revenue and budget for continuing operations, maintenance, and equipment replacement in the future.
17. Life expectancy and long-term performance of the units based on the corrosivity of the raw and treated water and the treatment chemicals used.
- ~~15:~~18. Additional information on this topic is given in the "State Alternative Technology Approval Protocol," dated June 1996, which was developed by the Association of State Drinking water Administrators, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and various industry groups.

## POLICY ON AUTOMATED/UNATTENDED OPERATION OF SW TREATMENT PLANTS

Recent advances in computer technology, equipment controls, and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Systems have brought automated and off-site operation of surface water treatment plants into the realm of feasibility. Coincidentally, this comes at a time when renewed concern for microbiological contamination is driving optimization of surface water treatment plant facilities and operations and finished water treatment goals are being lowered to levels of < 0.1 NTU turbidity and < 20 total particle counts per milliliter.

MDEQ encourages any measures, including automation, which assist operators in improving plant operations and surveillance functions.

Automation of surface water treatment facilities, to allow unattended operation and off-site control, presents a number of management and technological challenges, which must be overcome before an approval can be considered. Each facet of the plant facilities and operations must be fully evaluated to determine what on-line monitoring is appropriate, what alarm capabilities must be incorporated into the design, and what staffing is necessary. Consideration must be given to the consequences and operational response to treatment challenges, equipment failure, and loss of communications or power.

An engineering report must be developed as the first step in the process leading to design of the automation system. The engineering report to be submitted to ~~review authorities~~ MDEQ must cover all aspects of the treatment plant and automation system including the following information/criteria:

- a-1. Identify all critical features in the pumping and treatment facilities that will be electronically monitored, have alarms, and can be operated automatically or off-site via the control system; and include a description of automatic plant shutdown controls with alarms and conditions that would trigger shutdowns. Dual or secondary alarms may be necessary for certain critical functions.
- b-2. Automated monitoring of all critical functions with major and minor alarm features must be provided. Automated plant shutdown is required on all major alarms. Automated startup of the plant is prohibited after shutdown due to a major alarm. The control system must have response and adjustment capability on all minor alarms. Built-in control system challenge test capability must be provided to verify operational status of major and minor alarms. The computer system must incorporate cyberspace security to protect the confidentiality and integrity of transmitted information and deter identity theft through such means as placing routers and "firewalls" at the entry point of a sub network to block access from outside attackers.
- e-3. The plant control system must have the capability for manual operation of all treatment plant equipment and process functions.
- d-4. A plant flow diagram that shows the location of all critical features, alarms and automated controls to be provided.
- e-5. A description of off-site control station(s) that allow observation of plant operations, that receive alarms, and that have the ability to adjust and control operation of equipment and the treatment process.
  - f.a. ———A certified operator must be on "standby duty" status at all times with remote operational capability and must be located within a reasonable response time of the treatment plant.
- g-6. A certified operator must conduct an on-site check at least once per day to verify proper operation, chemical supply levels, and plant security.

- ~~h.7.~~ Description of operator staffing and training planned or completed in both process control and the automation system.
- ~~i.8.~~ Operations manual, which gives operators, step-by-step procedures for understanding and using the automated control system under all water quality conditions. Emergency operations during ~~the~~ power or communication failures or other emergencies must be included. A backup battery must be provided for the control system.
- ~~j.9.~~ A plan for a 6-month or greater demonstration period to prove the reliability of producers, equipment, and surveillance system. A certified operator must be on-duty at all times of operation during the demonstration period. The final plan must identify and address any problems and alarms that occurred during the demonstration period. Challenge testing of each critical component of the overall system must be included as part of the demonstration project.
- ~~k.10.~~ Schedule for maintenance of equipment and critical parts replacement.
- ~~l.11.~~ Sufficient finished water storage must be provided to meet system demands and CT requirements whenever normal treatment production is interrupted as the result of automation system failure or plant shutdown.
- ~~m.12.~~ Sufficient staffing must be provided to carry out daily on-site evaluations, operational functions and needed maintenance, and calibration of all critical treatment components and monitoring equipment to ensure reliability of operations.
- ~~n.13.~~ Plant staff must perform, at a minimum, weekly checks on the communication and control system to ensure reliability of operations. Challenge testing of such equipment should be part of normal maintenance routines.
- ~~o.14.~~ Provisions must be made to ensure security of the treatment facilities at all times. Appropriate intrusion alarms must be provided so that alarms are effectively communicated to the operator in charge.

## POLICY ON USE OF CHLORAMINE DISINFECTANT FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

~~Ammonia can be used to convert chlorine in drinking water into the longer lasting but less powerful disinfectant chloramine. Possible advantages and disadvantages of the use of chloramine rather than free chlorine include:~~

~~Use of chloramine may reduce total trihalomethane concentrations reaching consumers. This is because chloramine does not form trihalomethanes on contact with natural organic matter in the water, although it may form other by-products.~~

~~Use of chloramine may reduce the need for high disinfectant concentrations to be added at the plant and/or at booster stations. This can be an advantage during the warmer seasons of the year for protection of the water and mains system, from bacterial overgrowth. Although they may contribute to other problems, the lowered disinfectant requirements also can reduce complaints due to unacceptable chlorine taste/odor problems from consumers located close to water plants.~~

Chloramination is an application of ammonia and chlorine, with ammonia addition usually downstream of the application of chlorine at a proper mass ratio of chlorine to ammonia to produce a combined chlorine residual predominantly in form of monochloramine. Proper chlorine to ammonia ratio must be maintained to prevent the formation of dichloramine and trichloramine which create taste and odor in drinking water.

Monochloramine is rarely suitable for use as a primary disinfectant because it requires very long contact time to achieve adequate disinfection at the normally used concentration. Because of its high persistence characteristics, monochloramine is more commonly used to maintain a chlorine residual in the water distribution system as a secondary disinfectant.

Chloramine residual is more stable and longer lasting than free chlorine and it provides better protection against bacterial re-growth in water distribution systems including large storage tanks, lower flow demand, and dead-end water mains. As a result, it is more effective in controlling biofilm growth in the water distribution system. Chloramine is not as reactive as chlorine with organic material in water, thereby producing substantially less disinfection by-products, such as trihalomethanes, in the water distribution system.

~~However, The use of chloramine may provide less protection from contamination of the distribution system through cross connections, water main breaks, and other causes.~~

Unlike most substances added to water for treatment purposes, chloramine cannot be prepared at high concentrations. It can be made only by adding ammonia to lightly prechlorinated water or by adding chlorine to water containing low concentrations of ammonia. Contact between high concentrations of chlorine and ammonia or ammonium salts must be avoided because the sensitive and violently explosive substance, nitrogen trichloride, may be formed.

Operating authorities who wish to modify disinfectant practices by using chloramine must show MDEQ clear evidence that bacteriological and chemical protection of consumers will not be compromised in any way and that aspects of chloramination mentioned below have been considered in any permit application.

1. Chloramine, which is less powerful than free chlorine, may be suitable for disinfection of some ground water supplies, but it is inadequate in strength for primary disinfection of surface waters.
2. Chloramine can be suitable for protecting potable water in distribution systems against bacterial contamination. The chloramine tends to remain active for longer periods and at greater distances from the plant than free chlorine. Chloramine concentrations should be maintained higher than chlorine to avoid nitrifying bacterial activity. A range of 1-2 mg/L, measured as combined chlorine, on entry to the

distribution system and greater than 1 mg/L at the system extremities is recommended. Chloramine can be less odorous than chlorine so these concentrations may be tolerated well by consumers.

3. Suitable commercial sources of ammonia for chloramine production are either ammonia gas or water solutions of ammonia or ammonium sulphate. Ammonia gas is supplied as compressed liquid in cylinders that must be stored in separate facilities designed for chlorine gas. Ammonia solutions must be stored in containment with adequate cooling to prevent gas release from storage and gas release must be handled with pressure relief systems. Absorption/neutralization systems for ammonia gas leaks/spills must be designed specifically for ammonia. Ammonium sulphate is available as a free-flowing powdered solid that must be stored in cool, dry conditions and dissolved in water for use.
4. Thorough and reasonably rapid mixing of chlorine and ammonia in the main plant stream must be arranged to avoid formation of odorous dichloramine. Sufficient ammonia must be added to provide at least a small excess (more than one part of ammonia to between 3 and 5 4 parts of chlorine) over that required to convert all the free chlorine present to chloramine.
5. Addition of ammonia gas or ammonia solution will increase the pH of the water and addition of ammonium sulphate depresses the pH. The actual pH shift may be small in well-buffered water, but the effects on disinfectant power and corrosiveness of the water may require consideration. Ammonia gas forms alkaline solutions, which may cause local plugging by lime deposition. Where hard water is to be treated, a side stream of pre-softened water may be needed for ammonia dilution to reduce plugging problems.
6. The use of chloramine in distribution systems that are not well maintained by flushing, swabbing, and other regular routine maintenance activities, can lead to local loss of disinfectant residual, nitrifying bacterial activity, and, possibly, over a period of time, to persistent high coliform bacterial counts, which may not respond to reversion to the use of free chlorine. Early detection of nitrifying bacteria activity may be made by checking for reduced dissolved oxygen, elevated free ammonia, elevated HPC, and elevated nitrite and nitrate levels.
7. Chloramine in water is considerably more toxic than free chlorine to fish and other aquatic organisms. Consideration must, therefore, be given to the potential for leaks to contaminate and damage natural watercourse ecosystems. Kidney dialysis treatment can be upset by use of chloraminated water. Medical authorities, hospitals, and commercial and domestic aquarium keepers should be notified so they can arrange for precautions to be taken.

## POLICY ON CONTROL OF ORGANIC CONTAMINATION FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

Although standards and advisories for organics are being developed, there have been numerous cases of organic contamination of public water supply sources. In all cases, public exposure to organic contamination must be minimized. There is insufficient experience to establish design standards, which would apply to all situations. Controlling organic contamination is an area of design that requires pilot studies and early consultation with MDEQ. Where treatment is proposed, best available technology must be provided to reduce organic contaminants to the lowest practical levels. Operations and monitoring must also be considered in selecting the best alternative. The following alternatives may be applicable:

1. — Alternate Source Development
2. — Existing Treatment Modifications
3. — Air Stripping for Volatile Organics

Consideration should be given to:

- a. — materials for tower, packing and piping that are acceptable for use in contact with potable water;
- b. — providing a moisture barrier (demister);
- c. — metering the water flow to the tower;
- d. — metering the air flow to the tower;
- e. — providing influent and effluent sampling taps;
- f. — disinfecting the water passing through the tower;
- g. — designing the tower to reduce the critical contaminants to the lowest practical levels;
- h. — the air discharge meeting the air quality standards;
- i. — provisions for easy access to allow inspection, media replacement, maintenance and cleaning of the packing materials. Iron and manganese precipitation, carbonate deposition and biological fouling are potential problems;
- j. — chemical stability of the finished water, and
- k. — acceptable supply during periods of maintenance and operation interruptions;
- l. — allow the tower to be extended in height without major reconstruction.

4. — Granular Activated Carbon

Consideration should be given to:

- a. — using contact units rather than replacing a portion of existing filter media;

- b. — series and parallel flow piping configurations to minimize the effect of breakthrough without reliance on continuous monitoring;
- e. — providing at least two units. Where only two units are provided, each must be capable of meeting the plant design capacity (normally the projected maximum daily demand) at the approved rate. Where more than two units are provided, the contactors must be capable of meeting the design capacity at the approved rate with one or more (as determined in conjunction with MDEQ) units removed from service;
- d. — using virgin carbon; this is the preferred media. Although reactivated carbon may eventually present an economic advantage at large water treatment plants, such an alternative may be pursued only with the preliminary endorsement of MDEQ. Regenerated carbon using only carbon previously used for potable water treatment can be used for this purpose. Transportation and regeneration facilities must not have been used for carbon put to any other use;
- e. — acceptable means of spent carbon disposal.

Except for temporary, emergency treatment conditions, particular attention must be given to developing an engineering report, which, in addition to the normal determinations, includes the following:

- 1. — For organic contaminants found in surface water sources:
  - a. — type of organic chemicals, sources, concentration, frequency of occurrence, water pollution abatement schedule, etc.;
  - b. — possible existing treatment plant modifications to lower organic chemical levels. Results of bench, pilot or full scale testing demonstrating treatment alternatives, effectiveness and costs;
  - c. — a determination of the quality and/or operational parameters which serve as the best measurement of treatment performance, and a corresponding monitoring and process control program.
- 2. — For organic contamination found in groundwater sources:
  - a. — types of organic chemicals, sources, concentration, estimate of residence time within the aquifer, flow characteristics, water pollution abatement schedule, etc.;
  - b. — results of bench or pilot studies demonstrating treatment alternatives, effectiveness, and costs;
  - c. — a determination of the quality and/or operational parameters that serve as the best measure of treatment performance, and a corresponding monitoring and process control program.

The collection of this type of data is often complicated and lengthy. Permanent engineering solutions will take significant time to develop. The cost of organic analyses and the availability of acceptable laboratories may further complicate both pilot work and actual operation.

Alternative source development or purchase of water from nearby unaffected systems may be a more expedient solution for contaminated groundwater sources.

## POLICY ON INTERNAL CORROSION CONTROL FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

Internal and external corrosion of a public water supply distribution system is a recognized problem that cannot be completely eliminated but can be effectively controlled. Aside from the cost of labor and materials for pipe replacement, the possible adverse health effects of corrosion products must be considered. A major corrosion failure in the distribution system mains or service connections could lead to the gross contamination of the water being delivered to the public, as well as service interruption and operation.

Control of corrosion is a function of the design, maintenance, and operation of a public water supply. These functions must be considered simultaneously in order for the corrosion control program to function properly. Corrosion problems must be solved on an individual basis depending on the materials used in the distribution system, and soil and water characteristics. Some specific information can be obtained from Section 4.8 (Stabilization) and from publications of technical societies such as the American Water Works Association, the National Association of Corrosion Engineers, and the American Society for Testing Materials. Broad areas of consideration for a corrosion control program follow:

### Internal Corrosion

1. Provide for a system of records by which the nature and frequency of corrosion problems are recorded. On a plan map of the distribution system, show the location of each problem so that follow-up investigations and improvements can be made when a cluster of problems is identified.
2. When complaints are received from a customer, follow up with an inspection by experienced personnel or consultant experienced in corrosion control. Where advisable, obtain samples of water for chemical and microbiological analyses and piping and plumbing material samples. Analyses should be made to determine the type and, if possible, the cause of the corrosion.
3. Establish a program whereby a determination of the stability of the water in representative parts of the distribution system can be made. Analysis for alkalinity, pH, and corrosion products (such as lead, cadmium, copper, and iron) should be performed on water samples collected at the treatment plant or wellhead and at representative points on the distribution system. In comparing the analyses of the source water with the distribution system water, significant changes in alkalinity, pH, or corrosion products would indicate that corrosion is taking place and thereby indicate that corrective steps need to be taken.
4. Where possible, especially when corrosion has been detected in the determination of water stability, provide a program that will measure both the physical and chemical aspects of the corrosion phenomena. Physical measurement of the rate of corrosion can be made by the use of coupons, easily removed sections of pipe, connected flow-through pipe test sections or other piping arrangements. At the same site, measure the relative degree of corrosivity on a routine basis by using corrosion indices such as the Langelier Index, Ryznar Index, or Aggressiveness Index (AWWA C400). Correlation of the data from the physical measurement, with the data from the selected corrosion index, will provide information to determine the type of corrective treatment needed and may allow for the subsequent use of the corrosion index alone to determine the degree of corrosivity in select areas of the distribution system.
5. If corrosion is found to exist throughout the distribution system, corrective measures at the treatment plant, pump station or wellhead should be initiated. A chemical feed can be made to provide a stable to slightly depositing water. In calculating the stability index and the corresponding chemical feed adjustments, consideration must be given to items such as the water temperature. If it varies with the season and within various parts of the distribution system; the velocity of flow within various parts of the distribution system; the degree of stability needed by the individual customer; and the dissolved oxygen content of distributed water, especially in waters having low hardness and alkalinity. Threshold treatment

involving the feeding of a polyphosphate or a silicate to control corrosion may be considered for both ground and surface water supplies.

6. Additional control of corrosion problems can be obtained by a regulation or ordinance for the materials used in or connected to a distribution system. Careful selection of materials compatible with the physical system or the water being delivered can aid in reduction of corrosion product production.

Note: Adjustment of pH for corrosion control must not interfere with other pH dependent processes (e.g., color removal by alum coagulation) or aggravate other water quality parameters (e.g. THM formation). In addition, the use of ortho or blended phosphates must not aggravate distribution microbial concerns or adversely impact wastewater facilities.

## ~~POLICY ON TRIHALOMETHANE REMOVAL AND CONTROL FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES~~

~~Trihalomethanes (THMs) are formed when free chlorine reacts with organic substances, most of which occur naturally. These organic substances (called "precursors"), are a complex and variable mixture of compounds. Formation of THMs is dependent on such factors as amount and type of chlorine used, temperature, concentration of precursors, pH, and contact time. Approaches for controlling THMs include:~~

- ~~1. Control of precursors at the source:
  - ~~a. Selective withdrawal from reservoirs — varying depths may contain lower concentrations of precursors at different times of the year.~~
  - ~~b. Plankton Control — Algae and their by-products have been shown to act as THM precursors.~~
  - ~~c. Alternative sources of water may be considered, where available.~~~~
- ~~2. Removal of THM precursors and control of THM formation:
  - ~~a. Moving the point of chlorination to minimize THM formation.~~
  - ~~b. Removal of precursors prior to chlorination by optimizing:
    - ~~(1) Coagulation/flocculation — sedimentation — filtration~~
    - ~~(2) Precipitative softening/filtration~~
    - ~~(3) Direct filtration~~~~
  - ~~c. Adding oxidizing agents such as potassium permanganate, ozone or chlorine dioxide to reduce or control THM formation potential.~~
  - ~~d. Adsorption by powdered activated carbon (PAC).~~
  - ~~e. Lowering the pH to inhibit the reaction rate of chlorine with precursor materials. Corrosion control may be necessary.~~~~
- ~~3. Removal of THM:
  - ~~a. Aeration — by air-stripping towers.~~
  - ~~b. Adsorption by:
    - ~~(1) Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)~~
    - ~~(2) Synthetic Resins~~~~~~
- ~~4. Use of Alternative Disinfectants — Disinfectants that react less with THM precursors may be used as long as bacteriological quality of the finished water is maintained. Alternative disinfectants may be less effective than free chlorine, particularly with viruses and parasites. Alternative disinfectants, when used, must be capable of providing an adequate distribution system residual. Possible health effects of by-products that may be produced~~

by using alternative disinfectants must be taken into consideration. The following alternative disinfectants may be considered:

- a. Chlorine Dioxide
- b. Chloramines
- c. Ozone

Using various combinations of THM controls and removal techniques may be more effective than a single control or treatment method.

Any modifications to existing treatment process must be approved by MDEQ. Pilot plant studies are desirable

# POLICY ON ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT FOR TREATMENT OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

## General:

Ultraviolet (UV) Light treatment devices may be used to treat bacteriologically unsafe ground water from drinking water wells. However, MDEQ expects water system owners to take all steps possible to obtain a naturally safe water source before considering treatment. A naturally safe water source provides the best long-term public health protection and there is no need for reliance on a treatment device to assure safe water. There must be a determination that the bacteriologically unsafe water is not due to the influence of surface water.

Recent research has demonstrated the effectiveness of UV as a primary disinfectant for inactivation of pathogens. MDEQ must be contacted regarding use of UV treatment for these applications.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is expected to finalize the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and make available the Ultraviolet Disinfection Guidance Manual (UVDGM) in the Spring of 2006. MDEQ is reluctant to approve UV application to sources where known contamination exists until EPA sets dosage requirements for individual pathogens. Therefore, until EPA publishes the final rule and guidance manual setting dosage rates for log inactivation of target organisms, the use of UV treatment will be provisional and limited in most cases to those that fit into generally accepted capabilities. Approvals of UV systems will contain conditional statements that dosage, hydraulic flow rates and other operating characteristics may change once EPA rules are finalized, requiring retrofits to bring the system into compliance with new regulations.

## 1.0 — Criteria

There are two basic scenarios under which UV treatment may be applied:

- a. — UV used as a primary disinfectant for inactivation of a pathogen(s)

Systems may use UV as the primary disinfectant for inactivation of a pathogen(s). MDEQ must be consulted for this application. Validation either on-site or at an off-site validation center in accordance with Section 6.0 must be conducted in order to verify log inactivation achieved for the pathogen(s) of concern.

### i. — Design Requirements

- 1 The design must address all requirements in this policy.
- 2 Pre-treatment will be required to achieve the water quality criteria in Section 4.0.
- 3 Systems will be required to provide post UV disinfection that provides a measurable residual of at least 0.2 mg/l free or total chlorine at the most distant end of the system.

## 1.2 — Systems using UV for purposes other than primary disinfection for inactivation of a pathogen(s)

1.2.1 — UV is acceptable for the following applications when it is not being used as a primary disinfectant for inactivation of a pathogen(s):

- a. — Ground water sources with no history of positive bacteriological results or other circumstances that would require disinfection.
- b. — Ground water systems with small or no distribution system that require disinfection due to addition of a treatment process will be considered for UV application.
- e. — Other applications as allowed by MDEQ on a case-by-case basis.

## 1.2.2 — Design Criteria

- a. ~~UV radiation at a wavelength of 253.7 nanometers must be applied at a minimum dose of 40 millijoules per square centimeter (mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>) at the failsafe set point at the end of lamp life.~~
- b. ~~The design must address all requirements in this policy with the exception of Section 6.0: Validation Testing. MDEQ may require validation testing on a case-by-case basis depending on the specific UV application.~~

## **2.0 — Engineering Report:**

All plans and specifications for the UV system must be signed and submitted by a professional engineer. Engineer reports must address, at a minimum, the following design components:

- a. ~~Goals of disinfection to include target organisms and corresponding log inactivations.~~
- b. ~~Integration of UV equipment in the over-all treatment process. The need for redundant components for emergencies or scheduled maintenance must be addressed.~~
- c. ~~Water quality assessment to include, at a minimum, the factors in Section 4.0: Water Quality.~~
- d. ~~Hydraulic assessment and design to identify minimum and maximum flow rates. Surge or water hammer assessment must be analyzed.~~
- e. ~~An assessment to verify adequate pressure is maintained at all times for proper UV performance. Adequate pressure must also be maintained on the downstream side of the UV reactor such that downstream treatment processes and distribution system pressures are adequate for proper operation.~~
- f. ~~Electric power to include, at a minimum, reliability, quality, need for backup or uninterruptible power supply (UPS).~~
- g. ~~Operation and Maintenance requirements that address at a minimum the following:
  - a. ~~when the treatment system is “off-spec” or “down”;~~
  - b. ~~lamp breakage;~~
  - c. ~~response to both High and Low priority alarms;~~
  - d. ~~monitoring program;~~
  - e. ~~lamp cleaning and replacement frequency;~~
  - f. ~~calibration, maintenance, and replacement of UV sensors, transmittance monitors, and other devices used to monitor UV performance.~~~~

## **3.0 — Design:**

### **3.1 — Technical Requirements for UV Water Treatment Devices:**

- a. ~~UV water treatment devices must comply with criteria approved by MDEQ and Class A criteria under ANSI/NSF Standard 55-Ultraviolet Microbiological Water Treatment Systems. Each UV water treatment device must meet the following standards:
  - 1. ~~The UV device must be fitted with a light sensor to safely verify that UV light at the minimum required dose is being delivered into the reactor.~~
  - 3. ~~The UV light assembly must be insulated from direct contact with the influent water by a quartz (or high silica glass with similar optical and strength characteristics) lamp jacket to maintain proper operating lamp temperature.~~
  - 4. ~~The design and installation of the UV reactor must ensure that the manufacturer’s maximum rated flow cannot be exceeded.~~
  - 5. ~~The UV assemblies must be accessible for visual observation, cleaning and replacement of the lamp, lamp jackets and sensor window/lens.~~~~

6. A narrow band UV monitoring device must be provided that is sensitive to germicidal UV light. It must be accurately calibrated so that it indicates the true irradiance ( $\text{mJ}/\text{cm}^2$ ) at 253.7 nanometers and be installed at the location critical for that unit. Other devices that accurately monitor UV performance may be allowed. The device must trigger an audible alarm in the event the sensor or lamp fails or if insufficient dosage is detected.
7. An automatic shutdown valve must be installed in the water supply line ahead of the UV treatment system that will be activated whenever the water treatment system loses power or is tripped by a monitoring device when the dosage is below its alarm point. When power is not being supplied to the UV unit the valve must be in a closed (fail-safe) position.
8. The UV housing must be stainless steel 304 or 316L.
  - b. A flow or time delay mechanism must be provided to permit a sufficient time for tube warm-up per manufacturer's recommendations before water flows from the unit upon startup. Where there are extended no-flow periods and fixtures are located a short distance downstream of the UV unit, consideration should be given to UV shutdown between operating cycles to prevent heat build-up in the water due to the UV lamp.
  - c. A sufficient number (required number plus one if UV is used as a primary disinfectant for pathogens) of parallel UV treatment systems must be provided to assure a continuous water supply when one unit is out of service.
  - d. No bypasses shall be installed if UV is used as a primary disinfectant for pathogens. All water must be treated if UV is used as a primary disinfectant.
  - e. All UV applications must include a water flow meter capable of determining instantaneous flow rates and total accumulated flow.

#### 4.0 Water Quality:

The water to be treated by the UV device must be analyzed for the water quality parameters in Table 4-1 and the results must be included in the submittal. The range of water quality parameters to be treated by the UV reactor must be addressed as a result of raw water quality changes or pretreatment. Pretreatment is required for UV installations if the water quality exceeds any of the limits listed in Table 4-1. If chemicals are used in the pretreatment process, the affect of these chemicals on the UV performance must be addressed. Water systems considering UV treatment must propose a sampling program for each of the parameters identified below during pilot testing and after final MDEQ approval. MDEQ may require pilot testing of installed UV systems to verify adequacy and adjustment of pre and post treatment.

Table 4-1. Water Quality Parameters

Parameter	Maximum
UV 254 nm Absorption	20 percent at 1 cm
Dissolved Iron	0.3 mg/L
Dissolved Manganese	0.05 mg/L
Hardness	120 mg/L*
Hydrogen Sulfide (if odor is present)	Non-Detectable
Iron Bacteria	None
pH	6.5 to 9.5
Suspended Solids	10 mg/L
Turbidity	1.0 NTU

Total Coliform	1,000/100 mL
E. Coli	**
Fecal coliform	**

\*—A higher hardness may be acceptable to MDEQ if experience with similar water quality and reactors shows there are no treatment problems or excessive maintenance required.

\*\* E. coli and fecal coliforms must be absent in all water quality samples where UV is used for purposes other than primary disinfection.

## 5.0—Operation and Maintenance:

5.1—Water systems utilizing UV treatment must keep a monitoring log of operating parameters and maintenance performed. MDEQ will determine, on a case-by-case basis, which parameters are to be monitored along with frequency and reporting procedures. Parameters and frequency can be selected from Table 5-1. Systems using UV as a primary disinfectant for inactivation of a pathogen(s) must submit completed logs to MDEQ on a monthly basis. System using UV for purposes other than primary disinfection of pathogens must keep a log available for review during scheduled sanitary surveys.

Table 5-1. UV System Monitoring

Parameter	Frequency
UV Absorbance or Transmittance	As needed if UV Intensity readings are low
pH, iron, manganese, hardness	Measure only if sleeve fouling becomes an issue
Turbidity	Measure if chemicals are added prior to UV
Electric Power (Amps & volts)	Measure to ensure adequate power
Water Temperature	TBD by type of system
Water Flow	TBD by type of system
Intensity Meter	TBD by type of system
Intensity Meter Status	Yearly calibration
Irradiance	TBD by type of system
Sleeve cleaning	Intensity Meter readings < 80% Transmittance
Intensity Meter readings < 80% Transmittance	TBD by type of system
Lamp Operating Time	Monthly
Lamp change	As occurs, yearly minimum
Alarms	As occur
Water quality parameters listed in Table 4-1	As determined by MDEQ based on information provided in Section 4.0

5.2—Certified operators must receive documented training on UV equipment or the water system must have a maintenance agreement with an entity, such as the equipment supplier, that is qualified to maintain UV equipment. Water systems without certified operators must have a maintenance agreement. Maintenance agreements must include at least the following items:

- a. Sleeve cleaning to be accomplished when Intensity meter readings indicate a drop in Transmittance below 80%.
- b. Lamp replacement when lamp status indicates 50% power or after one year equivalent of operation.
- c. Yearly calibration of the intensity meter.

5.3—Process Control Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality monitoring parameters and frequency of monitoring will be determined by MDEQ based on information provided in Section 4.0. Water quality information will be used to evaluate UV treatment effectiveness.

#### 5.4 Online Monitoring, Replacement Parts

UV light intensity of each installed unit must be monitored continuously. Treatment units and the water system components must automatically shutdown if the UV sensors, transmittance monitors, or other monitoring device indicate the UV reactor is not delivering the required dose. Each system must have available on site at least one replacement lamp and any other components or equipment necessary to keep the treatment system in service.

#### 5.5 Seasonal Operations

UV water treatment devices that are operated on a seasonal basis must be inspected and cleaned prior to use at the start of each operating season. The UV water treatment system including the filters must be disinfected prior to placing the water treatment system back into operation. A procedure for shutting down and starting up the UV treatment system must be developed for or by each system based upon manufacturer's recommendations and submitted to MDEQ.

#### 5.6 Record Keeping and Access

A record must be kept of the water quality test data, maintenance information, dates of lamp replacement and cleaning, a record of when the device was shutdown and the reason for shutdown, and other maintenance, calibration, or replacement activities that occurred.

MDEQ shall have access to the UV water treatment system and records upon request.

### 6.0 — Validation

Systems using UV for primary disinfection for inactivation of a pathogen(s) must perform validation testing either on-site or at an off-site validation center. Validation testing must demonstrate the operating conditions under which the reactor can deliver the UV dose required to achieve the necessary level of log inactivation. Validation must include the following:

- a. The range of operating conditions that can be monitored by the system and under which the reactor delivers the required dose. Operating conditions must include flow rate, UV intensity as measured by a UV sensor, and UV lamp status.
- b. The validated operating conditions must account for:
  - a. UV absorbance of the water;
  - b. lamp fouling and aging;
  - c. measurement uncertainty of on-line sensors;
  - d. UV dose distribution arising from the velocity profiles through the reactor;
  - e. failure of UV lamps or other critical system components, and
  - f. inlet and outlet piping or channel configuration of the UV reactor.
- c. Validation testing must include full scale testing of a reactor that conform uniformly to the UV reactors used by the system and inactivation of a test microorganism whose dose response characteristics have been quantified with a low pressure mercury vapor lamp.

Disinfection utilizing ultraviolet light (UV) is a complex technology that is rapidly evolving based on ongoing research. The recommendations in the USEPA ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION GUIDANCE MANUAL FOR

THE LONG TERM 2 ENHANCED SURFACE WATER TREATMENT RULE (UVDGM) provides the most current guidance for the design, validation, and operation of UV systems used for public water supply systems and is the basis for the development of the recommended standards for those systems. Other validation protocols may be acceptable upon review and approval of MDEQ. The challenge microorganism utilized in validation must be a conservative representation of the target microorganism and must be approved by MDEQ.

UV disinfection may also be considered as primary disinfection for public water supply systems with microbiologically unsafe ground water and must meet the same requirements as UV systems used to meet the recommendations in the UVDGM. MDEQ must be contacted regarding use of UV disinfection.

Supplemental disinfection for additional virus inactivation or to provide a residual in the water distribution system may be required by MDEQ. When UV light treatment devices are used for non-health related purposes, the UV devices may provide doses less than indicated in the following criteria-:

#### **A. CRITERIA FOR UV WATER TREATMENT DEVICES**

1. The UV unit must be validated following an accepted protocol (e.g. USEPA UV Disinfection Guidance Manual (UVDGM), German DVGW, or Austrian ONORM). A third-party certification of validation must be submitted (in English) or other standards as approved by MDEQ.
2. Unit must be validated to provide the required level of inactivation of the target pathogen(s) under the design flow and water quality conditions. The validation must demonstrate and the system be designed so that the unit is capable of providing a UV light dose of 40 millijoules per square centimeter (mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>). However, MDEQ may allow the system to operate at a lower dose as needed to achieve the treatment objectives. Maximum and minimum flows should be considered. UV transmissivity (UVT) measurements of the water to be treated, covering the range of UVTs expected for that water, should be submitted to support selection of the design UVT. The sampling must be of a frequency and duration satisfactory to MDEQ and surface water may require more frequent sampling and longer sample periods. Consideration should be given to the levels of other water quality parameters that can impact UV system performance. Levels higher than those listed below may be acceptable to MDEQ if experience with similar water quality and UV reactors shows that adequate treatment is provided and there are no treatment problems or excessive maintenance is required. The water entering the UV unit must meet the following parameters:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Maximum*</u>
<u>Dissolved Iron</u>	<u>0.3 mg/L</u>
<u>Dissolved Manganese</u>	<u>0.05 mg/L</u>
<u>Hardness</u>	<u>120 mg/L</u>
<u>Hydrogen sulfide (if odor is present)</u>	<u>Non-Detectable</u>
<u>pH</u>	<u>6.5 to 9.5</u>
<u>Suspended Solids</u>	<u>10 mg/L</u>
<u>Turbidity</u>	<u>1.0 NTU</u>
<u>Total Coliform</u>	<u>1000/100 ML</u>

\*Higher values may be acceptable to MDEQ if experience with similar water quality and reactors shows that adequate treatment is provided and there are no treatment problems or excessive maintenance required, or if the reactor was validated for parameters higher than these maximums.

Raw water quality must be evaluated and pretreatment equipment must be designed to handle water quality changes. Variable turbidity caused by rainfall events is of special concern.

3. A fouling/aging factor should be applied to ensure that the UV unit will still supply the required dose with some level of lamp aging and lamp sleeve fouling.

4. The UV housing must be stainless steel 304 or 316L.
5. The lamp sleeve must be made of Type 214 clear fused quartz or other sleeve material as approved by MDEQ.
6. The UV assemblies must be accessible for visual observation, cleaning, and replacement of the lamps, lamp sleeves, and sensor window/lens.

## **B. PRETREATMENT**

MDEQ will evaluate the need for pre- and post-treatment on a specific case basis depending on raw water quality. A 5 um sediment filter or equivalent is recommended for all UV installations used on unfiltered systems.

## **C. INSTALLATION OF UV SYSTEMS**

1. Other treatment processes may impact the efficacy of UV disinfection. In evaluating the order of treatment processes, the following should be considered:
  - filtration, if provided, should be performed prior to UV treatment;
  - chlorination prior to UV treatment may increase fouling on UV lamp sleeves, decreasing UVT;
  - UV treatment of chlorinated water may reduce chlorine residuals;
  - ozone, permanganate, ferric iron, and thiosulfate absorb UV light; however, addition of UV absorbing chemicals prior to UV treatment may be desired, as they can act to increase the UVT of water (e.g. by oxidizing organics or precipitating metals) or to suppress algae growth in the treatment plant. If chlorine or ozone residuals are to be quenched prior to UV treatment, sodium bisulfite is a better choice than thiosulfate.
2. UV units must be installed in the same configuration or a more conservative configuration than that used during validation testing. The following are acceptable:
  - the length of straight pipe installed upstream of each UV reactor must be the length of upstream straight pipe used during validation plus a minimum of 5 times the diameter of the pipe;

OR

  - the installation configuration is identical to the configuration used during validation testing for at least 10 pipe diameters upstream and 5 pipe diameters downstream of the UV reactor;

OR

  - velocity profiles of the water upstream and downstream of the UV reactor may be measured during validation testing and after the unit has been installed in the treatment plant. Velocities must be within 20% of the theoretical velocity for both the validation testing and installed conditions. Theoretical velocity is defined as the flow rate divided by the interior cross-sectional area of the pipe.

In addition, the inlet piping should have no expansions within 10 pipe diameters of the UV unit, and valves located within the straight pipe section upstream of the unit should be fully open under normal operations.

3. A sufficient number (required number plus one) of parallel UV treatment units must be provided to ensure a continuous water supply when one unit is out of service, unless other satisfactory disinfection can be provided when the unit is out of service. Other forms of redundancy including spare lamps, ballasts, etc., or other treatment may be allowed by MDEQ.
4. The UV system must have the ability to automatically shut down flow and/or alarm operators in the event that treatment requirements/validated conditions are not being met. When power is not being supplied to the UV reactor, shut down valves must be in a closed (fail-safe) position.
5. No bypasses must be installed unless allowed by MDEQ.
6. For systems using an unfiltered surface water supply, screens or other features should be installed upstream of the UV units to prevent objects from entering the reactor that might damage reactor components.
7. Consideration should be given to providing a sump downstream of the UV reactor to capture mercury and debris from broken lamps.
8. At a minimum, the following appurtenances, which are necessary to the operation and control of the UV reactors, must be provided:
  - flow control valves
  - isolation valves
  - sample taps upstream and downstream of the reactor
  - flow meters
  - air relief/vacuum relief valves
  - alarms
  - instrumentation for monitoring and controlling the system
  - on-line UVT analyzers (required for systems for which UVT is integral to dose monitoring or as otherwise required by the MDEQ).
9. Headloss through the UV reactor and associated valves and piping must be evaluated to ensure headloss does not exceed the available head. Booster pumps may be required to maintain minimum water system pressure after treatment devices.
10. UV units may be impacted by surge events produced by pumps located upstream or downstream from the units. Maximum system pressures should be evaluated to ensure that they will not exceed manufacturer's specifications for the UV reactor. Alternatively, the design should have provisions (equipment or operational) for mitigating surges.
11. A flow or time delay mechanism wired in series with the well or service pump must be provided to permit a sufficient time for lamp warm-up per manufacturer recommendations before water flows from the unit upon startup. Consideration should be given to UV unit shut down between operating cycles to prevent heat build-up in the water due to the UV lamp. If cooling water is provided during the warm-up period, the design must allow for wasting this water (since it will be inadequately treated); or monitoring this flow to account for the volume of "off-specification" water sent to distribution.

12. The design must ensure that the quartz sleeves containing the UV lamps will always be submerged in water under normal operating conditions, unless the UV units are specifically designed with air cooling.
13. Adequate space must be provided around the UV unit to allow access for maintenance activities.
14. A wiper assembly or chemical-in-place system may be installed to allow in-situ cleaning of lamp sleeves. Adequate controls must be in place to prevent contamination of the potable water with cleaning chemicals. For cleaning methods that require a UV unit to be off-line while being cleaned, treatment and/or storage capacity must be sufficient to ensure adequate water supply at all times. Chemical cleaning methods may require chemical storage and delivery facilities and provisions for dealing with chemical waste. Cleaning chemicals must be certified for compliance with ANSI/NSF Standard 60.
15. Drains must be provided in the UV units, or in piping between the units and the isolation valves, and floor drains must be provided in the treatment plant design; to allow draining of the units for maintenance or repair. The design for drainage must comply with cross-connection control requirements.

#### **D. ASSOCIATED INSTRUMENTATION AND PARTS**

1. For systems installed to provide treatment in accordance with the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule requirements, equipment must be provided to allow monitoring of parameters to ensure the system is operating within validated limits and delivering the required UV dose. Parameters required (e.g. flow, UV intensity, UVT, lamp status) will depend on the operating mode of the UV unit. Instrumentation must be able to provide the data required to determine the volume of water produced that is not within the required specifications ("off-specification").
2. If an on-line UVT analyzer is required for operation of the UV system (i.e. if it is required for dose monitoring), this on-line instrument must be properly calibrated. A benchtop UVT analyzer must be available to check the calibration of the on-line meter. Calibration of the on-line meter should be checked at least weekly.
3. A reference sensor must be available to check calibration of the UV sensor(s), which must be checked at least monthly.
4. The need to maintain spare parts for the UV system should be addressed. At a minimum, the following parts should be maintained at the treatment plant:
  - UV lamps - 10% with a minimum of 2 lamps
  - lamp sleeves - 5% with a minimum of 1 sleeve
  - O-ring seals - 5% with a minimum of 2 seals
  - ballasts - 5% with minimum of 1 unit
  - ballast cooling fan - 1 unit
  - duty UV sensor - minimum of 2 units
  - reference UV sensor - minimum of 2 units
  - on-line UVT analyzer - 1 unit if required for dose-monitoring

### **E. SEASONAL OPERATIONS**

UV water treatment devices that are operated on a seasonal basis must be inspected and cleaned prior to use at the start of each operating season. The UV water treatment system, including the filters, must be disinfected prior to placing the water treatment system back into operation. A procedure for shutting down and starting up the UV treatment system, based upon manufacturer recommendations, must be developed for, or by, each owner and submitted in writing to DEQ.

### **F. RECORD KEEPING AND ACCESS**

A record must be kept of the water quality test data, dates of lamp replacement and cleaning, a record of when the device was shut down and the reason for shutdown, and the dates of prefilter replacement.

MDEQ must have access to the UV water treatment system and records.

Water system owners will be required to submit operating reports and required sample results on a monthly or quarterly basis, as required by MDEQ.

# POLICY FOR APPLICATION OF POU/POE TECHNOLOGY TO TREAT FOR MCL VIOLATIONS

## 1.0 Policy Justification

Centrally managed Point-of-Use (POU) and Point-of Entry (POE) treatment strategies have proven to be cost-effective and technically feasible in meeting the requirements of the National Primary Drinking Water Rules (NPDWRs) for systems serving 10,000 and fewer people.

## 2.0 Applicability

POU or POE technologies may not be used for treatment of ~~nitrate, nitrite, VOCs, microbials, microbial indicators, or any treatment technique for surface water and ground water under the direct influence of surface water systems.~~ POU may not be used for treatment of nitrate, nitrite, VOCs, or Rradon. ~~POU and POE technologies must not be used by new or proposed water systems as a means to achieve compliance with an MCL.~~ Where POU is used, at least one water tap for human consumption must be treated. If all water with the potential for human consumption, including all bathroom sources (hot and cold), refrigerator water dispensers, and icemakers, must be is not treated, then education must be provided to discourage consumption from any non-treated tap.

## 3.0 Procedure for Submittal, Review, and Approval of Proposals

All proposed POU/POE treatment systems must obtain conditional approval of plans and specifications prior to installation of treatment systems and prior to any pilot testing, if required. Each system may be required to undergo one year of verification operation and pilot testing prior to final approval, depending on treatment technology and previous installations.

When pilot testing is required, Pilot testing it must be conducted on at least 10 percent of the households or 4 households, whichever is greater, for a community water system. ~~Documentation of successful pilot testing in conjunction with submission of plans and specifications meeting MDEQ requirements will result in obtaining final approval.~~ The pilot testing ~~program approach protocol~~ must be done in accordance with Section 7 of this policy and submitted for MDEQ review and approval. The pilot testing results must be summarized in progress reports from the engineer or qualified professional to MDEQ at 3 months, and 6 months, and at 1 year, and a final report must be submitted with final plans and specifications for the treatment system for which final approval is sought.

Plans and specifications, prepared in accordance with and meeting the requirements of DEQ-1 or DEQ-3 and the Montana Administrative Rules, must be provided to MDEQ for review and approval prior to alteration or construction of any public water supply. Specifically, all submittals must include:

- ~~p~~.b. Plans & specifications meeting general requirements of DEQ-1; (Chapters 1 and 2 for CWSs); or DEQ-3; (Chapters 1 and 2 for NTNCs). Disposal of liquid waste streams (spent backwash, reject water, and regenerant streams), spent media, spent membranes, and spent cartridges must be addressed.
- q.c. Design of treatment meeting general requirements of DEQ-1, Chapters 4 and 5, and this guidance.
- r.d. Certification by owner that a professional engineer will be hired to provide:
  1. An Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual with information on system components, controls, monitoring, maintenance, and troubleshooting.

2. Homeowner and operator training at startup, documented and submitted to the MDEQ.
3. Construction inspection at sufficient frequency to ensure that the systems are constructed as approved.
4. Certified as-built plans of the treatment systems as constructed.

s.e. MDEQ requires the plans and specifications to be prepared by, and installation to be inspected by, a professional engineer due to the complexity of POU/POE systems.

t.f. If POU or POE devices are used under variance or exemption, the PWS must comply with the appropriate sections for 40 CFR 142.62 and 40 CFR 142.665.

u.g. The PWS owner must retain a certified operator adequately certified by MDEQ for the level of treatment installed.

#### 4.0 Special Design Criteria

- a. Only treatment devices independently certified against American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) product standards, where they exist, can be used.
- b. Units must be sized to minimize replacement/regeneration frequency based on a comparison of the lifecycle cost of equipment, maintenance, and sampling/analytical costs, as well as avoidance of generating hazardous wastes.
- c. Each treatment device installed as part of a compliance strategy must be equipped with a warning device that will alert users when their unit is no longer adequately treating their water. Alternatively, devices may be fitted with an automatic shut-off mechanism that will not allow water to flow until the problem is fixed.

#### 5.0 Requirements for all systems - POU:

- a. In accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act 1412-(b)(4)(E)(ii), All POU equipment must remain under the ownership and control of the PWS. That means the PWS or an entity under contract with the PWS is responsible for installation, monitoring, maintenance, and replacement.
- b. In accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act 1412-(b)(4)(E)(ii), Systems proposing use of POU to meet MCL requirements must demonstrate 100-percent % participation via the following:
  1. Provide a map showing every service connection and the location of every unit, along with the name of the owner or person responsible for the connection/tap.
  2. For community systems, provide a notarized, signed letter from every homeowner/user stating they are aware of the health issue surrounding drinking untreated water, that they support the use of POU as a compliance strategy, and that they will allow system representatives to enter their home to install and maintain the POU unit.
- c. Systems must specify a program of public education to ensure that all people served by POU devices understand the health risks of drinking from other than the treated tap. Public Education may consist of written material distributed at regular frequencies, public forums where speakers address an audience, newspaper or radio public service announcements, and any other medium

approved by MDEQ. Homeowners must attend one training session when their POU unit is installed or they assume occupancy of a home with a POU device. The system must track attendance and retain records including the trainer's and trainees' signatures.

- d. The PWS proposing POU must ensure ongoing access to each home where a POU device is installed through a local ordinance or other means. The PWS must obtain the authority to shut off water to any user who refuses access to, bypasses, removes, or disables the POU device. The PWS must submit a copy of the proposed ordinance to MDEQ for its review and approval prior to enacting the ordinance. A copy of the published ordinance must be provided before approval will be issued.

- e. Raw and treated water sample taps must be provided as part of every installation. An adjacent, untreated tap may be used for the raw water sample. The PWS proposing POU must propose a routine monitoring program for MDEQ review and approval. Each installation must be monitored during the first year of being installed, and then once ~~every three years thereafter~~ during the compliance cycle such that one third of the households/buildings are sampled each year each unit is sampled within the compliance cycle. Sample results must be submitted to MDEQ for review.

Systems must notify the State immediately in the event of an MCL exceedance. In the event of an MCL exceedance, the system must replace the unit immediately and commence with quarterly additional monitoring at the location where the exceedance occurred in accordance with 40 CFR 141.23, for inorganics, 40 CFR 141.24, for organics, or 40 CFR 141.26, for radionuclides.

- f. The PWS proposing POU must propose a maintenance and replacement program for MDEQ review and approval that identifies critical components of the unit and specifies maintenance activity and frequency.

Replacement frequencies must be based on pilot test results that demonstrate replacement occurs prior to the contaminant level in the treated water exceeding ~~one-half~~ 75% of the MCL. Replacement must be based on one of the following:

1. Gallons treated. A flow meter must be included as part of the installed device.
2. TDS levels for reverse osmosis units. An in-line TDS monitor must be included as part of the installed device.

An alarm or shut-off valve must be activated once the designated gallons treated or TDS level for reverse osmosis unit is reached.

A routine maintenance schedule must be developed at the time of plan and specification review and approval, based on equipment treatment capacity.

Copies of routine maintenance logs must be available on site upon request. The PWS must keep detailed records documenting installation date, and dates and types of all further maintenance activity, including sampling dates and who performed the work. MDEQ may request access to records at any time, ~~and~~ Failure to keep sufficient records will constitute operating outside the conditions of approval, and will cause MDEQ to effectively revoke system approval.

- g. Each POU device will be considered an entry point. If one device results in an MCL violation based on monitoring conducted in accordance with 40 CFR 141.23, for inorganics, 40 CFR 141.24, for organics, or 40 CFR 141.26, for radionuclides, then the entire system is in violation.

## 6.0 Requirements for all systems - POE:

- a. The PWS must comply with all requirements in 40 CFR 141.100, if POE is used for compliance with an MCL.
- b. In accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act 1412-(b)(4)(E)(ii), All POE equipment must remain under the ownership and control of the PWS. That means the PWS, or an entity under contract with the PWS, is responsible for installation, monitoring, maintenance, and replacement.
- c. In accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act 1412-(b)(4)(E)(ii), Ssystems proposing use of POE to meet MCL requirements must demonstrate 100-% participation via the following:
  1. Provide a map showing every service connection and the location of every unit, along with the name of the owner or person responsible for the connection/tap.
  2. For community systems, provide a notarized, signed letter from every homeowner/user stating they are aware of the health issue surrounding drinking untreated water, that they support the use of POE as a compliance strategy, and that they will allow system representatives to enter their home to install and maintain the POE unit.

Systems unable to attain documented 100% participation will not have POE treatment approved. MDEQ must have 100% participation per 40 CFR 141.100 and 40 CFR 142.62.

- d. Systems must specify a program of public education to ensure that all people served by POE devices understand the health risks of drinking from other than the treated tap. ~~Public Education~~ Public Education may consist of written material distributed at regular frequencies, public forums where speakers address an audience, newspaper or radio public service announcements, and any other medium approved by MDEQ. Homeowners must attend one training session when their POE unit is installed or they assume occupancy of a home with a POE device. The system must track attendance and retain records including the trainer's' and trainees' signatures.
- e. The PWS proposing POE must ensure ongoing access to each home where a POE device is installed through a local ordinance or other means. The PWS must obtain the authority to shut off water to any user who refuses access to, bypasses, removes, or disables the POE device. The PWS must submit a copy of the proposed ordinance to MDEQ for its review and approval prior to enacting the ordinance. A copy of the published ordinance must be provided before approval will be issued.
- f. Raw and treated water sample taps must be provided as part of every installation. An adjacent, untreated tap may be used for the raw sample tap. The PWS proposing POE must propose a routine monitoring program for MDEQ review and approval. ~~Each POE installation must be monitored during the first year of being installed, and then once every three years thereafter such that one-third of the households/buildings are sampled each year~~ Each installation must be monitored during the first year of being installed, and then once during the compliance cycle such that each unit is sampled within the compliance cycle. Sample results must be submitted to MDEQ for review.

Systems must notify the State immediately in the event of an MCL exceedance. In the event of an MCL exceedance, the system must replace the unit immediately and commence with quarterly additional monitoring at the location where the exceedance occurred in accordance with 40 CFR 141.23, for inorganics, 40 CFR 141.24, for organics, or 40 CFR 141.26, for radionuclides.

- g. The PWS proposing POE must propose a maintenance and replacement program for MDEQ review and approval that identifies critical components of the unit and specifies maintenance activity and frequency.

Replacement frequencies must be based on pilot test results that demonstrate replacement occurs prior to the contaminant level in the treated water exceeding ~~one-half~~ 75% of the MCL. Replacement must be based on one of the following:

1. Gallons treated. A flow meter must be included as part of the installed device.
2. TDS levels for reverse osmosis units. An in-line TDS monitor must be included as part of the installed device.

An alarm or shut-off valve must be activated once the designated gallons treated or TDS level for reverse osmosis unit is reached.

Copies of routine maintenance logs must be available on site upon request. The PWS must keep detailed records documenting installation date, and dates and types of all further maintenance activity, including sampling dates and who performed the work. MDEQ may request access to records at any time; ~~and failure to keep sufficient records will constitute operating outside the conditions of approval; and will cause MDEQ to effectively revoke system approval.~~

- h. Each POE device will be considered an entry point. If one device results in an MCL violation based on monitoring conducted in accordance with 40 CFR 141.23, for inorganics, 40 CFR 141.24, for organics, or 40 CFR 141.26, for radionuclides, then the entire system is in violation.

The system must ensure the microbiological safety of the water at all times.

## 7.0 Elements of Pilot Testing

When required by the Department, Ppilot testing must be conducted to identify and resolve technical or operational issues that may affect the use of the device for meeting the treatment requirement. The following items must be adequately addressed:

- ~~1.a.~~ Raw water quality under normal and peak conditions, including seasonal variation must be evaluated. The type of technology proposed will dictate the testing required. Appropriate parameters, including competing or interfering parameters, must be identified. The range of raw water quality observed must be adequately addressed by the design.
- ~~2.b.~~ Monitoring of treated water for the parameter requiring treatment during the pilot testing period is required. The minimum frequency is one time immediately after installation and startup and once monthly for the remainder of the pilot testing period.
- ~~3.c.~~ Quantity and quality of waste generated through reject streams, backwash/regeneration cycles, and ultimate disposal of media or membranes.
  1. Determine whether waste from treatment process results in exceeding the capacity of the wastewater collection and disposal system.
  2. Determine whether batch or continuous discharge will impact biological treatment.
  3. Determine compatibility with waste receiving system.
  4. Maintenance and sampling costs and requirements of automatically regenerating media systems should be compared with those of disposable media systems.

- 5.d. Maintenance requirements and maintenance roles and responsibilities must be clearly specified in the program outline.
- 6.e. Potential corrosivity of treated water. System design must consider corrosion control when POE is used, particularly POE RO.
- 7.f. Type of treatment to be used and potential for treatment failure. The replacement frequency of components must be such that replacement occurs prior to the contaminant exceeding one-half the MCL in the treated water.
- 8.g. The design engineer or qualified professional must propose a method of evaluation for the potential for microbial colonization and disinfection requirements for each system where POU/POE is proposed.
- 9.h. Systems that provide chemical disinfection prior to the POU/POE treatment must indicate that the POU/POE device specified provides effective treatment in that environment.

## **8.0 Use of Case Studies**

MDEQ may accept case study information from other systems that address items in Section 7.0 on a case-by-case basis.

## **9.0 General Considerations**

- a. Failure to maintain the system in compliance with the MCL requirements may result in reevaluation of treatment requirements or enforcement action.
- b. MDEQ reserves the right to conduct unannounced inspections and sample at reasonable times.
- c. MDEQ reserves the right to invoke additional requirements on a case-by-case basis as necessary to ensure that treatment provided by POU/POE is equally protective as central treatment.

## POLICY STATEMENT ON ARSENIC REMOVAL

Several technologies are available to remove arsenic, from fairly simple to more complex. Arsenic typically exists as As (III) in ground water, and as As (V) in surface waters. Arsenic in the form of As (V) is easier to remove due to its insolubility and negative charge. Arsenic As (III) can be changed to As (V) by a simple oxidation process.

With the different removal technologies comes a wide range of monetary investment. In addition, the issue of discharging concentrated waste-water and/or disposal of solid wastes must be resolved. The safe and proper disposal of all related treatment wastes must comply with all local, state, and federal requirements. When planning facilities for arsenic reduction, it is recommended that the treatment is capable of reducing arsenic levels in the water to one-half the MCL (currently 5 ppb) or less. The list below provides information on different types of typical arsenic treatment technologies and options for optimization. Design of treatment systems must be in accordance with applicable sections of Chapter 4 (i.e. capacity, redundancy, etc.):

1. Adsorptive Media - Uses metal oxide coatings, usually iron, titanium or aluminum, on the filter media to remove arsenic. Pre- and post-adjustment of pH will enhance removal rates and reduce corrosivity. This method needs chemical oxidation of arsenic, iron and manganese (if present), a pre-filter to remove iron and manganese to prevent fouling of the adsorptive media (if iron levels are too high [near or above 1.0 ppm]), followed by the adsorptive filter media. Costs for implementing this technology may be low to moderate if a system currently has an iron and/or manganese filter. High levels of iron, sulfate, and dissolved solids may cause interference or reduce the treatment efficiency.
2. Oxidation/Filtration (Iron & Manganese removal) - This method uses chemical oxidation of arsenic, iron and manganese with free chlorine, potassium permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>), ozone or manganese dioxide with a manganese greensand, anthracite, pyrolusite, or other proprietary filter media. The water is allowed detention time and filtration after chemical oxidation. Water with low iron (less than a 20 to 1 ratio of iron to arsenic) may need additional iron in the form of ferric chloride or ferric sulfate to increase arsenic removal efficiencies.
3. Coagulation/Filtration - Typically chemical oxidation of arsenic, iron and manganese, pre- and post-adjustment of pH (to enhance coagulation; reduce corrosivity), the use of ferric chloride, ferric sulfate, or alum as a coagulant, use a polymer (filter aid or enhanced coagulation), and settling time (sedimentation) to remove arsenic. Other contaminants may be removed in this process. Sulfate may cause interference or reduce treatment efficiency.

### Other Types of Treatment Technologies

1. Anion Exchange - Chloride (strong-base) sulfate-selective or nitrate-selective resins are used to remove contaminants. This process may also require the chemical oxidation of arsenic, iron and manganese (if present), and pre-filters to maximize contaminant removal, and to prevent fouling of the exchange resin. Post-treatment adjustment of pH may be required to reduce corrosivity. Treatment columns may be in parallel or series (avoid sulfate, nitrate and arsenic breakthrough, and avoid lowered pH breakthrough immediately after regeneration). Treatment may use anion exchange after cation exchange to remove hardness (mixed beds not recommended - anion resins are lighter and column becomes service intensive). Other contaminants that can be removed include sulfate (sulfate-selective resins); nitrate (nitrate-selective resins); and hardness (mixed cation/anion beds). Iron, sulfate, and dissolved solids may cause interference or reduce treatment efficiency.
2. Electrodialysis/Electrodialysis Reversal - Uses an electrical charge of a reverse osmosis (R.O.) membrane to remove arsenic. Chemical oxidation of arsenic, iron and manganese with filtration is used to remove oxidized iron and manganese to prevent fouling of the R.O. membrane. Pre- and post-adjustment of pH

may be needed to prevent scaling, to enhance filtration, and to reduce corrosivity. Other contaminants that may be removed using this technology include hardness, dissolved solids, nitrates, and sulfates. If iron and manganese are too high, this may cause interference with the arsenic removal process.

Membrane Filtration (Micro, Ultra, Nanofiltration, and Reverse Osmosis) - Membrane removal utilizes chemical pre-oxidation (except when using polypropylene membranes), a pre-filter to remove oxidized iron and manganese to prevent fouling of the membranes), pre- and post-adjust pH (prevent scaling, enhance filtration; reduce corrosivity). The treatment can also use ferric chloride or ferric sulfate as a coagulant. Iron, manganese, and other dissolved solids may cause interference or reduce treatment efficiency. Reverse osmosis membranes will also remove hardness in the water.

Lime Softening - This technology is based on the optimization of  $Mg(OH)_2$  precipitation. High iron concentrations are desired for optimal arsenic removal. Waters with low dissolved iron may require the addition of ferric chloride or ferric sulfate. Hardness may also be removed in this process. Other issues include the disposal of lime sludge, and the high labor intensity of handling lime.

Blending – where systems have different sources with variable arsenic levels, the sources may be blended to produce finished water that is acceptable.

## POLICY STATEMENT ON INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

Review of public water system security infrastructure and practices has shown an industry-wide vulnerability to intentional acts of vandalism, sabotage and terrorism. Protection from these types of threats and malevolent acts must be integrated into all design and operational considerations. Many public drinking water systems have implemented some security and operational changes to help address this vulnerability, but additional efforts are needed.

Security measures are needed to help ensure that public water suppliers attain an effective level of security and public health protection. Design considerations need to address physical infrastructure security, and facilitate security related operational practices and institutional controls. Because drinking water systems cannot be made immune to all possible attacks, the design needs to address issues of critical asset redundancy, deterrence, monitoring, detection, response and recovery. Through vulnerability assessment and risk analysis, all public water supplies need to identify and address security needs and critical asset protection in design and construction for new projects and for retrofits of existing drinking water systems. The following concepts and items should be considered in the design and construction of new water system facilities and improvements to existing water systems:

1. Security shall be an integral part of drinking water system design. Facility layout shall consider critical system assets and the physical needs of security for these assets. Requirements for submitting, identifying and disclosing security features of the design, and the confidentiality of the submission and regulatory review should be discussed with the reviewing authority.
2. The design should identify and evaluate single points of failure that could render a system unable to meet its design basis. Redundancy and enhanced security features should be incorporated into the design to eliminate single points of failure when possible, or to protect them when they cannot reasonably be eliminated.
3. Consideration should be made to ensure effective response and timely replacement of critical components that are damaged or destroyed. Critical components that comprise single points of failure (e.g., high volume pumps) that cannot be eliminated should be identified during design and given special consideration. Design considerations should include component standardization, availability of replacements and key parts, re-procurement lead times, and identification of suppliers and secure retention of component specifications and fabrication drawings. Readily replaceable components should be used whenever possible and provisions should be made for maintaining an inventory of critical parts.
4. Human access should be through controlled locations only. Intrusion deterrence measures (e.g., physical barriers such as fences, window grates and security doors; traffic flow and check-in points; effective lighting; lines of sight; etc.) should be incorporated into the facility design to protect critical assets and security sensitive areas. Appropriate and effectively operated detection should be included in the system design to protect critical assets and security sensitive areas. All cameras and alarms installed for security purposes should be connected to SCADA where available and include monitors at manned locations. Alternative methods should be considered for primary use where there is no SCADA or as a SCADA support system.
5. Vehicle access should be through controlled locations only. Physical barriers such as moveable barriers or ramps should be included in designs to keep vehicles away from critical assets and security sensitive areas. It should be impossible for any vehicle to be driven either intentionally or accidentally into or adjacent to finished water storage or critical components without facility involvement. Designated vehicle areas such as parking lots and drives should be separated from critical assets with adequate standoff distances to eliminate impacts to these assets from possible explosions of material in vehicles.

Sturdy, weatherproof, locking hardware must be included in the design for the access to tanks, vaults, wells, well houses, pump houses, buildings, power stations, transformers, chemical storage, delivery areas, chemical fill pipes, and similar facilities. Vent and overflow openings should be placed in secure areas. When not placed in secure areas, they should be provided with deterrence or intrusion detection equipment.

6. Computer based control technologies such as SCADA must be secured from unauthorized physical access and potential ~~cyber-attacks~~cyber-attacks. Wireless and network based communications should be encrypted as deterrence to hijacking by unauthorized personnel. Vigorous computer access and virus protection protocols should be built into computer control systems. Effective data recovery hardware and operating protocols should be employed and exercised on a regular basis. All automated control systems shall be equipped with manual overrides to provide the option to operate manually. The procedures for manual operation including a regular schedule for exercising and insuring operator's competence with the manual override systems shall be included in facility operation plans.
7. Real time water quality monitoring with continuous recording and alarms should be considered at key locations to provide early warning of possible intentional contamination events.
8. Facilities and procedures for delivery, handling and storage of chemicals should be designed to ensure that chemicals delivered to and used at the facility cannot be intentionally released, introduced or otherwise used to debilitate a water system, its personnel, or the public. Particular attention should be given to potentially harmful chemicals used in treatment processes (e.g., strong acids and bases, toxic gases and incompatible chemicals) and on maintenance chemicals that may be stored on-site (e.g., fuels, herbicides, paints, solvents).

# POLICY STATEMENT ON DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE OPTIMIZATION OF RAPID RATE FILTRATION AT SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS

Concern for microbiological contamination is driving optimization of surface water treatment plant facilities and operations, and finished water treatment goals have been lowered to levels of <0.10 NTU turbidity.

Treatment plant design should allow for the voluntary pursuit of optimized performance goals to provide improved public health protection and to assure continuous regulatory compliance. The capability for surveillance and data collection should be provided for each unit process in order to achieve better process control and operation, to enhance problem diagnostics, and to document overall improvement.

The following optimization goals should be considered during design:

## Minimum Data Monitoring Requirements

- Daily raw water turbidity (every 4 hours)
- Individual basin settled water turbidity (frequency of data acquisition from continuous meters should be not less than every 15 minutes)
- Filtered water turbidity (frequency of data acquisition from continuous meters should be not less than every one minute)
- Filter backwash (each backwash)

## Sedimentation

- Settled water turbidity  $\leq 2$  NTU, 95th percentile of maximum daily values when annual average source turbidity  $> 10$  NTU
- Settled water turbidity  $\leq 1$  NTU, 95th percentile of maximum daily values when annual average source turbidity  $\leq 10$  NTU

## Filtration

- Filtered water turbidity  $\leq 0.10$  NTU, 95th percentile of maximum daily values recorded
- Maximum filtered water turbidity  $\leq 0.30$  NTU

## Post Backwash Turbidity

- Plants with filter-to-waste capability
  - o Minimize spike during filter-to-waste
  - o Return to service  $\leq 0.10$  NTU
- Plants without filter-to-waste capability
  - o Maximum turbidity  $\leq 0.30$  NTU

o Return to service  $\leq 0.10$  NTU within 15 minutes of startup

Disinfection

• Required CT values are achieved at all times

## CHAPTER 1 - SUBMISSION OF PLANS

### 1.0 GENERAL

All reports, final plans and specifications must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the date on which action by MDEQ is desired. Environmental Assessments and Permits for construction, to take water, for waste discharges, for stream crossings, etc., may be required from other federal, state, or local agencies. No approval for construction can be issued until final, complete, detailed plans and specifications have been submitted to MDEQ and found to be satisfactory. Three copies of the final plans and specifications signed and stamped by the engineer must be submitted. An approved set will be returned to the applicant. Documents submitted for formal approval must include but are not limited to:

- a. engineer's report;
- b. a summary of the basis of design criteria;
- ~~b-c.~~ operation requirements, where applicable;
- e-d. general layout;
- ~~d-e.~~ detailed plans;
- e-f. specifications; and
- g. water purchase contracts between water supplies, and or inter-municipal agreements, where applicable;
- h. evaluation of technical, managerial, and financial capacity for new systems or when significant improvements are proposed for existing systems. The evaluation must include:
  1. a discussion of the system's current technical capacity along with any project related changes with respect to operator certification requirements and the operator's ability to implement any system changes that may be required upon project completion;
  2. a discussion of the system's current overall management and how the system's management will be impacted by the project including but not limited to whether the system has an asset management plan and, if so, how the project components will be incorporated into that plan;
  3. a discussion of the water system's overall financial capacity along with user projected water rates including the system's outstanding obligations combined with the anticipated debt from the current project under review and the overall operation and maintenance. If applicable, the financial capacity discussion must include details of any energy efficiency components included as part of the project along with the estimated long-term cost and energy savings associated with them.
- i. documentation that owner is committed to providing as-built drawings of the project by a registered professional engineer and the certification letter required in ARM 17.38.101; and
- j. review fees as specified in ARM 17.38.106.

## 1.1 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Where the Design/Build construction concept is to be utilized, special consideration must be given to: designation of a project coordinator; close coordination of design concepts and submission of plans and necessary supporting information to MDEQ; allowance for project changes that may be required by MDEQ; and reasonable time for project review by MDEQ.

The engineer's report for new water works and for existing water systems, where pertinent, must present the following information:

### 1.1.1 General information, including:

- a. description of the existing water works and sewerage facilities,
- b. identification of the municipality or area served,
- c. name and mailing address of the owner, developer and official custodian, and
- d. imprint of professional engineer's seal.

~~information requested in Appendix A.~~

### 1.1.2 Extent of water works system, including

- a. description of the nature and extent of the area to be served,
- b. provisions for extending the water works system to include additional areas, and
- c. appraisal of the future requirements for service, including existing and potential industrial, commercial, institutional, and other water supply needs.

### 1.1.3 Alternate plans

Where two or more solutions exist for providing public water supply facilities, each of which is feasible and practicable, discuss the alternate plans. Give reasons for selecting the one recommended, including financial considerations, and a comparison of the minimum classification of water works operator required for operation of each alternative facility.

### 1.1.4 Site Conditions

Soil, ~~and~~ groundwater conditions, and foundation problems, including a description of:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ the character of soil through which water mains are to be laid,
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ foundation conditions prevailing at sites of proposed structures, and
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ the approximate elevation and flow direction of groundwater in relation to subsurface structures.

### 1.1.5 Water use data, including:

- a. a description of the population trends as indicated by available records, and the estimated population which will be served by the proposed water supply system or expanded system, a

minimum of 20 years in the future in five year intervals or over the useful life of the critical structures and equipment;

- b. present water consumption and the projected average and maximum daily demands or peak instantaneous demand where appropriate, including fire flow demand (see Section 1.1.6);
- c. present and/or estimated yield of the sources of supply; ~~and~~
- d. unusual occurrences; and
- e. current estimated percent of unaccounted water for the system and the estimated reduction of unaccounted for water after project completion if applicable, i.e., project is to replace aged water mains, leaking storage, or other improvements that will result in reduced water loss.

#### 1.1.6 Flow requirements, including:

- a. hydraulic analyses based on flow demands and pressure requirements (See Section 8.2.1), and
- b. fire flows, when fire protection is provided, meeting the recommendations of the fire protection agency in which the water system is being developed, or in the absence of such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana. Documentation from the fire protection agency may be required if the flow requirements vary significantly from typical values.

#### ~~1.1.7 Sewage system available~~

~~Describe the existing or proposed sewage collection system and sewage treatment works, with special reference to their relationship to existing or proposed water works structures which may affect the operation of the water supply system, or which may affect the quality of the supply.~~

#### 1.1.87 Sources of water supply

Describe the proposed source or sources of water supply to be developed, the reasons for their selection, and provide information as follows:

##### 1.1.87.1 Surface water sources, including:

- a. hydrological data, stream flow and weather records,
- b. safe yield, including all factors that may affect it,
- c. maximum flood flow, together with approval for safety features of the spillway and dam from the appropriate reviewing authority,
- d. description of the watershed, noting any existing or potential sources of contamination (such as highways, railroads, chemical facilities, land/water use activities, etc.) which may affect water quality.
- e. summarized quality of the raw water with special reference to fluctuations in quality, changing meteorological conditions, etc.
- ef. source water protection issues or measures, including erosion and siltation control structures, that need to be considered or implemented, and

~~documentation that an application for water rights has been filed with the Department of Natural Resources, when applicable. Final System approval will be conditioned on the ability to obtain water rights, and~~

~~f.hg.~~ a source water assessment report for surface water sources.

#### 1.1.87.2 Groundwater sources including:

- a. sites considered,
- b. advantages of the site selected,
- c. elevations with respect to surroundings,
- d. probable character of formations through which the source is to be developed through nearby well logs,
- e. geologic conditions affecting the site, such as anticipated interference between proposed and existing wells,
- f. summary of source exploration, test well depth, and method of construction; placement of liners or screen; test pumping rates and their duration; water levels and specific yield; water quality,
- ~~g. sources of possible contamination such as sewers and sewage treatment/disposal facilities, highways, railroads, landfills, outcroppings of consolidated water-bearing formations, chemical facilities, waste disposal wells, agricultural uses, etc.~~

~~documentation that an application for water rights has been filed with the Department of Natural Resources, when applicable. Final System approval will be conditioned on the ability to obtain water rights;~~

- ~~h. a preliminary assessment for proposed groundwater sources that may be under the direct influence of surface water, prepared in accordance with PWS-5, "Assessment of Groundwater Sources Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water," and~~
- ~~i. a source water protection plan assessment report prepared in accordance with PWS-6, and~~
- ~~j. a description of any wellhead protection measures being considered.~~

#### 1.1.98 Proposed treatment processes

Summarize and establish the adequacy of proposed processes and unit parameters for the treatment of the specific water under consideration. Alternative methods of water treatment and chemical use should be considered as a means of reducing waste handling and disposal problems. Bench scale tests, Pilot studies or demonstrations will generally be required to establish adequacy for some water quality standards.

#### 1.1.9 Sewage system available

Describe the existing or proposed sewage collection system and sewage treatment works, with special reference to their relationship to existing or proposed water works structures which may affect the operation of the water supply system, or which may affect the quality of the supply.

#### 1.1.10 Waste disposal

Discuss the various wastes from the water treatment plant, their volume, proposed treatment and disposal locations. If discharging to a sanitary sewerage system, verify that the system including any lift stations, is capable of handling the flow to the sewage treatment works and that the treatment works is capable and will accept the additional loading.

#### **1.1.11 Automation**

Provide supporting data justifying automatic equipment, including the servicing and operator training to be provided. Manual override must be provided for any automatic controls. Highly sophisticated automation may put proper maintenance beyond the capability of the plant operator, leading to equipment breakdowns or expensive servicing. Adequate funding must be assured for maintenance of automatic equipment.

#### **1.1.12 Project sites, including:**

- a. discussion of the various sites considered and advantages of the recommended ones, and
- b. the proximity of residences, industries, and other establishments, and
- c. any potential sources of pollution that may influence the quality of the supply or interfere with effective operation of the water works system, such as sewage absorption systems, septic tanks, privies, cesspools, sink holes, sanitary landfills, refuse and garbage dumps, etc.

#### **1.1.13 Financing**

Provide financial information for new systems or significant improvements with economic impacts as required in Appendix A.

#### **1.1.14 Future extensions**

Summarize planning for future needs and services.

### **1.2 PLANS**

Plans for waterworks improvements must be legible and must provide the following:

#### **1.2.1 General layout, including:**

- a. suitable title,
- b. name of municipality, or other entity or person responsible for the water supply,
- c. area or institution to be served,
- d. scale, in feet,
- e. north point,
- f. datum used,
- g. boundaries of the municipality or area to be served,
- h. date, and name of the designing engineer,

- i. ink imprint of registered professional engineer's seal and signature,
- j. location and size of existing water mains, and
- k. location and nature of any existing water works structures and appurtenances affecting the proposed improvements noted on one sheet.

**1.2.2 Detailed plans, including, where pertinent:**

- a. stream crossings, providing profiles with elevations of the streambed and the normal and extreme high and low water levels,
- b. profiles having a horizontal scale of not more than 100 feet to the inch and a vertical scale of not more than 10 feet to the inch, with both scales clearly indicated,
- c. location and size of the property to be used for the groundwater development with respect to known references such as roads, streams, section lines, or streets,
- d. topography and arrangement of present or planned wells or structures, with contour intervals not greater than two feet,
- e. elevations of the highest known flood level, floor of the structure, upper terminal of protective casings and outside surrounding grade, using United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, United States Geological Survey or equivalent elevations where applicable as reference,
- f. plan and profile drawings of well construction, showing diameter and depth of drill holes, casing and liner diameters and depths, grouting depths, elevations and designation of geological formations, water levels and other details to describe the proposed well completely,
- g. location of all existing and potential sources of pollution, including easements, which may affect the water source or underground treated water storage facilities,
- h. size, length and materials of proposed water mains,
- i. location, size and length of existing or proposed streets; water sources, including ponds, lakes and drains; storm, sanitary, combined and house sewers; septic tanks, disposal fields and cesspools; and abandoned wells,
- h-j. schematic flow diagrams and hydraulic profiles showing the flow through various plant units,
- i-k. piping in sufficient detail to show flow through the plant, including waste lines,
- j-l. locations of all chemical storage areas, feeding equipment and points of chemical application (see Chapter 5),
- k-m. all appurtenances, specific structures, equipment, water treatment plant waste disposal units and points of discharge having any relationship to the plans for water mains and/or water works structures,
- l-n. locations of sanitary or other facilities, such as lavatories, showers, toilets, and lockers,
- m-o. locations, dimensions, and elevations of all proposed plant facilities,

~~h-p.~~ locations of all sampling taps, and

~~o-q.~~ adequate description of any features not otherwise covered by the specifications.

### 1.3 SPECIFICATIONS

Complete, detailed technical specifications must be supplied for the proposed project, including

- a. a program for keeping existing water works facilities in operation during construction of additional facilities so as to minimize interruption of service,
- b. laboratory facilities and equipment,
- c. the number and design of chemical feeding equipment (see Section 5.1),
- d. materials or proprietary equipment for sanitary or other facilities including any necessary backflow or back-siphonage protection, and
- e. procedures for flushing, disinfection and testing, as needed, prior to placing the project in service.

### 1.4 DESIGN CRITERIA

A summary of complete design criteria must be submitted for surface water treatment projects, containing but not limited to the following:

a. long-term dependable yield of the source of supply,

b. reservoir surface area, volume, and a volume-versus-depth curve, if applicable,

~~b-c.~~ area of watershed, if applicable,

d. estimated average and maximum day water demands for the design period,

e. number of proposed services,

f. fire fighting requirements,

~~e-g.~~ flash mix, flocculation and settling basin capacities,

~~d-h.~~ retention times,

~~e-i.~~ unit loadings,

f-j. filter area and the proposed filtration rate,

~~g-k.~~ backwash rate,

~~h-l.~~ feeder capacities and ranges, and

~~i-m.~~ minimum and maximum chemical application rates.

## 1.5 REVISIONS TO APPROVED PLANS

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

## 1.6 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

MDEQ may require additional information that is not part of the construction drawings, such as head loss calculations, proprietary technical data, copies of deeds, copies of contracts, etc.

## 1.7 DEVIATIONS FROM STANDARDS

The Department, on a case-by-case basis for specific projects, may grant deviations from the mandatory requirements of these standards.

### 1.7.1 Procedure

- a. A person desiring a deviation must make a request in writing on the *Department of Environmental Quality Deviation Form*. The request must identify the specific section and deviation of the standards to be considered. Adequate justification for the deviation must be provided. "Engineering judgment" or "professional opinion" without supporting data is not considered adequate justification.
- b. A panel of three persons from the Department shall review the request, and make a final determination on whether or not a deviation may be granted.
- c. A file of all deviations will be maintained by the Department.
- d. Deviations to standards will not be approved if they would cause a violation of a Statute or Administrative Rule.

## CHAPTER 2 - GENERAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

### 2.0 GENERAL

The design of a water supply system or treatment process encompasses a broad area. Application of this part is dependent upon the type of system or process involved.

### 2.1 DESIGN BASIS

The system including the water source and treatment facilities must be designed for maximum day demand and the design year, except that the capacity of each well and pump in a hydropneumatic system must be at least equal to the peak instantaneous demand for the design year.

### 2.2 PLANT LAYOUT

Design must consider

- a. functional aspects of the plant layout,
- b. provisions for future plant expansion,
- c. provisions for expansion of the plant waste treatment and disposal facilities,
- d. access roads,
- e. site grading,
- f. site drainage,
- g. walks,
- h. driveways, and
- i. chemical delivery.

### 2.3 BUILDING LAYOUT

Design must provide for:

- a. adequate ventilation,
- b. adequate lighting,
- c. adequate heating,
- d. adequate drainage,
- e. dehumidification equipment, if necessary,
- f. accessibility of equipment for operation, servicing and removal,
- g. flexibility of operation,

- h. operator safety,
- i. convenience of operation, and
- j. safe chemical storage and feed equipment in a separate room to reduce safety and health hazards to prevent contact between incompatible substances and to minimize facility damage in the event of chemical spill or container rupture.

## **2.4 LOCATION OF STRUCTURES**

The appropriate regulating authority must be consulted regarding any structure that is so located that normal or flood stream flows may be impeded.

## **2.5 ELECTRICAL CONTROLS**

Main switch gear controls must be located above grade, in areas not subject to flooding. All electric work must conform to the requirements of the National Electric Code or to relevant state and local codes.

## **2.6 STANDBY POWER**

Dedicated standby power is required so that water may be treated and pumped to the distribution system during power outages to meet the average day demand. Alternatives to dedicated standby power may be considered with proper justification.

Carbon monoxide detectors are recommended when fuel-fired generators are housed.

## **2.7 SHOP SPACE AND STORAGE**

Adequate facilities should be included for shop space and storage consistent with the designed facilities.

## **2.8 LABORATORY FACILITIES**

Each public water supply must have its own equipment and facilities for routine laboratory testing necessary to ensure proper operation. Laboratory equipment selection must be based on the characteristics of the raw water source, anticipated time spent on-site by the operator, and the complexity of the treatment process involved. Laboratory test kits, which simplify procedures for making one or more tests may be acceptable. An operator or chemist qualified to perform the necessary laboratory tests is essential. Analyses conducted to determine compliance with drinking water regulations, except control testing, must be performed in a Department of Public Health and Human Services certified laboratory in accordance with Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater or approved alternative methods. Persons designing and equipping laboratory facilities must confer with the reviewing authority MDEQ before beginning the preparation of plans or the purchase of equipment. Methods for verifying adequate quality assurances and for routine calibration of equipment must be provided.

### **2.8.1 Testing equipment**

As a minimum, the following laboratory equipment must be provided:

- a. Surface water supplies must provide the necessary facilities for microbiological testing of water for both the treatment plant and the distribution system.

- b. Surface water supplies must have a nephelometric turbidimeter meeting the requirements of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, and must have appropriate equipment and supplies to calibrate the turbidimeter against a primary standard on no less than quarterly intervals.
- c. Each surface water treatment plant utilizing coagulation and flocculation including those which lime soften, must have a pH meter, equipment and laboratory supplies for performing jar tests, and titration equipment for both hardness and alkalinity.
- d. Each ion-exchange softening plant, and lime-softening plant treating only groundwater must have a pH meter and titration equipment for both hardness and alkalinity.
- e. Each iron or manganese removal plant must have test equipment capable of accurately measuring iron to a minimum of 0.1 milligrams per liter, and test equipment capable of accurately measuring manganese to a minimum of 0.05 milligrams per liter.
- f. Public water supplies that chlorinate must have test equipment for determining both free and total chlorine residual by methods in Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater.
- g. When Ppublic water supplies that fluoridate, equipment must be provided for measuring the quantity of fluoride by methods in Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater in the water. Such equipment is subject to the approval of DEQ.
- h. Public water supplies that feed poly or orthophosphates must have test equipment capable of accurately measuring phosphates from 0.1 to 20 milligrams per liter.

### 2.8.2 Physical facilities

Sufficient bench space, adequate ventilation, adequate lighting, storage room, laboratory sink, and auxiliary facilities must be provided. Air conditioning may be necessary.

## 2.9 MONITORING EQUIPMENT

Water treatment plants must be provided with continuous monitoring equipment (including recorders) to monitor water, being discharged to the distribution system as required in Chapter 4 of these Standards. Plants treating surface water and groundwater under the direct influence of surface water must have the capability to monitor and record turbidity, free chlorine residual, water temperature and pH at locations necessary to evaluate adequate CT disinfection, and other important process control variables as determined by MDEQ. Continuous monitoring and recording will be required when specified in ARM 17.38.225.

## 2.10 SAMPLE TAPS

Sample taps must be provided so that water samples can be obtained from each water source and from appropriate locations in each unit operation of treatment, and from finished water. Taps must be consistent with sampling needs and may not be of the petcock type. Taps used for obtaining samples for bacteriological analysis must be of the smooth-nosed type without interior or exterior threads, may not be of the mixing type, and may not have a screen, aerator, or other such appurtenance.

## 2.11 FACILITY WATER SUPPLY

The facility water supply service line and the plant finished water sample tap must be supplied from a source of finished water at a point where all chemicals have been thoroughly mixed, and the required disinfectant contact time has been achieved (see Section 4.34.2). There may not be any cross-connections between the facility water supply service line and any piping, troughs, tanks, or other treatment units containing wastewater, treatment chemicals, raw or partially treated water.

## 2.12 WALL CASTINGS

Consideration should be given to providing extra wall castings built into the structure to facilitate future uses whenever pipes pass through walls of concrete structures.

## 2.13 METERS

All water supplies must have an acceptable means of metering the finished water.

## 2.14 PIPING COLOR CODE

To facilitate identification of piping in plants and pumping stations it is recommended that the following color scheme be utilized:

### Water Lines

Raw	Olive Green
Settled or Clarified	Aqua
Finished or Potable	Dark Blue

### Chemical Lines

Alum or Primary Coagulant	Orange
Ammonia	White
Carbon Slurry	Black
Caustic	Yellow with Green Band
Chlorine (Gas and Solution)	Yellow
Fluoride	Light Blue with Red Band
Lime Slurry	Light Green
Ozone	Yellow with Orange Band
Phosphate Compounds	Light Green with Red Band
Polymers or Coagulant Aids	Orange with Green Band
Potassium Permanganate	Violet
Soda Ash	Light Green with Orange Band
Sulfuric Acid	Yellow with Red Band
Sulfur Dioxide	Light Green with Yellow Band

### Waste Lines

Backwash Waste	Light Brown
Sludge	Dark Brown
Sewer (Sanitary or Other)	Dark Gray

### Other

Compressed Air	Dark Green
Gas	Red
Other Lines	Light Gray

For liquids or gases not listed above, a unique color scheme and labeling should be used. In situations where two colors do not have sufficient contrast to easily differentiate between them, a six-inch band of contrasting color should be on one of the pipes at approximately 30-inch intervals. The name of the liquid or gas should also be on the pipe. In some cases it may be advantageous to provide arrows indicating the direction of flow.

## **2.15 DISINFECTION**

All wells, pipes, tanks, and equipment that can convey or store potable water must be disinfected in accordance with current AWWA procedures. Plans or specifications must outline the procedure and include the disinfection dosage, contact time, and method of testing the results of the procedure.

## **2.16 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL**

An operation and maintenance manual including a parts list and parts order form, operator safety procedures and an operational trouble-shooting section, must be supplied to the water works as part of any proprietary unit installed in the facility.

## **2.17 OPERATOR INSTRUCTION**

Provisions must be made for operator instruction at the start-up of a plant or pumping station.

## **2.18 SAFETY**

Consideration must be given to the safety of water plant personnel and visitors. The design must comply with all applicable safety codes and regulations that may include the Uniform Building Code, Uniform Fire Code, National Fire Protection Association Standards, and state and federal OSHA standards. Items to be considered include noise arresters, noise protection, confined space entry, protective equipment and clothing, gas masks, safety showers and eye washes, handrails and guards, warning signs, smoke detectors, toxic gas detectors and fire extinguishers.

## **2.19 SECURITY**

Security measures must be considered. Such measures, as a minimum, must include means to lock all exterior doorways, windows, gates and other entrances to source, treatment and water storage facilities. Other measures may include fencing, signage, close circuit monitoring, real time water quality monitoring, and intrusion alarms. See Policy Statement on Infrastructure Security.

## **2.20 FLOOD PROTECTION**

Other than surface water intakes, all water supply facilities and water treatment plant access roads must be protected to at least the 100-year flood elevation or maximum flood of record. A freeboard factor may also be required by MDEQ.

## **2.21 CHEMICALS AND WATER CONTACT MATERIALS**

Chemicals and water contact materials must be approved by MDEQ or meet the appropriate ANSI/AWWA or ANSI/NSF standards.

## **2.22 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Consideration must be given to the design requirements of other federal, state, and local regulatory agencies for items such as energy efficiency, water conservation, environmental impact safety requirements, special designs

for the handicapped, plumbing and electrical codes, construction in the flood plain, etc. All equipment must be designed to operate within manufacturer's recommended range.

## CHAPTER 3 - SOURCE DEVELOPMENT

### 3.0 GENERAL

In selecting the source of water to be developed, the designing engineer, must prove to the satisfaction of MDEQ, that an adequate quantity of water will be available, and that the water which is to be delivered to the consumers will meet the current requirements of MDEQ with respect to microbiological, physical, chemical and radiological qualities. Each water supply should take its raw water from the best available source that is economically reasonable and technically possible.

### 3.1 SURFACE WATER

A surface water source includes all tributary streams and drainage basins, natural lakes and artificial reservoirs or impoundments above the point of water supply intake.

#### 3.1.1 Quantity

The quantity of water at the source must

- a. be adequate to meet or exceed the design maximum day demand for the service area as shown by calculations based on a one in fifty year drought or the extreme drought of record, and must include consideration of multiple year droughts. Storage must comply with the provisions of Section 7.0.1 or Section 7.2.2, as appropriate. Requirements for flows downstream of the inlet must comply with the requirements of the appropriate reviewing authority;
- b. provide a reasonable surplus for anticipated growth;
- c. be adequate to compensate for all losses such as silting, evaporation, seepage, etc.; and
- d. be adequate to provide ample water for other legal users of the source.

#### 3.1.2 Quality

~~A sanitary survey and study must be made of the factors, both natural and man-made, which may affect quality in the water supply stream, river, lake or reservoir. Such survey and study must include, but not be limited to~~

- a. determining possible future uses of impoundments or reservoirs,
- b. determining degree of control of watershed by owner,
- c. assessing degree of hazard posed to the supply by agricultural, domestic, industrial, or recreational activities in the watershed, accidental spillage of materials that which may be generate toxic, or harmful substances or detrimental to drinking water quality or treatment processes,
- d. assessing all waste discharges (point source and non-point sources) and all activities that could impact the water supply. The location of each waste discharge must be shown on a scaled map,
- e. obtaining samples over a sufficient period of time to assess the microbiological, physical, chemical and radiological characteristics of the water,

- ef. assessing the capability of the proposed treatment process to reduce contaminants to applicable standards, ~~and~~
- fg. consideration of currents, wind and ice conditions, and the effect of confluencing streams, and
- h. source intake location(s) must be based on a source water assessment report conducted in accordance with Section 1.1.7.1.

### 3.1.3 Minimum treatment

- a. The design of the water treatment plant must consider the worst conditions that may exist during the life of the facility.
- b. The Department will determine the minimum treatment required to ensure compliance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-chapter 2, ARM.
- c. Filtration preceded by appropriate pretreatment must be provided for all surface waters.

### 3.1.4 Structures

#### 3.1.4.1 Design of intake structures must provide for:

- a. withdrawal of water from more than one level if quality varies with depth,
- b. separate facilities for release of less desirable water held in storage,
- c. where frazil ice may be a problem, holding the velocity of flow into the intake structure to a minimum, generally not to exceed 0.5 feet per second,
- d. inspection of manholes every 1000 feet for pipe sizes large enough to permit visual inspection,
- e. occasional cleaning of the inlet line,
- f. adequate protection against rupture by dragging anchors, ice, etc.,
- g. ports located above the bottom of the stream, lake or impoundment, but at sufficient depth to be kept submerged at low water levels,
- h. where raw water pumping wells are not provided, a diversion device capable of keeping large quantities of fish or debris from entering an intake structure, and
- i. when buried surface water collectors are used, sufficient intake opening area must be provided to minimize inlet headloss. Selection of backfill material must be chosen in relation to the collector pipe slot size and gradation of the native material over the collector system.

#### 3.1.4.2 Raw water pumping wells must

- a. have motors and electrical controls located above grade, and protected from flooding,
- b. be accessible,
- c. be designed against flotation,

- d. be equipped with removable or traveling screens before the pump suction well,
- e. provide for introduction of chlorine or other chemicals in the raw water transmission main if necessary for quality control,
- f. have intake valves and provisions for back-flushing or cleaning by a mechanical device and testing for leaks, where practical, ~~and~~
- g. have provisions for withstanding surges where necessary-, and
- h. be constructed in a manner to prevent intrusion of contaminants.

#### 3.1.4.3 Off-Stream raw water storage reservoir

is a facility into which water is pumped during periods of good quality and high stream flow for future release to treatment facilities. Off-Stream raw water storage reservoirs must be constructed to assure that

- a. water quality is protected by controlling runoff into the reservoir,
- b. dikes are structurally sound and protected against wave action and erosion,
- c. intake structures and devices meet requirements of Section 3.1.4.1,
- d. point of influent flow is separated from the point of withdrawal, ~~and~~
- e. separate pipes are provided for influent to and effluent from the reservoir-, and
- f. a bypass line is provided around the reservoir to allow direct pumping to the treatment facilities.

### 3.1.5 Impoundments and reservoirs

#### 3.1.5.1 Site preparation must provide where applicable:

- a. removal of brush and trees to high water elevation,
- b. protection from floods during construction, and
- c. abandonment of all wells that will be inundated, in accordance with ARM 36.21.669-678.

#### 3.1.5.2 Construction may require:

- a. approval from the appropriate regulatory agencies of the safety features for stability and spillway design, and
- b. a permit from an appropriate regulatory agency for controlling stream flow or installing a structure on the bed of a stream or interstate waterway.

#### 3.1.5.3 Water Supply Dams

Water supply dams must be designed and constructed in accordance with federal and state regulations.

### 3.1.6 Security

To deter unauthorized access and malevolent acts, all access points to source components must be locked and secure. This includes well caps which must have a lockable cap or a secure measure of locking the cap to the casing without compromising the sanitary seal. An alternative to securing the cap would be to have the well head located in a secure and fenced area. Other security measures based on threat and vulnerability of specific components should be evaluated and addressed through methods which include fencing, signage, close circuit monitoring, real time water quality monitoring, intrusion alarms, lighting, cyber protection of SCADA controls, and protective environmental features.

## 3.2 GROUNDWATER

A groundwater source includes all water obtained from dug, drilled, bored or driven wells, and infiltration lines. Prior to construction of a well intended to serve a public water supply, the proposed location and the plans and specifications must be approved by MDEQ in accordance with the requirements of this section. To assess the available water quality and quantity, MDEQ may require construction and testing of the source in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and at the approved location prior to approval of other system components. All wells must be constructed by a licensed water well contractor in accordance with Title 37, Chapter 43, MCA and Title 36, Chapter 21, ARM,- current edition, (Water Well Contractor rules) with the following additional requirements.

### 3.2.1 Quantity

#### 3.2.1.1 Source capacity

- a. The total developed groundwater source capacity for systems utilizing gravity storage or pumped storage, unless otherwise specified by MDEQ must equal or exceed the design maximum day demand with the largest producing well out of service. Storage must comply with the requirements of Section 7.0.1.
- b. The total developed groundwater source capacity for systems utilizing hydropneumatic storage tanks as the only storage facility must be sufficient to equal or exceed the peak instantaneous demand with the largest producing well out of service. For systems serving 50 or less equivalent dwelling units, MDEQ may allow a reduction in total required system capacity provided the system can maintain the minimum pressures required in section 8.2.1 with the largest producing well out of service.

#### 3.2.1.2 Number of sources

A minimum of two sources of groundwater must be provided. Consideration should be given to locating redundant sources in different aquifers or different locations of an aquifer.

#### 3.2.1.3 Auxiliary power

- a. When power failure would result in cessation of minimum essential service, sufficient power must be provided to meet average day demand through
  1. connection to at least two independent public power sources; or
  2. dedicated portable or in-place auxiliary power of adequate supply and connectivity. Where an auxiliary power supply is powered by liquid petroleum, the storage tank for that fuel must be double-contained and equipped with leak detection, or be outside the well exclusion zone.

- b. Auxiliary power is not required when
  - 1. documentation is submitted that shows power outages are infrequent and of short duration, and
  - 2. fire protection is not diminished by power failure.
- c. When automatic pre-lubrication of pump bearings is necessary, and an auxiliary power supply is provided, the design must assure that the pre-lubrication line must be provided with a valved by pass around the automatic control, or the automatic control must be wired to the emergency when auxiliary power source is in use.

### 3.2.2 Quality

The Department will determine, on a case-by-case basis, the minimum treatment required for a groundwater source to ensure compliance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM.

An assessment must be made of the factors, both natural and man-made, which may affect water quality in the well and aquifer. Such an assessment may include obtaining samples over a sufficient period of time to assess the microbiological and physical characteristics of the water including dissolved gases, chemical, and radiological characteristics. A ground water under the direct influence of surface water determination acceptable to DEQ must be provided for all new wells.

#### 3.2.2.1 Microbiological quality

- a. Disinfection of every new, modified or reconditioned groundwater source
  - 1. must be provided in accordance with ARM 36.21.662(1) prior to placement of permanent pumping equipment, and
  - 2. must be provided after placement of permanent pumping equipment.
- b. More than 72 hours after disinfection, two or more water samples must be submitted to a laboratory certified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services for microbiological analysis with satisfactory results reported to MDEQ prior to placing the well into service.
- c. ~~If MDEQ determines from the required application materials that the source may be groundwater under the direct influence of surface water in accordance with PWS-5, further assessment or treatment may be required.~~

#### 3.2.2.2 Physical, chemical, and radiological quality

- a. Every new, modified or reconditioned groundwater source must be examined for applicable physical and chemical characteristics by tests of a representative sample in a laboratory certified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services, with the results reported to MDEQ.
- b. Samples must be collected and analyzed at the conclusion of the test pumping procedure prior to disinfection ~~and examined as soon as practical~~. Sample results for the constituents of ARM 17.38.216 must be submitted to MDEQ for review and approval to demonstrate compliance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM, prior to placing the well into service.

- c. Field determinations of physical and chemical constituents or special sampling procedures, may be required by MDEQ.

### 3.2.3 Location

#### 3.2.3.1 Well location

MDEQ must be consulted prior to design and construction regarding a proposed well location as it relates to required separation between existing and potential sources of contamination and groundwater development. Wells must be located at least 100 feet from sewer lines, septic tanks, holding tanks, and any structure used to convey or retain industrial, storm or sanitary waste, and state or federal highway rights-of-way. Well location(s) must be based on a source water ~~protection delineation and~~ assessment conducted in accordance with Section 1.1.87.2 of this circular.

#### 3.2.3.2 Continued protection

Continued protection of the well site from potential sources of contamination must be provided either through ~~ownership deed notice~~, zoning, easements, leasing or other means acceptable to MDEQ. Easements and deed notices must be filed with the County Clerk and Recorders Office. Such protection must extend for a radius of at least 100 feet around the well (continued protection zone). Also, separation distances between proposed wells and potential sources of contamination must be defined and justified by the design engineer in accordance with Section 1.1.87.2 of this circular. The ~~zone of influence~~ continued protection zone of a proposed or existing well must not be in a groundwater mixing zone as defined in ARM 17.30.517 and also may not include easements that would conflict with the proposed use. Fencing of the site may be required.

### 3.2.4 Testing and records

#### 3.2.4.1 Yield and drawdown tests ~~must:~~

- a. A test must be performed on every production well after construction or subsequent treatment and prior to placement of the permanent pump;
- b. ~~have~~ the test methods must be clearly indicated in the project specifications;
- c. The test pump must have a test pump capacity, at maximum anticipated drawdown, at least equal to 1.5 times the quantity anticipated required under 3.2.4.1.d., and
- d. The test must provide for continuous constant rate pumping at either:
  - 1. 1.5 times the design pump capacity for at least 24 hours, or
  - 2. 1.0 times the design pump capacity for at least 72 hours.

Data collection must begin at time zero. The test may be terminated if stabilized drawdown occurs for at least ~~six~~ eight hours during the test. ~~If the design pumping rate is 35 gpm or greater, the minimum stabilized drawdown period must be at least eight hours.~~ Stabilized drawdown is defined as a water level that does not fluctuate plus or minus 0.5 feet for every 100 feet of drawdown at the design pumping rate.

- e. ~~provide~~ The following data must be submitted to DEQ:
  - 1. static water level,

2. depth of test pump setting, and
3. time of starting and ending each test cycle,
- f. A report must be submitted which provides recordings and graphic evaluation of the following at one hour intervals or less as required by DEQ:
  3. pumping rate,
  4. test pump capacity head characteristics,
  5. depth of test pump setting,
  6. maximum drawdown,
  7. pumping water levels taken so as to provide at least 10 evenly spaced data points per log cycle of time (in minutes) on a time-drawdown plot, and
  8. water recovery levels taken so as to provide at least 10 evenly spaced data points per log cycle of time (in minutes) on a time-drawdown plot.

~~Test results must be reported to MDEQ.~~ To demonstrate adequate water quantity, MDEQ ~~may~~will require that pump test results be submitted for review and approval prior to construction of the remainder of the water system. The information must be submitted electronically to MDEQ on Aquifer Test Data Form 633.

#### 3.2.4.2 Plumbness and alignment requirements

- a. Every well must be tested for plumbness and alignment in accordance with AWWA A100.
- b. The test method and allowable tolerance must be clearly stated in the specifications.
- c. If the well fails to meet these requirements, it may be accepted by the engineer if it does not interfere with the installation or operation of the pump or uniform placement of grout.

#### 3.2.4.3 Geological data must

- a. be determined in accordance with ARM 36.21.667 except that samples must be collected at intervals of five feet or less. Upon completion, a copy of the well log must be submitted to MDEQ, and
- b. be supplemented with a driller's log, and accurate geological location such as latitude and longitude or GIS coordinates as determined by GPS to an accuracy of +/- 25 feet.

### 3.2.5 General well construction

#### 3.2.5.1 Drilling fluids and additives

must be approved by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) or a similar ANSI accredited laboratory/organization.

#### 3.2.5.2 Minimum protected depths

- a. Minimum protected depths of drilled wells must provide watertight construction to such depth as may be required by MDEQ, to
  1. exclude contamination, and
  2. seal off ~~formations~~ (zones) that are, or may be, contaminated or yield undesirable water.
- b. Wells must have unperforated casing to a minimum depth of 25 feet or ~~continuous disinfection with chlorine~~ full time microbial treatment must be provided.
- c. Full time ~~disinfection microbial treatment~~ is required where the water source is an aquifer with a seasonal high water level ~~water table that is~~ within 25 feet of the ground surface.
- d. Microbial treatment required under b. or c. must provide 4-log inactivation and/or removal of viruses. A deviation of this standard may be granted by MDEQ in accordance with the procedures of Section 1.7 if the applicant shows there are no existing or approved sources of viral contamination within the 200-day time of travel zone of contribution for the well and that new sources of contamination will not be introduced for this area.
- e. If the water source is from a confined aquifer, microbial treatment is not required. The applicant must demonstrate an aquifer is confined using the methods outlined in the *Nondegradation Guidance Manual, Appendix M.*

#### 3.2.5.3 Permanent steel casing pipe must:

- a. be in accordance with ARM 36.21.640,
- b. when driven, be equipped with a drive shoe in accordance with ARM 36.21.644, and
- c. have joints in accordance with ARM 36.21.642.

#### 3.2.5.4 Nonferrous casing materials

Plastic well casing must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.645 and ARM 36.21.646.

#### 3.2.5.5 Packers

Packers must be of material that will not impart taste, odor, toxic substance or bacterial contamination to the well water. Lead packers must not be used.

#### 3.2.5.6 Screens must:

- a. be constructed of materials resistant to damage by chemical action of groundwater or cleaning operations,
- b. have size of openings based on sieve analysis of formation and/or gravel pack materials,
- c. have sufficient length and diameter to provide adequate specific capacity and low aperture entrance velocity. The entrance velocity must not exceed 0.1 feet per second,
- d. be installed so that the pumping water level remains above the screen under all operating conditions,

- e. where applicable, be designed and installed to permit removal or replacement without adversely affecting water-tight construction of the well, and
- f. be provided with a bottom plate or washdown bottom fitting of the same material as the screen.

#### 3.2.5.7 Grouting requirements

- a. All permanent well casing must be sealed in accordance with ARM 36.21.654 through ARM 36.21.660. All permanent well casing must be surrounded by a minimum of 1 ½ inches of grout around the outside of the casing. The grout must extend to at least 25 feet below ground surface or as specified in Standard 3.2.6 for special aquifer types. The casing must be provided with centralizers in accordance with ARM 36.21.649. Grout may be cement/sand, bentonite chips or pellets, or neat cement. Grout may be applied by gravity into an annular space where chips or pellets are used, or by tremie pipe or other conductor from the bottom up. Bentonite must be applied per the manufacturer's instructions. Where casing centralizers preclude the use of chips a high-solids bentonite-sand slurry, cement, or neat cement should be used.
- b. Application
  - 1. Sufficient annular opening must be provided to permit a minimum of 1 ½ inches of grout around permanent casings, including couplings.
  - 2. Prior to grouting through creviced or fractured formations, bentonite or similar materials may be added to the annular opening, in the manner indicated for grouting.
  - 3. After cement grouting is applied, work on the well must be discontinued until the cement or concrete grout has properly set.
  - 4. Grout placement must be sufficient to achieve proper density or percent solids throughout the annular space.
  - 5. The type of grout, quantity, and method of placement must be reported on the well log.
  - 6. In no case will grout placement using drill and drive methods be approved for grout sealing of the upper 25 feet of well casing.

#### 3.2.5.8 Upper terminal well construction

- a. Permanent casing for all groundwater sources must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.647.
- b. Where a well house is constructed, the floor surface must be at least six inches above the final ground elevation.
- c. Sites subject to flooding must be provided with an earth mound surrounding the casing and terminating at an elevation at least two feet above the 100-year flood level or highest known flood elevation.
- d. The top of the well casing at sites subject to flooding must terminate at least three feet above the 100 year flood level or the highest known flood elevation, whichever is higher .
- e. Protection from physical damage must be provided.
- f. The upper terminal must be constructed to prevent contamination from entering the well.

- g. Where well appurtenances protrude through the upper terminal, the connections to the upper terminus must be mechanical or welded connections that are water tight.

#### 3.2.5.9 Development

- a. Every well must be developed in accordance with ARM 36.21.653.
- b. Where chemical conditioning is required, the specifications must include provisions for the method, equipment, chemicals, testing for residual chemicals, and disposal of waste and inhibitors.
- c. Where blasting procedures may be used, the specifications must include the provisions for blasting and cleaning. Special attention must be given to assure that the blasting does not damage the grouting and casing.
- d. The method of well development must be described on the well log.

#### 3.2.5.10 Capping requirements

Temporary capping must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.661

#### 3.2.5.11 Well abandonment

All wells that have no further use must be abandoned in accordance with ARM 36.21.670 through ARM 36.21.678.

### 3.2.6 Aquifer types and construction methods -- Special conditions

#### ~~3.2.6.1 Sand or gravel wells~~

- ~~a. If clay or hardpan is encountered above the water bearing formation, the well must be constructed in accordance with ARM 36.21.657.~~
- ~~b. If a sand or gravel aquifer is overlaid only by permeable soils, the well must be constructed in accordance with ARM 36.21.656.~~

#### 3.2.6.1 Consolidated Formations

- a. In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer either within a consolidated or confining formation, sealing of the casing must conform with one of the following procedures:
  - 1. an upper drill hole, at least three inches greater in diameter than the nominal size of the permanent well casing, must extend from land surface to at least three feet into sound, consolidated formation. In no instance must said upper drill hole extend less than 25 feet below land surface; or
  - 2. unperforated permanent casing must be installed to extend to this same depth, and the lower part of the casing must be sealed into the rock formation with cement grout. The remainder of the annular space to land surface must be filled with an appropriate sealing material.

- b. If temporary surface casing is used in either of the above procedures, this casing must be of sufficient diameter to conform to the upper drill hole specifications. Withdrawal of the temporary casing must take place simultaneously with proper sealing of the annular space to land surface.

#### 3.2.6.2 Unconsolidated Formations without significant clay beds

- a. In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer overlain by unconsolidated formations such as sand and gravel without significant clay beds, an unperforated well casing must extend to at least one foot below the known seasonal low water table. An upper drill hole having a diameter at least three inches greater than the nominal size of the permanent casing must extend to at least 25 feet below land surface.
- b. The annular space between the upper drill hole and the well casing must be kept at least one-half full with bentonite slurry throughout the driving of the permanent casing into the aquifer. After the permanent casing is set in its final position, the remaining annular space must be filled to land surface with appropriate sealing material.
- c. If the oversized drill hole is extended to the same depth as the permanent casing, a suitable bridge must be installed between the casing and the drill hole at a position directly above the production aquifer. The remaining annular space must be completely filled and sealed to land surface with appropriate sealing material.
- d. A suitable bridge is one that prevents the sealing material from dropping into the producing formations and reducing the output of the well.
- e. If temporary casing is used to maintain the oversized drill hole, the annular space must be kept full with appropriate sealing material as the temporary casing is being withdrawn.

#### 3.2.6.3 Unconsolidated Formations with clay beds

In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer overlain by clay or other unconsolidated deposits such as sand and gravel in which significant (at least 6 feet thick) interbeds of clay are present, the well casing must be terminated in such clay strata, provided that the casing be sealed in substantially the same manner as is required in the case of consolidated formations.

#### 3.2.6.4 Flowing Wells

- a. When flowing water is encountered in the well, an unperforated well casing must extend into the confining stratum overlying the artesian zone. The casing must be adequately sealed into the confining stratum so as to prevent surface and subsurface leakage from the artesian zone.
- b. If the well flows at land surface, it must be equipped with a control valve so that the flow can be completely stopped.
- c. The well must be completed with packers or appropriate sealing material that will eliminate leakage around the well casing.

#### 3.2.6.25 Gravel pack wells

- a. Gravel pack must be well rounded particles, 95 per cent siliceous material, that are smooth and uniform, free of foreign material, properly sized, washed and then disinfected immediately prior to or during placement.

- b. Gravel pack must be placed in one uniform continuous operation.
- c. Gravel refill pipes, when used, must be Schedule 40 steel pipe incorporated within the pump foundation and terminated with screwed or welded caps at least 12 inches above the pump house floor or concrete apron.
- d. Gravel refill pipes located in the grouted annular opening must be surrounded by a minimum of 1 1/2 inches of grout.
- e. Protection from leakage of grout into the gravel pack or screen must be provided.
- f. Permanent inner and outer casings must meet requirements of Sections 3.2.5.3 and 3.2.5.4.

#### 3.2.6.36 Radial water collector

- a. Locations of all caisson construction joints and porthole assemblies must be indicated.
- b. The caisson wall must be reinforced to withstand the forces to which it will be subjected.
- c. Radial collectors must be in areas and at depths approved by MDEQ.
- d. Provisions must be made to assure that radial collectors are essentially horizontal.
- e. The top of the caisson must be covered with a watertight floor.
- f. All openings in the floor must be curbed and protected from entrance of foreign material.
- g. The pump discharge piping may not be placed through the caisson walls.

#### 3.2.6.47 Infiltration lines

- a. Infiltration lines may be considered only where geological conditions preclude the possibility of developing an acceptable drilled well.
- b. The area around infiltration lines must be under the control of the water purveyor for a distance acceptable to MDEQ.
- c. Flow in the lines must be by gravity to the collecting well.
- d. Water from infiltration lines will be considered groundwater under the direct influence of surface water unless demonstrated otherwise to the satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### ~~3.2.6.5 Dug wells~~

- ~~a. Dug wells may be considered only where geological conditions preclude the possibility of developing an acceptable drilled well.~~
- ~~b. A watertight cover must be provided.~~
- ~~e. Minimum protective lining and grouted depth, must be at least ten feet below original or final ground elevation, whichever is lower.~~
- ~~d. Openings must be curbed and protected from entrance of foreign material.~~

- e. ~~Pump discharge piping may not be placed through the well casing or wall.~~

#### ~~3.2.6.6 Consolidated formation wells~~

~~Drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer either within or overlain by a consolidated formation must be grouted in accordance with ARM 36.21.655.~~

#### ~~3.2.6.7 Naturally flowing wells~~

~~must be sealed in accordance with ARM 36.21.658.~~

### **3.2.7 Well pumps, discharge piping and appurtenances**

#### 3.2.7.1 Line shaft pumps

Wells equipped with line shaft pumps must

- a. have the casing firmly connected to the pump structure or have the casing inserted into a recess extending at least one-half inch into the pump base,
- b. have the pump foundation and base designed to prevent water from coming into contact with the joint, and
- c. avoid the use of oil lubrication at pump settings less than 400 feet. Lubricants must meet ANSI/NSF Standard 61.

#### 3.2.7.2 Submersible pumps

Where a submersible pump is used

- a. the top of the casing must be effectively sealed against the entrance of water under all conditions of vibration or movement of conductors or cables, and
- b. the electrical cable must be firmly attached to the riser pipe at 20-foot intervals or less.

#### 3.2.7.3 Discharge piping and appurtenances

- a. The discharge piping and appurtenances must
  - 1. be designed ~~so that the~~ to minimize friction loss ~~will be low;~~;
  - 2. have control valves and appurtenances located above the pumphouse floor when an aboveground discharge is provided;
  - 3. be protected against the entrance of contamination;
  - 4. be equipped with a check valve in or at the well, a shutoff valve, a pressure gauge, a means of measuring flow, and a smooth nosed sampling tap located at a point where positive pressure is maintained;
  - 5. be equipped with a smooth nosed sampling tap located at a point where positive pressure is maintained, but before any treatment chemicals are applied. The sample tap must be at least 18-inches above the floor to facilitate sample collection;

- 6. where applicable, be equipped with an air release-vacuum relief valve located upstream from the check valve, with exhaust/relief piping terminating in a down-turned position at least 18 inches above the floor and covered with a 24 mesh corrosion resistant screen. Air release vacuum relief valves located in valve pits must meet the relief valve piping requirements in Section 8.5.2;
  - 67. be valved to permit test pumping and control of each well;
  - 78. have all exposed piping, valves and appurtenances protected against physical damage and freezing;
  - 89. be properly anchored to prevent movement, and be properly supported to prevent excessive bending forces;
  - 910. be protected against surge or water hammer;
  - 11. conform to the latest standards issued by AWWA and ANSI/NSF, where such standards exist, or in the absence of such standards, conform to applicable product standards and be acceptable to MDEQ; and
  - 12. be constructed so that it can be disconnected from the well or well pump to allow the well pump to be pulled.
- b. The discharge piping must be provided with a means of pumping to waste, but may not be directly connected to a sewer.
  - c. For submersible, jet and line shaft pumps, the discharge, drop or column piping inside the well must:
    - 1. conform to the latest standards issued by AWWA and ANSI/NSF, where such standards exist, or in the absence of such standards, conform to applicable product standards and be acceptable to MDEQ. Any lubricants, fittings, brackets, tape or other appurtenances must meet ANSI/NSF Standards 60/61, where applicable;
    - 2. be capable of supporting the weight of the pump, piping, water and appurtenances and of withstanding the thrust, torque and other reaction loads created during pumping. The actions of fatigue from repeated starting and stopping of the pump must be considered when choosing a pipe and fittings; and
    - 3. be fitted with guides or spacers to center piping and well pump in the casing

#### 3.2.7.4 Pitless well units

- a. ~~Pitless units and pitless adapters submitted as a part of a system need to be specified using manufacturer's name and model number.~~
- b. Pitless units must:
  - 1. be shop-fabricated from the point of connection with the well casing to the unit cap or cover,
  - 2. be threaded or welded to the well casing,

3. be of watertight construction throughout,
  4. be of materials and weight at least equivalent and compatible to the casing,
  5. have field connection to the lateral discharge from the pitless unit of threaded, flanged or mechanical joint connection, and
  6. terminate at least 18 inches above final ground elevation or three feet above the 100-year flood level or the highest known flood elevation, whichever is higher.
- eb. The design of the pitless unit must make provision for:
1. access to disinfect the well,
  2. a properly constructed casing vent meeting the requirements of Section 3.2.7.5,
  3. facilities to measure water levels in the well (see Section 3.2.7.6),
  4. a cover at the upper terminal of the well that will prevent the entrance of contamination,
  5. a contamination-proof entrance connection for electrical cable,
  6. an inside diameter as great as that of the well casing, up to and including casing diameters of 12 inches, to facilitate work and repair on the well, pump, or well screen,
  7. at least one check valve within the well casing, and
  8. re-sealing the disturbed casing seal to prevent downward movement of both surface water and water and in the pipeline trench.
- dc. If the connection to the casing is by field weld, the shop-assembled unit must be designed specifically for field welding to the casing. The only field welding permitted will be that needed to connect a pitless unit to the casing.

#### 3.2.7.5 Casing vent

- a. Provisions must be made for venting the well casing to atmosphere. Venting must be provided by factory manufactured vented well cap or fabricated vent assembly. All vents must be screened with corrosion resistant material to prevent entry of insects and oriented so as to prevent entry of rainwater.
- b. Fabricated vents must terminate in a down turned position, at or above the top of the casing or pitless unit in a minimum 1 1/2 inch diameter opening covered with a 24-mesh screen. The pipe connecting the casing to the vent must be of adequate size to provide rapid venting of the casing. Where vertical turbine pumps are used, vents into the side of the casing may be necessary to provide adequate well venting. Fabricated vent assemblies must be of such design and strength as to be vandal resistant.

#### 3.2.7.6 Water level measurement

- a. Provisions (i.e. probe access tube or air line) must be made for periodic measurement of water levels in the completed well.

- b. Where pneumatic water level measuring equipment is used it must be made using corrosion resistant materials attached firmly to the drop pipe or pump column and in such a manner as to prevent entrance of foreign materials.

3.2.7.7 Observation wells must be:

- a. constructed in accordance with the requirements for permanent wells if they are to remain in service after completion of a water supply well, and
- b. protected at the upper terminal to preclude entrance of foreign materials.

3.2.7.8 Liners

Liners may be acceptable at the discretion of DEQ. The use of any liner must be pre-approved by DEQ.

3.2.7.89 Well houses

must be designed to meet the pertinent sections of Chapter 6.

**3.3 SPRINGS**

Springs must be designed in accordance with Circular DEQ-10.

## CHAPTER 4 - TREATMENT

### 4.0 GENERAL

The design of treatment processes and devices depends on evaluation of the nature and quality of the particular water to be treated, the desired quality of the finished water and the mode of operation planned. At installations where treatment is used for removal of contaminants for compliance purposes, testing equipment, where commercially available, subject to Department approval, must be provided for treatment process monitoring.

All equipment must be designed to be operated within manufacturers recommended parameters. The design of a water treatment plant must consider the worst condition that may exist during the life of the facility.

### 4.1 MICROSCREENING

Microscreening is a mechanical treatment process capable of removing suspended matter and organic loading from surface water by straining. It must not be used in place of filtration or coagulation.

#### 4.1.1 Design

a. consideration must be given to the:

1. nature of the suspended matter to be removed,
2. corrosiveness of the water,
3. effect of chemicals used for pre-treatment,
4. duplication of units for continuous operation during equipment maintenance, and
5. provision of automated backwashing.

b. must provide:

1. a durable, corrosion-resistant screen,
2. provisions to allow for by-pass of the screen,
3. protection against back-siphonage when potable water is used for backwashing, and
4. proper disposal of backwash waters (See Chapter 9).

### 4.12 CLARIFICATION

Clarification is generally considered to consist of any process or combination of processes which reduce the concentration of suspended matter in drinking water prior to filtration.

Plants designed for processing surface water must to treat surface water, groundwater under the direct influence of a surface water, or for the removal of a primary drinking water contaminant must

a. ~~provide have~~ a minimum of two units each ~~for rapid mix, for coagulation, flocculation and sedimentation~~ and solids removal. In addition, it is recommended that plants designed solely for aesthetic purposes also have a minimum of two units each. Design of the clarification process must:

- ~~b.a.~~ permit operation of the units in series or parallel where softening is performed and should permit series or parallel operation in other circumstances where ~~plain~~ clarification is performed,
- ~~e.b.~~ be constructed to permit units to be taken out of service without disrupting operation, and with drains or pumps sized to allow dewatering in a reasonable period of time,
- ~~d.c.~~ provide multiple-stage treatment facilities when required by MDEQ,
- ~~e.d.~~ be started manually following shutdown, and
- ~~f.e.~~ minimize hydraulic head losses between units to allow future changes in processes without the need for re-pumping.

#### **4.12.1 Presedimentation**

Waters containing high turbidity may require pretreatment, usually sedimentation ~~either~~ with or without the addition of coagulation chemicals.

- a. Basin design -- Presedimentation basins must have hopper bottoms or be equipped with continuous mechanical sludge removal apparatus, and provide arrangements for dewatering.
- b. Inlet -- Incoming water must be dispersed across the full width of the line of travel as quickly as possible; short-circuiting must be prevented.
- c. Bypass - Provisions for bypassing presedimentation basins must be included.
- d. Detention time -- Three hours detention is the minimum period recommended; greater detention may be required.

#### **4.12.2 Rapid-mix Coagulation**

a. ~~Rapid mix must rapidly disperse chemicals throughout the water to be treated, usually by violent agitation. Coagulation refers to of a process using coagulant chemicals and mixing by which colloidal and suspended material are destabilized and agglomerated into settleable or filterable flocs, or both. The engineer must submit the design basis for the velocity gradient (G value) selected, considering the chemicals to be added and water temperature, color and other related water quality parameters. For surface water plants using direct or conventional filtration, the use of a primary coagulant is required at all times. The engineer must also submit the design basis for the type of mixer selected. Whenever pilot studies are required, mixer designs must be based upon the results of the study.~~

- a. Mixing - The detention period should be instantaneous but not longer than thirty seconds with mixing equipment capable of imparting a minimum velocity gradient (G) of at least 750 fps/ft. The design engineer should determine the appropriate G value and detention time through jar testing.
- b. Equipment – Basins must be equipped with devices capable of providing adequate mixing for all treatment flow rates. Static mixing may be considered if treatment flow is not variable relatively constant and can be adjusted by the design engineer will be high enough to maintain the necessary turbulence for complete chemical reactions.

- e. ~~Mixing~~ The detention period must be not more than thirty seconds.
- c. ~~d.~~ Location - The ~~rapid mixer coagulation~~ and the flocculation basin must be as close together as possible.
- d. If flow is split between basins, it is recommended that a means of measuring and modifying the flow to each train or unit be provided.
- e. If flow is split, it is recommended that a means of modifying the flow to each train or unit be provided.

#### 4.12.3 Flocculation

Flocculation means refers to the agitation of water at low velocities for long periods of time a process to enhance agglomeration or collection of smaller floc particles into larger, more easily settleable or filterable particles through gentle stirring by hydraulic or mechanical means.

- a. Basin Design -- Inlet and outlet design must prevent short-circuiting and destruction of floc. Series compartments are recommended to further minimize short-circuiting and to provide decreasing mixing energy with time. Basins must be designed so that individual basins may be isolated without disrupting plant operation. A drain and/or pumps must be provided to handle dewatering and sludge removal. Three stage flocculation must be provided for conventional complete treatment plants.
- b. Detention -- The detention time for floc formation must be at least 30 minutes with consideration to using tapered (i.e., diminishing velocity gradient) flocculation. The flow-through velocity may not be less than 0.5 ~~nor~~ greater than 1.5 feet per minute, with a detention time for floc formation of at least 30 minutes.
- c. Equipment -- Agitators must be driven by variable speed drives with the peripheral speed of paddles ranging from 0.5 to 3.0 feet per second. External, non-submerged motors are preferred.
- d. Other designs -Baffling may be used to provide for flocculation in small plants only after consultation with MDEQ. The design should be such that the velocities and flows noted above will be maintained.
- e. Superstructure -A superstructure over the flocculation basins may be required.
- d.f. Piping -- Flocculation and sedimentation basins must be as close together as possible. The velocity of flocculated water through pipes or conduits to settling basins may not be less than 0.5 ~~nor~~ greater than 1.5 feet per second. Allowances must be made to minimize turbulence at bends and changes in direction.
- e. ~~Other designs~~ Baffling may be used to provide for flocculation in small plants only after consultation with MDEQ. The design should be such that the velocities and flows noted above will be maintained.
- f. ~~Superstructure~~ A superstructure over the flocculation basins may be required.
- g. If flow is split, it is recommended that a means of measuring and modifying the flow to each train or unit be provided.

h. Consideration should be given to the need for additional chemical feed in the future.

#### **4.12.4 Sedimentation**

Sedimentation must follow flocculation, except in direct filtration facilities refers to a process that allows particles to settle by gravity and typically precedes filtration.. The detention time for effective clarification is dependent upon a number of factors related to basin design and the nature of the raw water. The following criteria apply to conventional gravity sedimentation units:

- a. Detention time — ~~Detention time must provide a~~ minimum of four hours of settling time must be provided. This may be reduced to two hours for lime-soda softening facilities treating only groundwater. Reduced ~~sedimentation detention~~ time may also be approved when equivalent effective settling is demonstrated or when the overflow rate is not more than 0.5 gpm per square foot (1.2 m/hr).
- b. Inlet devices -- Inlets must be designed to distribute the water equally and at uniform velocities. Open ports, submerged ports, and similar entrance arrangements are required. A baffle should be constructed across the basin close to the inlet end and should project several feet below the water surface to dissipate inlet velocities and provide uniform flows across the basin.
- c. ~~Outlet devices — Outlet devices must be designed to maintain velocities suitable for settling in the basin and to minimize short-circuiting. The use of submerged orifices is recommended in order to provide a volume above the orifices for storage when there are fluctuations in flow.~~
- d. ~~Overflow rate — The rate of flow over the outlet weir or through the submerged orifices may not exceed 20,000 gallons per day per foot of weir length. Where submerged orifices are used as an alternate for overflow weirs, they should be not lower than three feet below the flow line with flow rates equivalent to weir loadings. The entrance velocity through the submerged orifices must not exceed 0.5 feet per second.~~
- c. If flow is split, a means of measuring the flow to each train or unit must be provided.
- ed. Velocity -- The velocity through settling basins may not exceed 0.5 feet per minute. The basins must be designed to minimize short-circuiting. Fixed or adjustable baffles must be provided as necessary to achieve the maximum potential for clarification.
- fe. If flow is split, it is recommended that a means of modifying the flow to each train or unit be provided.
- f. Outlet devices -~~Outlet weirs or submerged orifices must maintain velocities suitable for settling in the basin and minimize short-circuiting. The use of submerged orifices is recommended in order to provide a volume above the orifices for storage when there are fluctuations in flow. Outlet weirs and submerged orifices must be designed as follows:~~
  1. The rate of flow over the outlet weirs or through the submerged orifices shall not exceed 20,000 gallons per day per foot (250 m<sup>3</sup> /day/m) of the outlet launder or orifice circumference.
  2. Submerged orifices should not be located lower than three (3) feet below the flow line.
  3. The entrance velocity through the submerged orifices shall not exceed 0.5 feet per second.

- g. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Overflow -- An overflow weir (or pipe) should be installed which will establish the maximum water level desired on top of the filters. It must discharge by gravity with a free fall at a location where the discharge ~~will~~ can be noted observed.
- g-h Superstructure -- A superstructure over the sedimentation basins may be required. If there is no mechanical equipment in the basins and if provisions are included for adequate monitoring under all expected weather conditions, a cover may be provided in lieu of a superstructure.
- h. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Sludge collection ~~— Mechanical sludge collection equipment must be provided.~~
- i. Drainage ~~—~~ Sedimentation Bbasins must be provided with a means for dewatering. Basin bottoms must slope toward the drain not less than one foot in twelve feet where mechanical sludge collection equipment is not required.
- j. Flushing lines -- Flushing lines or hydrants must be provided and must be equipped with backflow prevention devices acceptable to MDEQ.
- k. Safety -- Permanent ladders or handholds must be provided on the inside walls of basins above the water level. Guardrails must be included.
- l. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Sludge collection system ~~— must be designed to ensure the collection of sludge from throughout the basin.~~
- m. Sludge removal -- Sludge removal design must provide that
  1. sludge pipes must be not less than three inches in diameter and so arranged as to facilitate cleaning,
  2. entrance to sludge withdrawal piping must prevent clogging,
  3. valves must be located outside the tank for accessibility, and
  4. the operator ~~may~~ can observe and sample sludge being withdrawn from the unit.
- nn. Sludge disposal -- Facilities are required by MDEQ for disposal of sludge. (~~See Section 4.11 Chapter 9.~~) Provisions must be made for the operator to observe and sample sludge being withdrawn from the unit.

#### 4.12.5 Solids contact unit

Units are generally acceptable for combined softening and clarification where water characteristics, especially temperature, do not fluctuate rapidly, flow rates are uniform and operation is continuous. Before such units are considered as clarifiers without softening, specific approval of MDEQ must be obtained. Each clarifiers must be designed for the maximum uniform rate and should be adjustable to changes in flow that are less than the design rate and for changes in water characteristics. A minimum of two units are required for surface water treatment. Plants designed to treat surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of a surface water using solids contact must have a minimum of two units. In addition, it is recommended that plants designed for the removal of a non-acute primary drinking water contaminant or for aesthetic purposes also have a minimum of two units.

##### 4.12.5.1 Installation of equipment

Supervision by a representative of the manufacturer must be provided with regard to all mechanical equipment at the time of installation and initial operation.

- a. ~~installation, and~~
- b. ~~initial operation.~~

#### 4.42.5.2 Operating equipment

The following ~~must be provided for plant operation:~~

- a. ~~a complete outfit of tools and accessories,~~
- b. ~~necessary laboratory equipment,~~
- ea. ~~a~~ Adequate piping with suitable sampling taps so located as to permit the collection of samples of water from critical portions various depths of the units must be provided.
- b. If flow is split, a means of measuring the flow to each unit must be provided.
- c. If flow is split, it is recommended that a means of modifying the flow to each unit be provided.

#### 4.42.5.3 Chemical feed

Chemicals must be applied at such points and by such means as to ensure satisfactory mixing of the chemicals with the water.

#### 4.42.5.4 Mixing

A rapid mix device or chamber ahead of solids contact units may be required by MDEQ to assure proper mixing of the chemicals applied. Mixing devices ~~employed within the unit~~ must be ~~so constructed as to~~

- a. provide good mixing of the raw water with previously formed sludge particles, and
- b. prevent deposition of solids in the mixing zone.

#### 4.42.5.5 Flocculation

Flocculation equipment

- a. must be adjustable (speed and/or pitch),
- b. must provide for coagulation in a separate chamber or baffled zone within the unit, and
- c. should provide ~~the~~ a flocculation and mixing period ~~to be not less than~~ of at least 30 minutes.

#### 4.42.5.6 Sludge concentrators

- a. The equipment must provide either internal or external concentrators ~~in order to obtain a concentrated sludge with a minimum~~ minimize the amount of wastewater in the sludge.
- b. Large basins must have at least two sumps for collecting sludge with one sump located in the central flocculation zone.

#### 4.42.5.7 Sludge removal

Sludge removal design must provide that

- a. sludge pipes ~~must be~~ are not less than three inches in diameter and so arranged as to facilitate cleaning,
- b. entrance to sludge withdrawal piping must prevent clogging,
- c. valves must be located outside the tank for accessibility, and
- d. the operator may observe and sample sludge being withdrawn from the unit.

#### 4.42.5.8 Cross-connections

- a. Blow-off outlets and drains ~~must terminate and discharge at places satisfactory to MDEQ~~ must terminate in a location with an acceptable air gap for backflow protection.
- b. ~~Cross-connection control must~~ A backflow prevention device must be included for the on potable water lines used to backflush sludge lines.

#### 4.42.5.9 Detention period

The detention time must be established on the basis of the raw water characteristics and other local conditions that affect the operation of the unit. Based on design flow rates, the detention time should be

- a. two to four hours for suspended solids contact clarifiers and softeners treating surface water, or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water, and
- b. one to two hours for ~~the~~ suspended solids contact softeners treating only groundwater.

MDEQ may alter detention time requirements.

#### 4.42.5.10 Suspended slurry concentrate

Softening units should be designed so that continuous slurry concentrates of one per cent or more, by weight, can be satisfactorily maintained.

#### 4.42.5.11 Water losses

- a. Units must be provided with ~~suitable~~ controls to allow for adjusting the rate or frequency of sludge withdrawal.
- b. Total water losses should not exceed
  1. five per cent for clarifiers, and
  2. three per cent for softening units.
- c. Solids concentration of sludge bled to waste should be
  1. three per cent by weight for clarifiers, and

2. five per cent by weight for softeners.

#### 4.12.5.12 Weirs or orifices

The units should be equipped with either overflow weirs or orifices constructed so that water at the surface of the unit does not travel over 10 feet horizontally to the collection trough.

- a. Weirs must be adjustable, and at least equivalent in length to the perimeter of the tank.
- b. Weir loading may not exceed
  1. 10 gallons per minute per foot of weir length for ~~units used for clarifiers, and~~
  2. 20 gallons per minute per foot of weir length for ~~units used for softeners.~~
- c. Where orifices are used the loading per foot of launder rates should be equivalent to weir loadings. Either must produce uniform rising rates over the entire area of the tank.

#### 4.12.5.13 Upflow rates

Unless supporting data is submitted to MDEQ to justify rates exceeding the following, rates may not exceed

- a. 1.0 gallon per minute per square foot of area at the sludge separation line for units used for clarifiers,
- b. 1.75 gallons per minute per square foot of area at the slurry separation line, for units used for softeners.

#### 4.12.6 Tube or plate settlers

~~Proposals for settler unit clarification may be required to include pilot plant and/or full-scale demonstration satisfactory to MDEQ prior to the preparation of final plans and specifications for approval. Settler units consisting of variously shaped tubes or plates which are installed in multiple layers and at an angle to the flow may be used for sedimentation, following flocculation. Proposals for settler unit clarification must demonstrate satisfactory performance under on-site pilot plant conditions.~~

##### 4.12.6.1 General Criteria is as follows:

- a. Inlet and outlet considerations -- Design to maintain velocities suitable for settling in the basin and to minimize short-circuiting.
- b. ~~Drainage~~ Drain piping from the settler units must be sized to facilitate a quick flush of the settler units and to prevent flooding other portions of the plant.
- eb. Protection from freezing -- Although most units will be located within a plant, outdoor installations must provide sufficient freeboard above the top of settlers to prevent freezing in the units. A cover or enclosure is strongly recommended.
- dc. Application rate -- A maximum rate of 2 gal/ft<sup>2</sup>/min of cross-sectional area for tube settlers (based on 24-inch long 60° tubes or 39.5-inch long 7 1/2° tubes), unless higher rates are successfully shown through pilot or plant or in-plant demonstration studies.

- ed. Application rates for plates – A maximum plate loading rate of 0.5 gpm per square foot (1.2 m/hr), based on 80 percent of the projected horizontal plate area.
- fe. Flushing lines -- Flushing lines must be provided to facilitate maintenance and must be properly protected against backflow or back siphonage.
- f. Drainage -- Drain piping from the settler units must be sized to facilitate a quick flush of the settler units and to prevent flooding other portions of the plant.
- g. Placement - modules should be placed:
  1. In zones of stable hydraulic conditions.
  2. In areas nearest effluent launders for basins not completely covered by the modules.
- h. Inlets and Outlets - Inlets and outlets must conform to Sections 4.2.4.b and 4.2.4.f.
- i. Support - The support system should be able to carry the weight of the modules when the basin is drained plus any additional weight to support maintenance.
- j. Provisions should be made to allow the water level to be dropped, and a water or an air jet system for cleaning the modules.

#### **4.12.7 High Rate clarification processes**

High rate clarification processes may be approved upon demonstrating satisfactory performance under on-site pilot plant conditions or documentation of full-scale plant operation with similar raw water quality conditions as allowed by MDEQ. Reductions in detention times and/or increases in weir loading rates must be justified. Examples of such processes may include dissolved air flotation, ballasted flocculation/sedimentation, contact flocculation/clarification, and helical upflow, solids contact units.

#### **4.23 FILTRATION**

Acceptable filters are limited to, upon the discretion of MDEQ, the following types:

- a. rapid rate gravity filters (4.3.1),
- b. rapid rate pressure filters (4.3.2),
- c. diatomaceous earth filtration (4.3.3),
- d. slow sand filtration (4.3.4),
- e. direct filtration (4.3.5),
- f. deep bed rapid rate gravity filters (4.3.6),
- g. biologically active filters (4.3.7),
- h. membrane filtration (4.3.8), and
- i. bag and cartridge filters (4.3.9).

The application of any one type must be supported by water quality data representing a reasonable period of time to characterize the variations in water quality. ~~Experimental-Pilot~~ treatment studies may be required to demonstrate the applicability of the method of filtration proposed. Filter media must meet the requirements of ANSI/NSF Standard 61 or otherwise be acceptable to MDEQ.

#### 4.23.1 Rapid rate gravity filters

##### 4.23.1.1 Pretreatment

The use of rapid rate gravity filters requires pretreatment.

##### 4.23.1.2 Rate of filtration

The rate of filtration must be determined through consideration of such factors as raw water quality, degree of pretreatment provided, filter media, water quality control parameters, competency of operating personnel, and other factors as required by MDEQ. Typical filtration rates are from 2 to 4 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup>. In any case, the filter rate must be proposed and justified by the designing engineer to the satisfaction of MDEQ prior to the preparation of final plans and specifications.

##### 4.23.1.3 Number

At least two units must be provided. Where only two units are provided, each must be capable of meeting the plant design capacity (normally the projected maximum daily demand) at the approved filtration rate. Where more than two filter units are provided, the filters must be capable of meeting the plant design capacity at the approved filtration rate with one filter removed from service. Where declining rate filtration is provided, the variable aspect of filtration rates, and the number of filters must be considered when determining the design capacity for the filters.

##### 4.23.1.4 Structural details and hydraulics

The filter structure must be designed to provide for

- a. vertical walls within the filter,
- b. no protrusion of the filter walls into the filter media,
- c. cover by superstructure as determined necessary under local climate,
- d. head room to permit normal inspection and operation,
- e. minimum depth of filter box of 8-1/2 feet,
- f. minimum water depth over the surface of the filter media of three feet,
- g. trapped effluent to prevent backflow of air to the bottom of the filters,
- h. prevention of floor drainage to the filter with a minimum 4-inch curb around the filters,
- i. prevention of flooding by providing overflow,
- j. maximum velocity of treated water in pipe and conduits to filters of two feet per second,

- k. cleanouts and straight alignment for influent pipes or conduits where solids loading is heavy, or following lime-soda softening,
- l. wash water drain capacity to carry maximum flow,
- m. walkways around filters, to be not less than 24 inches wide,
- n. safety handrails or walls around filter areas adjacent to normal walkways, and
- o. construction to prevent cross connections and common walls between potable and non-potable water.

#### 4.23.1.5 Wash water troughs

Wash water troughs must be constructed to have,

- a. the bottom elevation above the maximum level of expanded media during washing,
- b. a two-inch freeboard at the maximum rate of wash,
- c. the top edge level and all at the same elevation,
- d. spacing so that each trough serves the same number of square feet of filter area, and
- e. maximum horizontal travel of suspended particles to reach the trough not to exceed three feet.

#### 4.23.1.6 Filter material

The media must be clean silica sand or other natural or synthetic media free from detrimental chemical or bacterial contaminants, approved by MDEQ, having the following characteristics:

- a. a total depth of not less than 24 inches and generally not more than 30 inches;
- b. ~~an effective size range of the smallest material no greater than 0.45 mm to 0.55 mm;~~
- c. ~~a uniformity coefficient of the smallest material not greater than 1.65;~~
- d. a minimum of 12 inches of media with an effective size range no greater than 0.45 mm to 0.55 mm; and a specific gravity greater than other filtering materials within the filter.
- e. Types of filter media:
  - 1. ~~Anthracite - Clean crushed Filter anthracite, or a combination of shall consist of hard, durable anthracite and other media may be considered on the basis of experimental data specific to the project, and must have coal particles of various sizes. Blending of non-anthracite material is not acceptable. Anthracite must have an:~~
    - a. effective size of 0.45 mm - 0.55 mm with uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.65 when used alone,
    - b. effective size of 0.8 mm - 1.2 mm with a uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.857 when used as a cap,

- c. effective size for anthracite used on potable groundwater for iron and manganese removal only must be a maximum of 0.8 mm (effective sizes greater than 0.8 mm may be approved based upon onsite pilot plant studies);
  - d. specific gravity greater than 1.4,
  - e. acid solubility less than 5 percent, and
  - f. A Mho's scale of hardness greater than 2.7.
2. Sand - sand must have
- a. an effective size of 0.45 mm to 0.55 mm,
  - b. a uniformity coefficient of not greater than 1.65.
  - c. a specific gravity greater than 2.5, and
  - d. an acid solubility less than 5 percent.
3. High Density Sand - High density sand shall consist of hard durable, and dense grain garnet, ilmenite, hematite, magnetite, or associated minerals of those ores that will resist degradation during handling and use, and must:
- a. contain at least 95 percent of the associated material with a specific gravity of 3.8 or higher.
  - b. have an effective size of 0.2 to 0.3 mm.
  - c. have a uniformity coefficient of not greater than 1.65.
  - d. have an acid solubility less than 5 percent.
4. Granular activated carbon (GAC) - Granular activated carbon media may be considered only after pilot or full scale testing and with prior approval of MDEQ. The design must include the following:
- a. The media must meet the basic specifications for filter media as given in Section 4.23.1.6. ~~a. through d. except that larger size media may be allowed by MDEQ where full scale tests have demonstrated that treatment goals can be met under all conditions.~~
  - b. There must be provisions for a free chlorine residual and adequate contact time in the water following the filters and prior to distribution (See 4.3.2.d. and 4.3.3).
  - c. There must be means for periodic treatment of filter material for control of bacterial and other growth.
  - d. Provisions must be made for frequent replacement or regeneration if GAC is used for filtration.
45. Other media types or characteristics will be considered based on experimental data and operating experience.

e. Support Media

- 5.1. Torpedo sand -- A three-inch layer of torpedo sand should be used as a supporting media for filter sand, and should have
- a. effective size of 0.8 mm to 2.0 mm, and
  - b. uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.7.
- 6.2. Gravel -- Gravel, when used as the supporting media must consist of hard, durable, rounded silica particles and may not include flat or elongated particles. The coarsest gravel must be 2 1/2 inches in size when the gravel rests directly on the ~~strainer-lateral~~ system, and must extend above the top of the perforated laterals. Not less than four layers of gravel must be provided in accordance with the following size and depth distribution ~~when used with perforated laterals~~:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Depth</u>
2 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches	5 to 8 inches
1 1/2 to 3/4 inches	3 to 5 inches
3/4 to 1/2 inches	3 to 5 inches
1/2 to 3/16 inches	2 to 3 inches
3/16 to 3/32 inches	2 to 3 inches

<u>Size</u>	<u>Depth</u>
<u>3/32 to 3/16 inches</u>	<u>2 to 3 inches</u>
<u>3/16 to 1/2 inches</u>	<u>2 to 3 inches</u>
<u>1/2 to 3/4 inches</u>	<u>3 to 5 inches</u>
<u>3/4 to 1 1/2 inches</u>	<u>3 to 5 inches</u>
<u>1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches</u>	<u>5 to 8 inches</u>

Reduction of gravel depths may be considered upon justification to MDEQ for slow sand filtration or when proprietary filter bottoms are specified.

4.23.1.7 Filter bottoms and strainer systems

Departures from these standards may be acceptable for high rate filters and for proprietary bottoms. Porous plate bottoms may not be used where iron or manganese may clog them or with waters softened by lime. The design of manifold-type collection systems must:

- a. minimize loss of head in the manifold and laterals,
- b. assure even distribution of wash water and even rate of filtration over the entire area of the filter,
- c. provide the ratio of the area of the final openings of the strainer systems to the area of the filter at about 0.003,

- d. provide the total cross-sectional area of the laterals at about twice the total area of the final openings,
- e. provide the cross-sectional area of the manifold at 1 1/2 to 2 times the total area of the laterals, and
- f. ~~L~~lateral perforations without strainers must be directed downward.

#### 4.23.1.8 Surface wash or subsurface wash

Surface or subsurface wash facilities are required except for filters used exclusively for iron, radionuclides, arsenic or manganese removal, and may be accomplished by a system of fixed nozzles or revolving-type apparatus. All devices must be designed with

- a. provision for water pressures of at least 45 psi,
- b. a properly installed vacuum breaker or other approved device to prevent back siphonage if connected to the ~~treated~~-filtered or finished water system,
- c. rate of flow of 2.0 gallons per minute per square foot of filter area with fixed nozzles or 0.5 gallons per minute per square foot with revolving arms,
- d. air wash can be considered based on experimental data and operating experiences.

#### 4.23.1.9 Air scouring

Air scouring can be considered in place of surface wash

- a. ~~a~~Air flow for air scouring the filter must be 3-5 standard cubic feet per minute per square foot of filter area (0.9 – 1.5 m<sup>3</sup>/min/m<sup>2</sup>) when the air is introduced in the underdrain; a lower air rate must be used when the air scour distribution system is placed above the underdrains;
- b. ~~e~~Concurrent wash water rates must not exceed 8 gallons per minute per square foot unless a method of retaining the filter media is provided;
- c. ~~a~~Air scouring must be followed by a fluidization wash sufficient to restratify the media;
- d. ~~a~~Air must be free from contamination;
- e. ~~a~~Air scour distribution systems must be placed below the media and supporting bed interface; if placed at the interface the air scour nozzles must be designed to prevent media from clogging the nozzles or entering the air distribution system.
- f. ~~p~~Piping for the air distribution system must not be flexible hose that will collapse when not under air pressure, and must not be a relatively soft material that may erode at the orifice opening with the passage of air at high velocity.
- g. ~~a~~Air delivery piping must not pass through the filter media nor shall there be any arrangement in the filter design that would allow short-circuiting between the applied unfiltered water and the filtered water.
- h. Consideration must be given to maintenance and replacement of air delivery piping.

- i. The backwash water delivery system must be capable of 15 gallons per minute per square foot of filter surface area (37 m/hr); however, when air scour is provided the backwash water rate must be variable and must not exceed 8 gallons per minute per square foot (20 m/hr) unless operating experience shows that a higher rate is necessary to remove scoured particles from filter media surfaces.
- j. The filter underdrains must be designed to accommodate air scour piping when the piping is installed in the underdrain, and
- k. ~~p~~Provisions of Section 4.23.1.11 must be followed

#### 4.23.1.10 Appurtenances

- a. The following must be provided for every filter:
  - 1. influent and effluent sampling taps;
  - 2. an indicating loss of head gauge;
  - 3. ~~an indicating rate of flow meter. A modified rate controller, which limits the rate of filtration to a maximum rate may be used. However, equipment that simply maintains a constant water level on the filters is not acceptable, unless the rate of flow onto the filter is properly controlled. A pump or a flow meter in each filter effluent line may be used as the limiting device for the rate of filtration only after consultation with MDEQ, a meter indicating the instantaneous rate of flow;~~
  - 4. where used for surface water , provisions for filtering to waste with appropriate measures for ~~backflow prevention~~cross connection control;
  - 5. ~~A continuous monitoring and recording turbidimeter for each individual filter and the combined filter effluent in surface water treatment plants. If there are two or fewer filters, than combined filter effluent may be monitored instead.~~For For systems using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water with three or more filters, on-line turbidimeters must be installed on the effluent line from each filter. All turbidimeters must consistently determine and indicate the turbidity of the water in NTUs. Each turbidimeter must report to a recorder that is designed and operated to allow the operator to accurately determine the turbidity at least once every 15 minutes. Turbidimeters on individual filters should be designed to accurately measure low-range turbidities and have an alarm that will sound when the effluent level exceeds 0.3 NTU. It is recommended that turbidimeters be placed in a location that also allows measurement of turbidity during filter to waste; and
  - 6. a flow rate controller capable of providing gradual rate increases when placing the filters back into operation.
- b. It is recommended the following be provided for every filter:
  - 1. wall sleeves providing access to the filter interior at several locations for sampling or pressure sensing,
  - 2. a 1 to 1 1/2 inch pressure hose and storage rack at the operating floor for washing filter walls, and

3. particle monitoring equipment as a means to enhance overall treatment operations where used for surface water.

#### 4.23.1.11 Backwash

Provisions must be made for washing filters as follows:

- a. a minimum rate of 15 gallons per minute per square foot, consistent with water temperatures and specific gravity of the filter media. A rate of 20 gallons per minute per square foot or a rate necessary to provide for a 50 percent expansion of the filter bed is recommended. A reduced rate of 10 gallons per minute per square foot may be acceptable for full depth anthracite or granular activated carbon filters;
- b. filtered water provided at the required rate by wash water tanks, a wash water pump, from the high service main, or a combination of these;
- c. wash water pumps in duplicate unless an alternate means of obtaining wash water is available;
- d. not less than 15 minutes wash of one filter at the design rate of wash;
- e. a wash water regulator or valve on the main wash water line to obtain the desired rate of filter wash with the wash water valves on the individual filters open wide;
- f. a ~~rate-of-flow meter indicator~~, preferably with a totalizer, on the main wash water line or backwash waste line, located so that the operator can easily read it during the washing process;
- g. design to prevent rapid changes in backwash water flow;
- h. ~~Backwash may be operated initiated.~~ Automated systems must be able to be adjusted by the operator; and
- i. appropriate measures for cross-connection control.

#### 4.2.1.12 Miscellaneous

~~Roof drains may not discharge into the filters or basins and conduits preceding the filters~~

#### 4.23.2 Rapid rate pressure filters

The normal use of these filters is for iron and manganese removal. Pressure filters may not be used in the filtration of surface or other polluted waters or following lime-soda softening ~~with the approval of MDEQ. Pilot studies must be conducted to justify the use of pressure filters to treat surface water or other polluted waters.~~

##### 4.23.2.1 General

Minimum criteria relative to number, rate of filtration, structural details and hydraulics, filter media, etc., provided for rapid rate gravity filters also apply to pressure filters where appropriate.

##### 4.23.2.2 Rate of filtration

The rate may not exceed ~~three-four~~ gallons per minute per square foot of filter area except where ~~in plant testing~~ or pilot testing as approved by MDEQ has demonstrated satisfactory results at higher rates.

#### 4.23.2.3 Details of design

The filters must be designed to provide for

- a. loss of head gauges and sample access on the inlet and outlet pipes of each filter;
- b. an easily readable meter or flow indicator on each battery of filters. A flow indicator is recommended for each filtering unit;
- c. filtration and backwashing of each filter individually with an arrangement of piping as simple as possible to accomplish these purposes;
- d. minimum side wall shell height of five feet. A corresponding reduction in side wall height is acceptable where proprietary bottoms permit reduction of the gravel depth;
- e. the top of the wash water collectors to be at least 18 inches above the surface of the media;
- f. the underdrain system to efficiently collect the filtered water and to uniformly distribute the backwash water at a rate not less than 15 gallons per minute per square foot of filter area;
- g. backwash flow indicators and controls that are easily readable while operating the control valves;
- h. an air release valve on the highest point of each filter;
- i. an accessible manhole of adequate size to facilitate inspection and repairs for filters 36 inches or more in diameter. Sufficient hand holes must be provided for filters less than 36 inches in diameter. Manholes should be at least 24 inches in diameter where feasible;
- j. means to observe the wastewater during backwashing; and
- k. construction to prevent cross-connection.

#### 4.23.3 Diatomaceous earth filtration

The use of these filters may be considered for application to surface waters with low turbidity and low bacterial contamination, ~~and may be used for iron removal for groundwaters providing the removal is effective and the water is of satisfactory sanitary quality before treatment.~~

##### 4.23.3.1 Conditions of use

Diatomaceous earth filters are expressly excluded from consideration for the following conditions:

- a. bacteria removal,
- b. color removal,
- c. turbidity removal where either the gross quantity of turbidity is high or the turbidity exhibits poor filterability characteristics, and
- d. filtration of waters with high algae counts.

##### 4.23.3.2 Pilot plant study

Installation of a diatomaceous earth filtration system must be preceded by a pilot plant study on the water to be treated.

- a. Conditions of the study such as duration, filter rates, head loss accumulation, slurry feed rates, turbidity removal, bacteria removal, etc., must be approved by MDEQ prior to the study.
- b. Satisfactory pilot plant results must be obtained prior to preparation of final construction plans and specifications.
- c. The pilot plant study must demonstrate the ability of the system to meet applicable drinking water standards at all times.

#### 4.23.3.3 Types of filters

Pressure or vacuum diatomaceous earth filtration units will be considered for approval. However, the vacuum type is preferred for its ability to accommodate a design which permits observation of the filter surfaces to determine proper cleaning, damage to a filter element, and adequate coating over the entire filter area.

#### 4.23.3.4 Treated water storage

Treated water storage capacity in excess of normal requirements must be provided to:

- a. allow operation of the filters at a uniform rate during all conditions of system demand at or below the approved filtration rate, and
- b. guarantee continuity of service during adverse raw water conditions without bypassing the system.

#### 4.23.3.5 Number of units

See Section 4.2.1.3 At least two units must be provided. Where only two units are provided, each must be capable of meeting the plant design capacity (normally the projected maximum daily demand) at the approved filtration rate. Where more than two filter units are provided, the filters must be capable of meeting the plant design capacity at the approved filtration rate with one filter removed from service.

#### 4.23.3.6 Precoat

- a. Application - A uniform precoat must be applied hydraulically to each septum by introducing a slurry to the tank influent line and employing a filter-to-waste or recirculation system.
- b. Quantity - Diatomaceous earth in the amount of 0.12 pounds per square foot of filter area or an amount sufficient to apply a 1/468 inch coating should be used with recirculation. ~~When precoating is accomplished with a filter to waste system, 0.15—0.2 pounds per square foot of filter area is recommended.~~

#### 4.23.3.7 Body feed

A body feed system to apply additional amounts of diatomaceous earth slurry during the filter run is required to avoid short filter runs or excessive head losses.

- a. Quantity - Rate of body feed is dependent on raw water quality and characteristics and must be determined in the pilot plant study.

- b. Operation and maintenance can be simplified by providing accessibility to the feed system and slurry lines.
- c. Continuous mixing of the body feed slurry is required.

| 4.23.3.8 Filtration

- a. Rate of filtration - The recommended nominal rate is 1.0 gallon per minute per square foot of filter area with a recommended maximum of 1.5 gallons per minute per square foot. The filtration rate must be controlled by a positive means.
- b. Head loss - The head loss may not exceed 30 psi for pressure diatomaceous earth filters, or a vacuum of 15 inches of mercury for a vacuum system.
- c. Recirculation - A recirculation or holding pump must be employed to maintain differential pressure across the filter when the unit is not in operation in order to prevent the filter cake from dropping off the filter elements. A minimum recirculation rate of 0.1 gallon per minute per square foot of filter area must be provided.
- d. Septum or filter element - The filter elements must be structurally capable of withstanding maximum pressure and velocity variations during filtration and backwash cycles, and must be spaced such that no less than one inch is provided between elements or between any element and a wall.
- e. Inlet design - The filter influent must be designed to prevent scour of the diatomaceous earth from the filter element.

| 4.23.3.9 Backwash

A satisfactory method to thoroughly remove and dispose of spent filter cake must be provided.

| 4.23.3.10 Appurtenances

a.\_\_\_\_\_ The following must be provided for every filter:

- ~~a.1.~~ sampling taps for raw and filtered water,
- ~~b.2.~~ loss of head or differential pressure gauge,
- ~~c.3.~~ rate-of-flow indicator, preferably with totalizer,
- ~~d.4.~~ a throttling valve used to reduce rates below normal during adverse raw water conditions,
- 5. evaluation of the need for body feed, recirculation, and any other pumps, in accordance with Section 6.3.2 and
- 6. provisions for filtering to waste with appropriate measures for backflow prevention (see Chapter 9.6)

| 4.2.3.11 Monitoring

- ~~a.\_\_\_\_\_ A continuous monitoring turbidimeter with recorder is required on each filter's effluent for plants treating surface water, unless there are two or fewer filters, in which case combined filter effluent may be monitored~~

b. ~~Particle monitoring equipment should be provided as a means to enhance overall treatment operations for plants treating surface water.~~

b. It is recommended the following be provided:

1. a 1 to 1.5 inch pressure hose and storage rack at the operating floor for washing the filter,
2. access to particle counting equipment as a means to enhance overall treatment operations,
3. a throttling valve used to reduce rates below normal during adverse raw water conditions,
4. evaluation of the need for body feed, recirculation, and any other pumps, in accordance with Section 6.3,
5. a flow rate controller capable of providing gradual rate increases when placing the filters back into operation, and
6. a continuous monitoring turbidimeter with recorder on each filter effluent for plants treating surface water.

#### 4.23.4 Slow sand filters

The use of these filters will require prior engineering studies to demonstrate the adequacy and suitability of this method of filtration for the specific raw water supply.

##### 4.23.4.1 Quality of raw water

Slow sand filtration must be limited to waters having maximum turbidities of 10 units and maximum color of 15 units; such turbidity must not be attributable to colloidal clay. ~~Raw water quality data must include examinations for algae.~~ Microscopic examination of the raw water must be made to determine the nature and extent of algae growths and their potential adverse impact on filter operations.

##### 4.23.4.2 Number

At least two units must be provided. Where only two units are provided, each must be capable of meeting the plant design capacity (normally the projected maximum daily demand) at the approved filtration rate. Where more than two filter units are provided, the filters must be capable of meeting the plant design capacity at the approved filtration rate with one filter removed from service.

##### 4.23.4.3 Structural details and hydraulics

Slow rate gravity filters must be so designed as to provide:

- a. a cover,
- b. headroom to permit normal movement by operating personnel for scraping and sand removal operations,
- c. adequate manholes and access ports for handling of sand,
- d. ~~filtration to waste,~~

e. ~~an overflow at the maximum filter water level,~~ and

fe. protection from freezing.

#### 4.23.4.4 Rates of filtration

The permissible rates of filtration must be determined by the quality of the raw water and experimental data derived from the water to be treated. The nominal rate may be 45 to 150 gallons per day per square foot of sand area, with somewhat higher rates acceptable when demonstrated to the satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 4.23.4.5 Underdrains

Each filter unit must be equipped with a main drain and an adequate number of lateral underdrains to collect the filtered water. The underdrains must be placed as close to the floor as possible and so spaced so that the maximum velocity of the water flow in the underdrain will not exceed 0.75 feet per second. The maximum spacing of laterals may not exceed 3 feet if pipe laterals are used.

#### 4.23.4.6 Filter material

- a. Filter sand must be placed on graded gravel layers for a minimum depth of 30 inches.
- b. The effective size must be between 0.15 mm and 0.30 mm. Larger sizes may be considered by MDEQ; a pilot study may be required.
- c. The uniformity coefficient may not exceed 2.5.
- d. The sand must be clean and free from foreign matter.
- e. The sand must be rebedded when scraping has reduced the bed depth to no less than 19 inches. Where sand is to be reused in order to provide biological seeding and shortening of the ripening process, rebedding must utilize a "throw over" technique whereby new sand is placed on the support gravel and existing sand is replaced on top of the new sand.

#### 4.23.4.7 Filter gravel

The supporting gravel must conform to the size and depth distribution provided for rapid rate gravity filters. See 4.23.1.6.e.5,6.

#### 4.23.4.8 Depth of water on filter beds

Design must provide a depth of at least three feet of water over the sand. Influent water may not scour the sand surface.

#### 4.23.4.9 Control appurtenances

Each filter must be equipped with:

- a. influent and effluent sampling taps;
- b. an indicating loss of head gauge, or other means to measure head loss;
- b. ~~an orifice, Venturi meter, or other suitable metering device installed on each filter to control the rate of filtration;~~

- c. an indicating rate-of-flow meter. A modified rate controller that limits the rate of filtration to a maximum rate may be used. However, equipment that simply maintains a constant water level on the filters is not acceptable, unless the rate of flow onto the filter is properly controlled. A pump or a flow meter in each filter effluent line may be used as the limiting device for the rate of filtration only after consultation with MDEQ;
- d. provisions for filtering to waste with appropriate measures for cross connection control;
- e. an orifice, Venturi meter, or other suitable means of discharge measurement installed on each filter to control the rate of filtration; and
- e.f. an effluent pipe designed to maintain the water level above the top of the filter sand;
- d. ~~an influent and effluent sample tap.~~

#### 4.23.4.10 Ripening

After scraping or rebedding, slow sand filters must be operated to waste during a ripening period until the filter effluent turbidity falls to consistently below the regulated drinking water standard established for the system.

#### 4.23.5 Direct filtration

Direct filtration, as used herein, refers to the filtration of a surface water following chemical coagulation and possibly flocculation but without prior settling. The nature of the treatment process will depend upon the raw water quality. A full-scale direct filtration plant may not be constructed without prior pilot studies, which are acceptable to MDEQ. In-plant demonstration studies may be appropriate where conventional treatment plants are converted to direct filtration. Where direct filtration is proposed, an engineering report must be submitted prior to conducting pilot plant or in-plant demonstration studies.

##### 4.23.5.1 Engineering report

In addition to the items considered in Section 1.1, "Engineering Report," the report must include a historical summary of meteorological conditions and of raw water quality with special reference to fluctuations in quality, and possible sources of contamination. The following raw water parameters must be evaluated in the report:

- a. color,
- b. turbidity,
- c. bacterial concentration,
- d. microscopic biological organisms, including algae,
- e. temperature,
- f. total solids,
- g. general inorganic chemical characteristics,
- h. additional parameters as required by MDEQ, and
- i. disinfection byproduct precursors.

The report must also include a description of methods and work to be done during a pilot plant study or, where appropriate, an in-plant demonstration study.

#### 4.23.5.2 Pilot plant studies

After approval of the engineering report and pilot plant protocol, a pilot study or in-plant demonstration study must be conducted. The study must be conducted over a sufficient time to treat all expected raw water conditions throughout the year. The study must emphasize but not be limited to, the following items:

- a. chemical mixing conditions including shear gradients and detention periods,
- b. chemical feed rates,
- c. use of various coagulants and coagulant aids,
- d. flocculation conditions,
- e. filtration rates,
- f. filter gradation, types of media and depth of media,
- g. filter breakthrough conditions, ~~and~~
- h. adverse impact of recycling backwash water due to solids, algae, disinfection byproduct formation and similar problems,
- i. length of filter runs,
- j. length of backwash cycles, and
- k. quantities and make-up of the wastewater.

Prior to the initiation of design plans and specifications, a final report including the engineer's design recommendations must be submitted to MDEQ. The pilot plant filter must be of a similar type and operated in the same manner as proposed for full-scale operation.

The pilot ~~plant study~~ must ~~demonstrate~~ determine the ~~minimum~~ contact time necessary for optimal filtration for each coagulant proposed.

#### 4.23.5.3 Pretreatment ~~Rapid mix~~ Coagulation and flocculation

The final ~~rapid mix~~ coagulation and flocculation basin design should be based on the pilot plant or in-plant demonstration studies augmented with applicable portions of ~~Section 4.1.2, "Rapid Mix" and Section 4.1.34.2.2, "Coagulation" and Section 4.2.3, "Flocculation."~~

#### 4.23.5.4 Filtration

- a. ~~Filters~~ must be rapid rate gravity or pressure filters with dual or mixed media. The final filter design must be based on the pilot plant or in-plant demonstration studies augmented by applicable portions of Section 4.23.1, "Rapid Rate Gravity Filters." Single media sand filters may not be used.

- b. ~~Surface wash, subsurface wash or air scour must be provided for the filters in accordance with 4.2.1.8 and 4.2.1.9.~~
- e. ~~Provisions for filtration to waste with appropriate measures for backflow prevention may be required by MDEQ.~~

#### 4.23.5.5 Control and operation Appurtenances

- a. ~~A continuous monitoring and recording turbidimeter must be installed on each filter effluent line. Effluent sample taps must be available whether or not turbidimeters are installed.~~
- b. ~~Additional continuous monitoring equipment to assist in control of coagulant dose may be required by MDEQ.~~

a. The following must be provided for every filter:

1. influent and effluent sampling taps;
2. an indicating loss of head gauge;
3. a meter indicating instantaneous rate of flow;
4. where used for surface water, provisions for filtering to waste with appropriate measures for cross connection control;
5. or systems with three or more filters, on-line turbidimeters must be installed on the effluent line from each filter. All turbidimeters must consistently determine and indicate the turbidity of the water in NTUs. Each turbidimeter must report to a recorder that is designed and operated to allow the operator to accurately determine the turbidity at least once every 15 minutes. Turbidimeters on individual filters should be designed to accurately measure low-range turbidities and have an alarm that will sound when the effluent level exceeds 0.3 NTU. It is recommended that turbidimeters be placed in a location that also allows measurement of turbidity during filter to waste; and
6. a flow rate controller capable of providing gradual rate increases when placing the filters back into operation.

b. It is recommended the following be provided for every filter:

1. wall sleeves providing access to the filter interior at several locations for sampling or pressure sensing,
2. a 1 to 1.5 inch pressure hose and storage rack at the operating floor for washing filter walls, and
3. particle monitoring equipment as a means to enhance overall treatment operations where used for surface water,

#### 4.23.5.6 Siting requirements

The plant design and land ownership surrounding the plant must allow for the installation of conventional sedimentation basins should it be found that such are necessary.

#### **4.23.6 Deep bed rapid rate gravity filters**

##### ~~4.2.6.1 Definition~~

~~Deep bed rapid rate gravity filters, as used herein, generally refers to rapid rate gravity filters with filter material depths equal to or greater than 48 inches. Filter media sizes are typically larger than those listed in Section 4.23.1.6 (ed).~~

##### ~~4.2.6.2 Pilot Studies~~

~~Deep bed rapid rate filters may be considered based on pilot studies pre-approved by MDEQ.~~

##### ~~4.2.6.3 Final Design~~

~~The final filter design must be based on the pilot plant studies and must comply with all applicable portions of Section 4.23.1. Careful attention must be paid to the design of the backwash system which usually includes simultaneous air scour and water backwash at subfluidization velocities.~~

#### **4.23.7 Biologically active filters**

##### ~~4.2.7.1 Definition~~

~~Biologically active filtration, as used herein, refers to the filtration of a surface water (or a ground water with iron, manganese, ammonia or significant natural organic material) which includes the establishment and maintenance of biological activity within the ~~filtration-filter~~ media.~~

Objectives of biologically active filtration may include control of disinfection byproduct precursors, increased disinfectant stability, reduction of substrates for microbial regrowth, breakdown of small quantities of synthetic organic chemicals, reduction of ammonia-nitrogen, and oxidation of iron and manganese. Biological activity can have an adverse impact on turbidity, particle and microbial pathogen removal, disinfection practices; head loss development; filter run times and distribution system corrosion. Design and operation must ensure that aerobic conditions are maintained at all times. Biologically active filtration often includes the use of ozone as a pre-oxidant/disinfectant which breaks down natural organic materials into biodegradable organic matter and granular activated carbon filter media which may promote denser biofilms.

##### ~~4.2.7.2 Pilot Studies~~

~~Biologically active filters may be considered based on pilot studies pre-approved by MDEQ. The study objectives must be clearly defined and must ensure the microbial quality of the filtered water under all anticipated conditions of operation. The pilot study must be of sufficient duration to ensure establishment of full biological activity; often greater than three months is required. Also, the pilot study must establish empty bed contact time, biomass loading, and/or other parameters necessary for successful operation as required by MDEQ.~~

##### ~~4.2.7.3 Final Design~~

~~The final filter design must be based on the pilot plant studies and must comply with all applicable portions of Section 4.23.1.~~

#### **4.23.8 Membrane Filtration: ~~Reverse Osmosis And Nanofiltration~~**

~~Overall treatment requirements and disinfection credits must be discussed with and approved by MDEQ. Disinfection is required with membrane filtration for additional pathogen control. The system must be properly disinfected and water must be run to waste each time the vessels are opened for maintenance.~~

##### ~~4.2.8.1 Selection and Design Considerations:~~

~~The following items must be considered in evaluating the applicability of reverse osmosis (RO) and nanofiltration (NF):~~

- a. Membrane Selection: Two types of membranes are typically used. These are Cellulose Acetate and Polyamide/Composite. Membrane configurations include tubular, spiral wound and hollow fine fiber. Operational conditions and useful life vary depending on type of membrane selected; quality of feedwater, and process operating parameters.
- b. Useful Life of the Membrane: The membrane represents a major cost component in the overall water system. Membrane replacement frequency can significantly affect the overall cost of operating the treatment facility. Power consumption may also be a significant cost factor for RO/NF plants.
- c. Pretreatment Requirements: Acceptable feedwater characteristics are dependent on the type of membrane and operational parameters of the system. Without pretreatment or acceptable feedwater quality, the membrane may become fouled or scaled, resulting in a shortened useful life. Pretreatment is usually needed for turbidity reduction, iron or manganese removal, stabilization of the water to prevent scale formation, microbial control, chlorine removal, and pH adjustment, and must be addressed by the design engineer
- d. Treatment Efficiency: Reverse osmosis is highly efficient in removing metallic salts and ions from the raw water. Efficiencies, however, do vary depending on the ion being removed and the membrane utilized. For most commonly encountered ions, removal efficiencies will range from 85% to over 99%. Organics removal is dependent on the molecular weight, the shape of the organic molecule and the pore size of the membrane utilized. Removal efficiencies may range from as high as 99% to less than 30%, depending on the membrane type and treatment objective.
- e. Bypass Water: Reverse osmosis permeate will be virtually demineralized. The design must provide for a portion of the raw water to bypass the unit to maintain a stable water within the distribution system and to improve process economics as long as the raw water does not contain unacceptable levels of contaminants. Use of split treatment/bypass water as a compliance strategy is subject to the approval of MDEQ.
- f. Post Treatment: Post treatment typically includes degasification for carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulfide removal (if present), pH and hardness adjustment for corrosion control and disinfection as a secondary pathogen control and for distribution system protection. Post treatment must be addressed by the design engineer in the design report.
- g. Reject Water: Reject water may range from 10% to 50% of the raw water pumped to the reverse osmosis unit. This may present a problem both from the standpoint of source availability and from the standpoint of waste treatment capabilities. The amount of reject water from a unit may be reduced to a limited extent by increasing the feed pressure to the unit; however, this may result in a shorter membrane life. Acceptable methods of waste disposal include discharge to the municipal sewer system, or to an evaporation pond. Reject water disposal, including quantity and quality, must be addressed by the design engineer in the design report. The method of waste disposal must be approved by MDEQ.
- h. Cleaning the Membrane: The membrane must be periodically cleaned with acid, detergents and possibly disinfectants, or replaced. Method of cleaning and chemicals used must be approved by MDEQ. Care must be taken in the acid cleaning process to prevent contamination of both the raw and finished water system. Cleaning chemicals, frequency and procedure must follow membrane manufacturer's guidelines. Chemicals must meet AWWA standards and ANS/NSF Standard 60, where applicable.

- i. ~~Pilot Plant/Verification Study: Prior to initiating the design of a reverse osmosis or nanofiltration treatment facility, MDEQ must be contacted to determine if a pilot plant or verification study will be required. In most cases, a pilot plant study will be required to determine the best membrane to use, the type of pretreatment, type of post treatment, the bypass ratio, the amount of reject water, process efficiency and other design criteria.~~
- j. ~~Operator Training and Startup: The ability to obtain qualified operators must be evaluated in selection of the treatment process. The necessary operator training must be provided prior to plant start-up. Systems that do not have certified operators must have third party maintenance contracts.~~
- a. Membrane technologies have a wide range of applications from the use of reverse osmosis for desalination, inorganic compound removal, and radionuclide removal to the use of lower pressure membranes for removal of surface water contaminants such as giardia and cryptosporidium. Membrane technologies are typically separated into four categories based on membrane pore size: reverse osmosis, nanofiltration, ultrafiltration, and microfiltration. When using membranes for treatment of surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water the reviewing agency should be contacted to determine inactivation/removal credits, Quality Control Release Value (QCRV) requirements and Log Removal Value (LRV) monitoring requirements for the specific membrane and treatment objective.
- b. The following items should be considered when evaluating the applicability of membrane processes.
  1. Treatment objectives. The selection of the specific membrane process should be matched to the desired treatment objectives. Removal is generally related to pore size and as such the larger pore size membranes are not appropriate for applications such as inorganic compound or radionuclide removal.
  2. Water quality considerations. A review of historical source raw water quality data, including turbidity and particle counts, seasonal changes, organic loading, microbial activity, and temperature differentials as well as other inorganic and physical parameters should be conducted. The data should be used to determine feasibility and cost of the system. The degree of pre-treatment may also be ascertained from the data. Design considerations and membrane selection at this phase must also address the issue of target removal efficiencies and system recovery versus acceptable transmembrane pressure differentials. On surface water supplies, pre-screening or cartridge filtration may be required. The source water temperature can significantly impact the flux of the membrane under consideration. At low water temperatures, the flux can be reduced appreciably (due to higher water viscosity and resistance of the membrane to permeate), possibly impacting process economics by the number of membrane units required for a full scale facility. Seasonal variation of design flow rates may be based on documented lower demand during colder weather.
  3. Pilot study/preliminary investigations. Prior to initiating the design of a membrane treatment facility, the reviewing agency should be contacted to determine if a pilot plant study will be required. In most cases, a pilot plant study will be required to determine the best membrane to use, the need for pretreatment, type of post treatment, the bypass ratio, the amount of reject water, system recovery, process efficiency, particulate/organism removal efficiencies, cold and warm water flux, fouling potential, operating and transmembrane pressure and other design and monitoring considerations. Any pathogen removal credit must also be documented through an appropriate piloting process. MDEQ

should be contacted prior to conducting the pilot study to establish the protocol to be followed.

4. Challenge Testing. Membranes treating surface waters or groundwater under the direct influence of a surface water must be challenge tested to establish a product specific maximum *Cryptosporidium* log removal credit.
5. Pretreatment. Acceptable feedwater characteristics are dependent on the type of membrane and operational parameters of the system. Without suitable pretreatment or acceptable feed water quality, the membrane may become fouled or scaled and consequently shorten its useful life. For reverse osmosis and nanofiltration processes pretreatment is usually needed for turbidity reduction, iron or manganese removal, stabilization of the water to prevent scale formation, microbial control, chlorine removal (for certain membrane types), and pH adjustment. Usually, at a minimum, cartridge filters should be provided for the protection of the reverse osmosis or nanofiltration membranes against particulate matter. Where the level of organics in the raw water may negatively impact the membrane performance, pretreatment must be provided.
6. Membrane materials. Two types of membranes are typically used for reverse osmosis and nanofiltration. These are cellulose acetate based and polyamide composites. Membrane configurations typically include tubular, spiral wound and hollow fiber. Microfiltration (MF) and nanofiltration (NF) membranes are most commonly made from organic polymers such as: cellulose acetate, polysulfones, polyamides, polypropylene, polycarbonates, and polyvinylidene. The physical configurations include: hollow fiber, spiral wound, and tubular. Operational conditions and useful life vary depending on type of membrane selected, quality of feed water, and process operating parameters. Some membrane materials are incompatible with certain oxidants. If the system must rely on pre-treatment oxidants for other purposes, for example, zebra mussel control, taste and odor control, or iron and manganese oxidation, the selection of the membrane material becomes a significant design consideration.
7. Useful life of membranes. Membrane replacement represents a major component in the overall cost of water production. The life expectancy of a particular membrane under consideration should be evaluated during the pilot study or from other relevant available data. Membrane life may also be reduced by operating at consistently high fluxes. Membrane replacement frequency is a significant factor in operation and maintenance cost comparisons in the selection of the process.
8. Treatment efficiency. Reverse osmosis (RO) and nanofiltration (NF) are highly efficient in removing metallic salts and ions from the raw water. Efficiencies, however, do vary depending on the ion being removed and the membrane utilized. For most commonly encountered ions, removal efficiencies will range from 85% to over 99%. Organic compound removal is dependent on the molecular weight, shape and charge of the organic compound and the pore size of the membrane utilized. Removal efficiencies may range from as high as 99% to less than 30%, depending on the membrane type and organic being considered.
9. Power consumption. Power consumption may be a significant cost factor for reverse osmosis plants. The power consumption of a particular membrane under consideration should be evaluated during the pilot study or from other relevant data.
10. Bypass water. Reverse osmosis (RO) permeate will be virtually demineralized. Nanofiltration (NF) permeate may also contain less dissolved minerals than desirable.

The design should provide for a portion of the raw water to bypass the unit to maintain stable water within the distribution system and to improve process economics as long as the raw water does not contain unacceptable contaminants. Alternative filtration is required for bypassed surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water.

11. Reject water. Reject water from reverse osmosis and nanofiltration membranes may range from 10% to 50% of the raw water pumped to the reverse osmosis unit, or in some cases significantly higher. For most brackish waters and ionic contaminant removal applications, reject is in the 10-25% range while for seawater it could be as high as 50%. The reject volume should be evaluated in terms of the source availability and from the waste treatment availabilities. The amount of reject water from a unit may be reduced to a limited extent by increasing the feed pressure to the unit. However, this may result in a shorter membrane life. Acceptable methods of waste disposal typically include discharge to a municipal sewer system, to waste treatment facilities, or to an evaporation pond.
12. Backflushing or cross flow cleansing. Automated periodic backflushing and cleaning is employed on microfiltration and ultrafiltration on a timed basis or once a target transmembrane pressure differential has been reached. Back flushing volumes can range from 5 -15 percent of the permeate flow depending upon the frequency of flushing/cleaning and the degree of fouling and this should be considered in the treatment system sizing and the capacity of the raw water source.
13. Membrane cleaning. The membrane must be periodically cleaned with acid, detergents and possibly disinfection. Method of cleaning and chemicals used must be approved by MDEQ. Care must be taken in the cleaning process to prevent contamination of both the raw and finished water system. Cleaning chemicals, frequency and procedure should follow membrane manufacturer's guidelines. Cleaning chemicals should be NSF/ANSI Standard 60 certified.
14. Membrane integrity and finished water monitoring. An appropriate level of direct and indirect integrity testing is required to routinely evaluate membrane and housing integrity and overall filtration performance. Direct integrity testing may include pressure and vacuum decay tests for MF& UF and marker-based tests for NF & RO. These are usually conducted at least once per day. Indirect monitoring options may include particle counters or turbidity monitors and should be done continuously. Consult the appropriate regulatory agency regarding specific process monitoring requirements.
15. Cross connection control. Cross connection control considerations must be incorporated into the system design, particularly with regard to chemical feeds and waste piping used for membrane cleaning, waste stream and concentrate. Typical protection includes block & bleed valves on the chemical cleaning lines and air gaps on the drain lines.
16. Redundancy of critical components. Redundancy of critical control components including but not limited to valves, air supply, and computers must be required as per MDEQ.
17. Post treatment. Post treatment of water treated using reverse osmosis or nanofiltration typically includes degasification for carbon dioxide (if excessive) and hydrogen sulfide removal (if present), pH and hardness adjustment for corrosion control and disinfection as a secondary pathogen control and for distribution system protection.

18. Operator training. The ability to obtain qualified operators must be evaluated in selection of the treatment process. The necessary operator training must be provided prior to plant startup.
19. Control systems required for central treatment (not point-of-use).
- a. Back-up systems. Automated monitoring and control systems must be provided with back-up power and operational control systems consisting of the following:
1. dual running programmable logic controllers (PLCs) with synchronized programs and memory, or spare PLCs loaded with the most current program,
  2. spare input/output (I/O) cards of each type,
  3. a minimum of 2 human machine interfaces (HMI), and
  4. backup power supply including uninterruptible power supply (UPS).
- b. Remote or unmanned operational control. Systems designed for remote or unmanned control must be provided alarms, communication systems, and automatic shutdown processes. MDEQ must be contacted to determine the extent of operational control required. At a minimum the following alarms must be provided:
1. high raw or filtrate turbidity,
  2. pump failure,
  3. high pressure decay test,
  4. high trans-membrane pressure,
  5. PLC failure,
  6. membrane unit shut down,
  7. clearwell level high or low,
  8. equipment failure,
  9. high or low chlorine residual,
  10. low chemical level,
  11. power failure,
  12. building intrusion, and
  13. building low temperature.
20. Membrane Replacement. The water supplier must plan and budget for regular membrane replacement.

#### 4.2.9—Microfiltration And Ultrafiltration

Chemicals used for cleaning and the method of and procedures for cleaning must be acceptable to the membrane manufacturer and approved by MDEQ. Chemicals must meet AWWA standards and ANS/NSF Standard 60, where applicable:

Overall treatment requirements and disinfection credits must be discussed with and approved by MDEQ. Disinfection is required with membrane filtration for additional pathogen control and distribution system protection. The system must be properly disinfected and water must be run to waste each time the vessels are opened for maintenance:

#### 4.2.9.1 Selection and Design Considerations:

The following items must be considered in evaluating the applicability of microfiltration (MF) and ultrafiltration (UF):

- a. A review of source raw water quality data, including turbidity or particle counts, seasonal changes, organic loading, microbial activity, temperature differentials, as well as other inorganic and physical parameters, must be conducted to determine feasibility and cost of the system. The degree of pre-treatment required, if any must be addressed by the design engineer. Design considerations and membrane selection at this phase must also address the issue of target removal efficiencies versus acceptable trans-membrane pressure differentials. On surface water supplies, pre-screening or cartridge filters may be required.
- b. Prior to initiating the design of a MF or UF treatment facility, MDEQ must be contacted to determine if a pilot plant or verification study will be required. In most cases, a pilot-plant study will be necessary to determine the best membrane to use, particulate/organism removal efficiencies, cold and warm water flux, the need for pre-treatment, fouling potential, operating and transmembrane pressure and other design considerations. Any virus removal credit must also be documented through an appropriate piloting process. MDEQ must be contacted prior to conducting the pilot study to establish the protocol to be followed.
- c. The life expectancy of a particular membrane under consideration must be evaluated during the pilot study or from other relevant available data. Membrane replacement frequency is a significant factor in operation and maintenance cost comparisons in the selection of the process.
- d. Some membrane materials are incompatible with certain oxidants. If the system must rely on pre-treatment oxidants for other purposes, for example, zebra mussel control, taste and odor control, and iron and manganese oxidation, the selection of the membrane material becomes a significant design consideration. The design engineer must address compatibility in the design report.
- e. The source water temperature can significantly impact the flux of the membrane under consideration. At low water temperatures the flux can be reduced appreciably (due to higher water viscosity and resistance of the membrane to permeate), possibly impacting process economics by the number of membrane units required for a full-scale facility. Seasonal variation of design flow rates may be based on documented lower demand during cold-weather.
- f. Back flushing volumes can range from 5-15 percent of the permeate flow, depending upon the frequency of flushing/cleaning and the degree of fouling and this must be considered in the treatment system sizing and the capacity of the raw water source.

- g. — An appropriate level of finished water monitoring as well as periodic integrity testing must be provided to routinely evaluate membrane and housing integrity and overall filtration performance. Monitoring options may include particle counters, manual and/or automated pressure testing or air diffusion tests, sonic testing, and biological testing. Consult MDEQ regarding process monitoring requirements.
- h. — Cross-connection considerations must be incorporated into the system design, particularly with regard to chemical feeds and waste piping used for membrane cleaning, waste stream and concentrate.
- i. — Redundancy of critical control components including but not limited to valves, air supply, and computers shall be required as per MDEQ.
- j. — Other post-membrane treatment requirements must be evaluated in the final design to address other contaminants of concern such as color and disinfection by-product precursors.
- k. — Operator Training and Startup: The ability to obtain qualified operators must be evaluated in selection of the treatment process. The necessary operator training must be provided prior to plant start-up.
- l. — The system must be properly disinfected and water must be run to waste each time the vessels are opened for maintenance.

#### 4.23.109 Bag and Cartridge Filters

Bag and cartridge technology has been used for some time in food, pharmaceutical and industrial applications. This technology is increasingly being used by small public water supplies for treatment of drinking water. A number of states have accepted bag and cartridge technology as an alternate technology for compliance with the filtration requirements of the Surface Water Treatment Rule and the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. In addition, bag and cartridge filters are included in the microbial toolbox options for meeting the *Cryptosporidium* treatment requirements of the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule.

The particulate loading capacity of these filters is low, and once expended the bag or cartridge filter must be discarded. This technology is designed to meet the low flow requirement needs of small systems. The operational and maintenance cost of bag and cartridge replacement must be considered when designing a system. These filters can effectively remove particles from water in the size range of *Giardia* cysts (5-10 microns) and *Cryptosporidium* (2-5 microns).

At the present time, filtration evaluation is based on *Cryptosporidium* oocyst removal. With this type of treatment there is no alteration of water chemistry. So, once the technology has demonstrated the 2-log removal efficiency, no further pilot demonstration is necessary. The demonstration of filtration is specific to a specific housing and a specific bag or cartridge filter. Any other combinations of different bags, cartridges, or housings will require additional demonstration of filter efficiency.

Treatment of a surface water must include source water protection, filtration, and disinfection sufficient to meet all applicable surface water treatment rules: The Surface Water Treatment Rule, Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule.. The following items must be considered in evaluating the applicability of bag or cartridge filtration.

##### 4.23.109.1 Pre-design/Design

- a. The filter housing and bag/cartridge filter must demonstrate a minimum filter efficiency of 2-log reduction in particles size 2 microns and above. Demonstration of higher log removals may be required by MDEQ depending on raw water quality and other treatment steps to be employed. MDEQ will decide whether or not a pilot demonstration or verification study is necessary for each installation. This filtration efficiency may be accomplished by:
1. Microscopic particulate analysis, including particle counting, sizing and identification, which determines occurrence and removals of micro-organisms and other particles across a filter or system under ambient raw water source conditions, or when artificially challenged.
  2. ~~*Giardia/Cryptosporidium*~~ ~~surrogate~~-particle removal evaluation in accordance with procedures specified in NSF Standard 53 or equivalent procedures. These evaluations may be conducted by NSF or by another third-party whose certification would be acceptable to MDEQ.
  3. "Protocol for Equipment Verification Testing for Physical Removal of Microbiological and Particulate Contaminants" procedure specified by EPA/NSF Environmental Technology Verification Program.
  4. ~~"Particle Size Analysis Demonstration for *Giardia* Cyst Removal Credit"~~ procedure presented in Appendix M of the EPA Surface Water Treatment Rule Guidance Manual Challenge testing procedure for bag and cartridge filters presented in Chapter 8 of the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule Toolbox Guidance Manual.
  - 4.5. "Nonconsensus" live ~~*Giardia-Cryptosporidium*~~ challenge studies that have been designed and carried out by a third-party agent recognized and accepted by MDEQ for interim evaluations. Presently, uniform protocol procedures have not been established for live ~~*Giardia-Cryptosporidium*~~ challenge studies. If a live ~~*Giardia-Cryptosporidium*~~ challenge study is performed on site there must be proper cross-connection control equipment in place and the test portion must be operated to waste.
  - 5.6. Methods other than these that are approved by MDEQ.
- b. System components such as housing, bags, cartridges, membranes, gaskets, and O-rings must be evaluated under NSF Standard 61, or an equivalent method, for leaching of contaminants. Additional testing may be required by MDEQ.
- c. The source water or pre-treated water must have a turbidity of less than 5 NTU.
- d. The flow rate through the treatment process must be monitored with a flow valve and meter. The flow rate through the bag/cartridge filter must not exceed ~~20 gpm, unless documentation at higher flow rates demonstrates that it will meet the requirements for removal of particles~~ the maximum flow rate verified by filtration efficiency testing.
- e. Pretreatment may be required by MDEQ. This is to provide a more constant water quality to the bag/cartridge filter and to extend bag and cartridge life. Examples of pretreatment include media filters, larger opening bag/cartridge filters, infiltration galleries, and beach wells. Location of the water intake must be considered in the pretreatment evaluation.
- f. Particle count analysis may be used to determine the level of pretreatment necessary. It should be noted that particulate counting is a "snap shot" in time and that there can be seasonal variations

such as algae blooms, lake turnover, spring runoff and heavy rainfall events that will give varied water quality.

- g. It is recommended that chlorine or another disinfectant be added at the head of the treatment process to reduce/eliminate the growth of algae, bacteria, etc., on the filters. The impact on disinfection-byproduct formation must be considered and addressed. The impact of disinfection on other unit processes in the treatment system must be considered and addressed. Disinfection may not be compatible with other treatment processes.
- h. A filter to waste component is strongly recommended for any pretreatment pressure sand filters. At the beginning of each filter cycle and/or after every backwash of the prefilters a set amount of water should be discharged to waste before water flows into the bag/cartridge filter. Filter to waste must be provided for the final filters and a set amount of water must be discharged to waste after changing the filters. The design engineer must determine the appropriate amount of filter to waste for each installation on a case-by-case basis.
- i. If pressure media filters are used for pretreatment they must be designed according to Section 4.23.2.
- j. Sampling taps must be provided before and after any treatment so water samples can be collected.
- k. Pressure gages, isolation valves and sampling taps must be installed before and after the media filter and before and after each bag/cartridge filter.
- l. An automatic air release valve must be installed on top of the filter housing.
- m. Frequent start and stop operation of the bag or cartridge filter should be avoided. To avoid this frequent start and stop cycle the following options are recommended.
  - 1. install a slow opening and closing valve ahead of the filter to reduce flow surges,
  - 2. reduce the flow through the bag or cartridge filter to as low as possible to lengthen filter run times; and
  - 3. install a re-circulating pump that pumps treated water back to a point ahead of the bag or cartridge filter. Care must be taken to make sure there is no cross connection between the finished water and raw water.
- n. A minimum of two bags or cartridge filter housings in parallel must be provided for water systems that must provide water continuously.
- o. A pressure relief valve must be incorporated into either the bag or cartridge filter housing or immediately upstream of the assembly, but downstream of the shutoff valve.
- p. Complete automation of the treatment system is not required. Automation of the treatment plant should be incorporated into the ability of the water system to monitor the finished water quality. Where required, a qualified water operator must be available to run the treatment plant.
- q. A plan of action must be in place if the water quality parameters fail to meet EPA or MDEQ standards.

4.23.109.2 Operations

- a. The filtration and backwash rates must be monitored so that the prefilters are being optimally used.
- b. The bag and cartridge filters must be replaced when a pressure difference of ~~30~~15 psi or other pressure difference recommended by the manufacturer is observed. It should be noted that bag filters do not load linearly. Additional observation of the filter performance is required near the end of the filter run.
- c. Maintenance (o-ring replacement) must be performed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- d. Sterile rubber gloves and disposable face mask covering the nose and mouth must be worn when replacing or cleaning the cartridge or bag filters.
- e. The filter system must be properly disinfected and water must be run to waste each time the cartridge or bag filter vessels are opened for maintenance.
- f. The following parameters must be monitored: instantaneous flow rate, total flow rate, operating pressure, pressure differential, and turbidity.

#### 4.34 DISINFECTION

Chlorine is the preferred disinfecting agent. Chlorination may be accomplished with liquid chlorine, calcium or sodium hypochlorites or chlorine dioxide. Other disinfecting agents will be considered, providing reliable application equipment is available and testing procedures for a residual, where applicable, are recognized in "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," latest edition. Disinfection is required at all surface water supplies and at any groundwater supply of questionable sanitary quality, or where any other treatment, i.e., chemical addition, is provided. Continuous disinfection is recommended for all water supplies. The potential for formation of unacceptable levels of disinfection by-products must be addressed. Results of physical and chemical analyses for pH, temperature, alkalinity, hardness, conductance, iron, manganese, hydrogen sulfide, and total organic carbon (TOC) and the constituents of 1-7 below must be provided with all submittals for chlorination systems. ~~The need for pretreatment must be addressed where the following levels are exceeded:~~ Estimates of chlorine demand must be provided and dose calculations adjusted for:

1. iron > 0.3 mg/L,
2. manganese > 0.05 mg/L,
3. hydrogen sulfide > 0.5 mg/L,
4. total organic carbon > 10 mg/L, and
5. ~~Total Dissolved Solids > 500 mg/L~~
5. Nitrite
6. Ammonia
7. Organic Nitrogen

~~Estimates of associated chlorine demand must be provided, and dose calculations adjusted accordingly.~~ To limit precipitation and objectionable water quality, the need for pretreatment must be addressed where the following levels are exceeded:

1. Iron > 0.3 mg/l
2. Manganese > 0.05 mg/l

##### 4.34.1 Chlorination equipment

###### 4.34.1.1 Type

Solution-feed gas chlorinators or hypochlorite feeders of the positive displacement type must be provided. (See Chapter 5.)

#### 4.34.1.2 Capacity

The chlorinator capacity must be such that a free chlorine residual as estimated under 4.3.2. of at least 2 milligrams per liter can be maintained in the water after contact time when maximum flow rate coincides with anticipated maximum chlorine demand. Higher free chlorine residuals and longer chlorine contact times may be required. The equipment must be of such design that it will operate accurately over the desired feeding range.

#### 4.34.1.3 Standby equipment

Where chlorination is required for protection of the supply, standby equipment of sufficient capacity must be available to replace the largest unit. Spare parts must be made available to replace parts subject to wear and breakage. If there is a large difference in feed rates between routine and emergency dosages, a gas metering tube should be provided for each dose range to ensure accurate control of the chlorine feed.

#### 4.34.1.4 Automatic switchover

Where necessary to protect the public health, automatic switchover of chlorine cylinders must be provided to assure continuous disinfection.

#### 4.34.1.5 Automatic proportioning

Automatic proportioning chlorinators will be required where the rate of flow or chlorine demand is not reasonably constant.

#### 4.34.1.6 Eductor

Each eductor must be selected for the point of application with particular attention given to the quantity of chlorine to be added, the maximum injector waterflow, the total discharge back pressure, the injector operating pressure, and the size of the chlorine solution line. Gauges for measuring water pressure and vacuum at the inlet and outlet of each eductor must be provided.

#### 4.34.1.7 Injector/diffuser

The chlorine solution injector/diffuser must be compatible with the point of application to provide a rapid and thorough mix with all the water being treated. The center of a pipeline is the preferred application point.

### 4.34.2 Contact time and point of application

- a. Due consideration must be given to the contact time of the chlorine in water with relation to pH, ammonia, taste-producing substances, temperature, bacterial quality, disinfection byproduct formation potential and other pertinent factors. The disinfectant must be applied at a point that will provide adequate contact time. All basins used for disinfection must be designed to minimize short circuiting. Additional baffling can be added to new or existing basins to minimize short circuiting and increase contact time. Baffling factors must be determined in accordance with Appendix EC of the EPA document, "Guidance Manual for Compliance with the Filtration and Disinfection Requirements for Public Water Systems Using Surface Water Sources", March 1991 Edition. The baffling factor used must be approved by MDEQ.

- b. At plants treating surface water, provisions should be made for applying chlorine to the raw water, settled water, filtered water, and water entering the distribution system. The contact time as required in 4.3.2.d must be provided after filtration unless otherwise approved by MDEQ.
- c. As a minimum, at plants treating groundwater, provisions should be made for applying disinfectant to the detention basin inlet and water entering the distribution system.
- d. Free residual chlorination is the preferred practice. **A contact time as required by MDEQ must be provided.** Contact time must be based on tables in Appendix E of the EPA document, "Guidance Manual for Compliance with the Filtration and Disinfection Requirements for Public Water Systems Using Surface Water Sources", March 1991 Edition. Contact times for inactivation of both *Giardia* cysts and viruses must be considered, where applicable. The contact time will depend upon water pH and temperature, the design of the contact basin, method of filtration, the proposed disinfectant, minimum disinfectant residual at the exit of the contact basin and treatment process control.
- e. If primary disinfection is accomplished using ozone or some other method that does not provide a residual disinfectant, then chlorine may be required to provide a residual disinfectant as discussed in 4.3.3. Disinfection for groundwaters systems will be determined by MDEQ under ARM 17.38.229.
- f. When chlorination is used for pathogen inactivation, Smooth-nose sample taps must be provided before and after the point of disinfectant application—CT volume in accordance with Chapter 2. The point of compliance for CT calculations will be after the contact volume and before or at the first service connection.

#### 4.34.3 Residual chlorine

Minimum free chlorine residual at distant points in a water distribution system should be 0.2 to 0.5 milligrams per liter. ~~Combined chlorine residuals, if appropriate, should be 1.0 to 2.0 milligrams per liter at distant points in the distribution system.~~ Minimum chloramines residuals, where chloramination is practiced should be 1.0 mg/l at distant points in the distribution system.

Higher residuals may be required depending on pH, temperature and other characteristics of the water.

#### 4.34.4 Testing equipment

- a. Chlorine residual test equipment, recognized in the latest edition of Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater, must be provided and must be capable of measuring residuals to the nearest ~~0.1 milligrams per liter in the range below 0.5 milligrams per liter, to the nearest 0.3 milligrams per liter between 0.5 milligrams per liter and 1.0 milligrams per liter and to the nearest 0.5 milligrams per liter between 1.0 milligrams per liter and 2.0 milligrams per liter.~~ 0.01 mg/L in the range below 1.0 mg/L, to the nearest 0.1 mg/L between 1.0 mg/L and 2.5 mg/L and to the nearest 0.2 mg/L above 2.5 mg/L. All systems must use an instrument ~~using the DPD colorimetric method with a digital readout and a self-contained light source, or amperometric titration.~~
- b. All surface water treatment plants must be equipped with recording chlorine analyzers monitoring water entering the distribution system, except as allowed by the MDEQ. (See Section 2.8.)
- c. ~~MDEQ must be contacted to determine if automatic chlorine residual recorders will be required for groundwater systems having a capacity of 0.5 million gallons per day or greater or where the chlorine demand varies appreciably over a short period of time.~~ All ground water treatment

plants that are disinfecting for source water pathogens and serve a population greater than 3300 must have equipment to measure chlorine residuals continuously entering the distribution system.

- d. Systems that rely on chlorination for inactivation of bacteria or other microorganisms present have confirmed pathogens in the source water must have continuous chlorine analyzers and other equipment that automatically shut down the facility when chlorine residuals are not met unless otherwise approved by MDEQ.
- e. All continuously recording chlorine residual analyzers must be compatible with the requirements of EPA Method 334.0 or ChloroSense (Palintest).

#### **4.34.5 Chlorinator piping**

##### 4.34.5.1 Cross-connection protection

The chlorinator water supply piping must be designed to prevent contamination of the treated water supply by sources of questionable quality. At all facilities treating surface water, pre- and post-chlorination systems must be independent to prevent possible siphoning of partially treated water into the clear well. The water supply to each eductor must have a separate shut-off valve. No master shut-off valve will be allowed.

##### 4.34.5.2 Pipe material

The pipes carrying elemental liquid or dry gaseous chlorine under pressure must be Schedule 80 seamless steel tubing or other materials recommended by the Chlorine Institute (never use PVC). Rubber, PVC, polyethylene, or other materials recommended by the Chlorine Institute must be used for chlorine solution piping and fittings. Nylon products are not acceptable for any part of the chlorine solution piping system.

#### **4.34.6 Housing**

Adequate housing must be provided for the chlorination equipment and for storing the chlorine. (See Chapter 5-)

#### **4.34.7 Ozone**

##### 4.34.7.1 Design considerations

Ozonation systems are generally used for the purpose of disinfection, oxidation and microflocculation. When applied, all of these reactions may occur but typically only one is the primary purpose for its use. The other reactions would become secondary benefits of the installation.

Effective disinfection occurs as demonstrated by the fact that the "CT" values for ozone, for inactivation of viruses and *Giardia* cysts, are considerably lower than the "CT" values for other disinfectants. In addition, recent research indicates that ozone can be an effective disinfectant for the inactivation of *cryptosporidium*.

Microflocculation and enhanced filterability has been demonstrated for many water supplies but has not occurred in all waters. Oxidation of organic compounds such as color, taste and odor, and detergents and inorganic compounds such as iron, manganese, heavy metals and hydrogen sulfide has been documented.

The effectiveness of oxidation has been varied, depending on pH and alkalinity of the water. These parameters affect the formation of highly reactive hydroxyl radicals, or, conversely the scavenging of this oxidant. High levels of hydroxyl radicals cause lower levels of residual ozone. Depending on the desired oxidation reaction, it may be necessary to maximize ozone residual or maximize hydroxyl radical formation. For disinfection, residual ozone is necessary for development of "CT".

As a minimum, bench scale studies must be conducted to determine minimum and maximum ozone dosages for disinfection "CT" compliance and oxidation reactions. More involved pilot studies must be conducted when necessary to document benefits and DBP precursor removal effectiveness. Consideration must be given to multiple points of ozone addition. Pilot studies must be conducted for all surface waters. Extreme care must be taken during bench and pilot scale studies to ensure accurate results. Particularly sensitive measurements include gas flow rate, water flow rate, and ozone concentration

Following the use of ozone, the application of a disinfectant may be required in order to ensure a bacteriologically safe water is carried throughout the distribution system. The ability to obtain qualified operators must be evaluated in selection of the treatment process. The necessary operator training must be provided prior to plant startup.

The production of ozone is an energy intensive process: substantial economies in electrical usage, reduction in equipment size, and waste heat removal requirements can be obtained by using oxygen enriched air or 100% oxygen as feed, and by operating at increased electrical frequency.

Use of ozone may result in increases in biologically available organics content of the treated water. Consideration of biologically active filtration may be required to stabilize some treated waters. Ozone use may also lead to increased chlorinated byproduct levels if the water is not stabilized and free chlorine is used for distribution protection.

#### 4.34.7.2 Feed Gas Preparation

##### a. General

1. Feed gas can be air, oxygen enriched air, or high purity oxygen. Sources of high purity oxygen include purchased liquid oxygen; on site generation using cryogenic air separation; or temperature, pressure or vacuum swing (adsorptive separation) technology. For high purity oxygen-feed systems, dryers typically are not required.
2. Air handling equipment on conventional low pressure air feed systems must consist of an air compressor, water/air separator, refrigerant dryer, heat reactivated desiccant dryer, and particulate filters. Some "package" ozonation systems for small plants may work effectively operating at high pressure without the refrigerant dryer and with a "heat-less" desiccant dryer. In all cases the design engineer must ensure that the maximum dew point of  $-76^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) will not be exceeded at any time.

##### b. Air Compression

1. Air compressors must be of the liquid-ring or rotary lobe, oil-less, positive displacement type for smaller systems or dry rotary screw compressors for larger systems.
2. The air compressors must have the capacity to simultaneously provide for maximum ozone demand, provide the air flow required for purging the desiccant dryers (where required) and allow for standby capacity.
3. Air feed for the compressor must be drawn from a point protected from rain, condensation, mist, fog and contaminated air sources to minimize moisture and hydrocarbon content of the air supply.
4. A compressed air after-cooler and/or entrainment separator with automatic drain must be provided prior to the dryers to reduce the water vapor.

5. A back-up air compressor must be provided so that ozone generation is not interrupted in the event of a break-down.

c. Air Drying

1. Dry, dust-free and oil-free feed gas must be provided to the ozone generator. Dry gas is essential to prevent formation of nitric acid, to increase the efficiency of ozone generation and to prevent damage to the generator dielectrics. Sufficient drying to a maximum dew point of -76°F (-60°C) must be provided at the end of the drying cycle.
2. Drying for high pressure systems may be accomplished using heatless desiccant dryers only. For low pressure systems, a refrigeration air dryer in series with heat-reactivated desiccant dryers must be used.
3. A refrigeration dryer capable of reducing inlet air temperature to 40°F (4°C) must be provided for low pressure air preparation systems. The dryer can be of the compressed refrigerant type or chilled water type.
4. For heat-reactivated desiccant dryers, the unit must contain two desiccant filled towers complete with pressure relief valves, two four-way valves and a heater. In addition, external type dryers must have a cooler unit and blowers. The size of the unit must be such that the specified dew point will be achieved during a minimum adsorption cycle time of 16 hours while operating at the maximum expected moisture loading conditions.
5. Multiple air dryers must be provided so that the ozone generation is not interrupted in the event of dryer breakdown.
6. Each dryer must be capable of venting "dry" gas to the atmosphere, prior to the ozone generator, to allow start-up when other dryers are "on-line".

d. Air Filters

1. Air filters must be provided on the suction side of the air compressors, between the air compressors and the dryers and between the dryers and the ozone generators.
2. The filter before the desiccant dryers must be of the coalescing type and be capable of removing aerosol and particulates larger than .03 microns in diameter. The filter after the desiccant dryer must be of the particulate type and be capable of removing all particulates greater than 0.1 microns in diameter, or smaller if specified by the generator manufacturer.

e. Preparation Piping

Piping in the air preparation system can be common grade steel, seamless copper, stainless steel or galvanized steel. The piping must be designed to withstand the maximum pressures in the air preparation system.

4.34.7.3 Ozone Generator

a. Capacity

1. The production rating of the ozone generators must be stated in pounds per day and kWhr per pound at a maximum cooling water temperature and maximum ozone concentration.

2. The design must ensure that the minimum concentration of ozone in the generator exit gas will not be less than 1 percent (by weight).
  3. Generators must be sized to have sufficient reserve capacity so that the system does not operate at peak capacity for extended periods of time. This can result in premature breakdown of the dielectrics.
  4. The production rate of ozone generators will decrease as the temperature of the coolant increases. If there is to be a variation in the supply temperature of the coolant throughout the year, then pertinent data must be used to determine production changes due to the temperature change of the supplied coolant. The design must ensure that the generators can produce the required ozone at maximum coolant temperature.
  5. Appropriate ozone generator backup equipment must be provided.
- b. Specifications must require that the transformers, electronic circuitry and other electrical hardware be proven, high quality components designed for ozone service.
  - c. Adequate cooling must be provided. The required water flow to an ozone generator varies with the ozone production. Normally unit design provides a maximum cooling water temperature rise of 5°F (2.8°C). The cooling water must be properly treated to minimize corrosion, scaling and microbiological fouling of the water side of the tubes. A closed loop cooling water system is often used to insure proper water conditions are maintained. Where cooling water is treated, cross connection control must be provided to prevent contamination of the potable water supply in accordance with Section 8.8.210.
  - d. To prevent corrosion, the ozone generator shell and tubes must be constructed of Type 316L stainless steel.

#### 4.34.7.4 "A"- Ozone Contactors

The selection or design of the contactor and method of ozone application depends on the purpose for which the ozone is being used.

- a. Bubble Diffusers
  1. Where disinfection is the primary application a minimum of two contact chambers each equipped with baffles to prevent short circuiting and induce countercurrent flow must be provided. Ozone must be applied using porous-tube or dome diffusers. A design employing counter and co-current flow may be considered by MDEQ.
  2. The minimum contact time must be 10 minutes. A shorter contact time may be approved by MDEQ if justified by appropriate design and "CT" considerations.
  3. For ozone applications in which precipitates are formed, such as with iron and manganese removal, porous diffusers should be used with caution.
  4. Where taste and odor control is of concern, multiple application points and contactors should be considered.
  5. Contactors should be separate closed vessels that have no common walls with adjacent rooms. The contactor must be kept under negative pressure and sufficient ozone monitors

must be provided to protect worker safety. Placement of the contactor where the entire roof is exposed to the open atmosphere is recommended.

6. Large contact vessels should be made of reinforced concrete. All reinforcement bars must be covered with a minimum of 1.5 inches of concrete. Smaller contact vessels can be made of stainless steel, fiberglass or other material which will be stable in the presence of residual ozone and ozone in the gas phase above the water level.
  7. Where necessary a system must be provided between the contactor and the off-gas destruct unit to remove froth from the air and return the other to the contactor or other location acceptable to MDEQ. If foaming is expected to be excessive, then a potable water spray system must be placed in the contactor head space.
  8. All openings into the contactor for pipe connections, hatchways; etc. must be properly sealed using welds or ozone resistant gaskets such as Teflon or Hypalon.
  9. Multiple sampling ports must be provided to enable sampling of each compartment's effluent water and to confirm "CT" calculations.
  10. A pressure/vacuum relief valve must be provided in the contactor and piped to a location where there will be no damage to the destruction unit.
  11. The diffusion system should work on a countercurrent basis such that the ozone is fed at the bottom of the vessel and water is fed at the top of the vessel.
  12. The depth of water in bubble diffuser contactors should be a minimum of 18 feet. The contactor should also have a minimum of 3 feet of freeboard to allow for foaming.
  13. All contactors must have provisions for cleaning, maintenance and drainage of the contactor. Each contactor compartment must also be equipped with an access hatchway.
  14. Aeration diffusers must be fully serviceable by either cleaning or replacement.
- b. Other contactors, such as the venturi or aspirating turbine mixer contactor, may be approved by MDEQ provided adequate ozone transfer is achieved and the required contact times and residuals can be met and verified.

#### 4.34.7.5 Ozone Destruction Unit

- a. A system for treating the final off-gas from each contactor must be provided in order to meet safety and air quality standards. Acceptable systems include thermal destruction and thermal/catalytic destruction units.
- b. In order to reduce the risk of fires, the use of units that operate at lower temperatures is encouraged, especially where high purity oxygen is the feed gas.
- c. The maximum allowable ozone concentration in the discharge is 0.1 ppm (by volume).
- d. At least two units must be provided which are each capable of handling the entire gas flow.
- e. Exhaust blowers must be provided in order to draw off-gas from the contactor into the destruct unit.

- f. The catalyst and heating elements must be located where they can easily be reached for maintenance.
- g. Catalysts must be protected from froth, moisture and other impurities that may harm the catalyst.

#### 4.34.7.6 Piping Materials

Only low carbon 304L and 316L stainless steels must be used for ozone service with 316L preferred.

#### 4.34.7.7 Joints and Connections

- a. Connections on piping used for ozone service are to be welded where possible.
- b. Connections with meters, valves or other equipment are to be made with flanged joints with ozone resistant gaskets, such as Teflon or Hypalon. Screwed fittings must not be used because of their tendency to leak.
- c. A positive closing plug or butterfly valve plus a leak-proof check valve must be provided in the piping between the generator and the contactor to prevent moisture reaching the generator.

#### 4.34.7.8 Instrumentation

- a. Pressure gauges must be provided at the discharge from the air compressor, at the inlet to the refrigeration dryers, at the inlet and outlet of the desiccant dryers, at the inlet to the ozone generators and contactors and at the inlet to the ozone destruction unit.
- b. Electric power meters should be provided for measuring the electric power supplied to the ozone generators. Each generator must have a trip that shuts down the generator when the wattage exceeds a certain preset level.
- c. Dew point monitors must be provided for measuring the moisture of the feed gas from the desiccant dryers. Because it is critical to maintain the specified dew point, it is recommended that continuous recording charts be used for dew point monitoring which will allow for proper adjustment of the dryer cycle. Where there is potential for moisture entering the ozone generator from downstream of the unit or where moisture accumulation can occur in the generator during shutdown, post-generator dew point monitors must be used.
- d. Air flow meters must be provided for measuring air flow from the desiccant dryers to each of other ozone generators, air flow to each contactor and purge air flow to the desiccant dryers.
- e. Temperature gauges must be provided for the inlet and outlet of the ozone cooling water and the inlet and outlet of the ozone generator feed gas, and, if necessary, for the inlet and outlet of the ozone power supply cooling water.
- f. Water flow meters must be installed to monitor the flow of cooling water to the ozone generators and, if necessary, to the ozone power supply.
- g. Ozone monitors must be installed to measure zone concentration in both the feed-gas and off-gas from the contactor and in the off-gas from the destruct unit. For disinfection systems, monitors must also be provided for monitoring ozone residuals in the water. The number and location of ozone residual monitors must be such that the amount of time that the water is in contact with the ozone residual can be determined.

- h. A minimum of one ambient ozone monitor must be installed in the vicinity of the contactor and a minimum of one must be installed in the vicinity of the generator. Ozone monitors must also be installed in any areas where ozone gas may accumulate.

#### 4.34.7.9 Alarms

The following alarm/shutdown systems must be included at each installation:

- a. Dew point shutdown/alarm - This system must shut down the generator in the event the system dew point exceeds - 76°F (-60°C).
- b. Ozone generator cooling water flow shutdown/alarm - This system must shut down the generator in the event that cooling water flows decreases to the point that generator damage could occur.
- c. Ozone power supply cooling water flow shutdown/alarm - This system must shut down the power supply in the event that cooling water flow decreases to the point that damage could occur to the power supply.
- d. Ozone generator cooling water temperature shutdown/alarm - This system must shutdown the generator if either the inlet or outlet cooling water exceeds a certain preset temperature.
- e. Ozone power supply cooling water temperature shutdown/alarm - This system must shutdown the power supply if either the inlet or outlet cooling water exceeds a certain preset temperature.
- f. Ozone generator inlet feed-gas temperature shutdown/alarm - This system must shutdown the generator if the feed-gas temperature is above a preset value.
- g. Ambient ozone concentration shutdown/alarm - The alarm must sound when the ozone level in the ambient air exceeds 0.1 ppm or a lower value chosen by the water supplier. Ozone generator shutdown must occur when ambient ozone levels exceed 0.3 ppm (or a lower value) in either the vicinity of the ozone generator or the contactor.
- h. Ozone destruct temperature alarm - The alarm must sound when temperature exceeds a preset value.

#### 4.34.7.10 Safety

- a. The maximum allowable ozone concentration in the air to which workers may be exposed must not exceed 0.1 ppm (by volume).
- b. Noise levels resulting from the operating equipment of the ozonation system must be controlled to within acceptable limits by special room construction and equipment isolation.
- c. High voltage and high frequency electrical equipment must meet current electrical and fire codes.
- d. Emergency exhaust fans must be provided in the rooms containing the ozone generators to remove ozone gas if leakage occurs.
- e. A portable purge air blower that will remove residual ozone in the contactor prior to entry for repair or maintenance must be provided.

- f. A sign must be posted indicating "No smoking, oxygen in use" at all entrances to the treatment plant. In addition, no flammable or combustible materials shall be stored within the oxygen generator areas.

#### | 4.34.7.11 Construction Considerations

- a. Prior to connecting the piping from the desiccant dryers to the ozone generators the air compressors-must be used to blow the dust out of the desiccant.
- b. The contactor must be tested for leakage after sealing the exterior. This can be done by pressurizing the contactor and checking for pressure losses.
- c. Connections on the ozone service line must be tested for leakage using the soap-test method

#### | 4.34.8 Chlorine dioxide

Chlorine dioxide may be considered as a primary and residual disinfectant, a pre-oxidant to control tastes and odors, to oxidize iron and manganese, and to control hydrogen sulfide and phenolic compounds. It has been shown to be a strong disinfectant which does not form THMs or HAAs. When choosing chlorine dioxide, consideration must be given to formation of the regulated byproducts, chlorite and chlorate.

#### | 4.34.8.1 Chlorine dioxide generators

Chlorine dioxide generation equipment must be factory assembled pre-engineered units with a minimum efficiency of 95 percent. The excess free chlorine must not exceed three percent of the theoretical stoichiometric concentration required.

#### | 4.34.8.2 Feed and storage facilities

Chlorine gas and sodium chlorite feed and storage facilities must comply with sections 5.4.1 and 5.4.4, respectively. Sodium hypochlorite feed and storage facilities must comply with section 5.4.5.

#### | 4.34.8.3 Other design requirements

- a. The design must comply with all applicable portions of sections ~~4.3~~ 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.4, and 4.4.5.
- b. The maximum residual disinfectant level has been set at 0.8 mg/l, even for short term exposures. The minimum residual disinfectant level ~~shall~~will be established by MDEQ.

#### | 4.34.8.4 Public notification

Notification of a change in disinfection practices and the schedule for the changes must be made known to the public; particularly to hospitals, kidney dialysis facilities and fish breeders, as chlorine dioxide and its byproducts may have similar effects as chloramines.

#### | 4.34.9 Ultraviolet light

See Policy Statement On Ultraviolet Light For Treatment Of Public Water Supplies.

#### | 4.34.10 Other disinfecting agents

Proposals for use of disinfecting agents other than those listed must be approved by MDEQ prior to preparation of final plans and specifications. Pilot studies may be required.

## 4.45 SOFTENING

The softening process selected must be based upon the mineral qualities of the raw water and the desired finished water quality in conjunction with requirements for disposal of sludge or brine waste, cost of plant, cost of chemicals and plant location. Applicability of the process chosen must be demonstrated.

### 4.45.1 Lime or lime-soda process

Design standards for rapid mix, flocculation and sedimentation are in Section 4.42. Additional consideration must be given to the following process elements.

#### 4.45.1.1 Hydraulics

When split treatment is used, the bypass line ~~must~~ should be sized to carry total plant flow, and an accurate means of measuring and splitting the flow must be provided.

#### 4.45.1.2 Aeration

Determinations should be made for the carbon dioxide content of the raw water. When concentrations exceed 10 milligrams per liter, the economics of removal by aeration as opposed to removal with lime should be considered if it has been determined that dissolved oxygen in the finished water will not cause corrosion problems in the distribution system. (See Section 4.57.)

#### 4.45.1.3 Chemical feed point

Lime and recycled sludge should be fed directly into the rapid mix basin.

#### 4.45.1.4 Rapid mix

Rapid mix basins ~~must provide~~ detention times should be instantaneous, but not more longer than 30 seconds detention time with adequate velocity gradients to keep the lime particles dispersed.

#### 4.45.1.5 Stabilization

Equipment for stabilization of water softened by the lime or lime-soda process is required. (See Section 4.810.)

#### 4.45.1.6 Sludge collection

- a. Mechanical sludge removal equipment must be provided in the sedimentation basin.
- b. Sludge ~~recycling should be recycled~~ to the point of rapid mix should be provided.

#### 4.45.1.7 Sludge disposal

Provisions must be included for proper disposal of softening sludges. (See Chapter 9.)

#### 4.45.1.8 Disinfection

The use of excess lime is not an acceptable substitute for disinfection. (See Section 4.34.)

#### 4.45.1.9 Plant start-up

The plant processes must be manually started following shut-down.

#### 4.5.1.10 Water quality test equipment

Test equipment for alkalinity, total hardness, carbon dioxide content and pH should be provided to determine treatment effectiveness.

### **4.6 ION EXCHANGE- ANION AND CATION EXCHANGE**

Alternative methods of hardness reduction should be investigated when the sodium content and dissolved solids concentration is of concern.

#### **4.6.1 Pilot Testing**

A pilot study may be required to identify and resolve technical or operational issues that may affect the use of the device for meeting the treatment requirement. The following items must be adequately addressed if pilot testing is conducted:

- a. Raw water quality under normal and peak conditions, including seasonal variation must be evaluated. The range of raw water quality observed must be adequately addressed by the design. Raw water quality parameters to be monitored include competing ions, the contaminant(s) being removed, and any other parameters identified by the resin manufacturer. Testing must be performed to determine concentrations of interfering and competing ions. For anion exchange, TDS and sulfate must be analyzed at a minimum. For cation exchange, iron and manganese must be analyzed at a minimum.
- b. Monitoring of treated water for the design contaminant during the pilot test period is required. The minimum frequency is one time immediately after installation and startup, once immediately before and after each scheduled resin change or regeneration cycle, and once quarterly for the remainder of the verification testing period unless conditions indicate that additional process control monitoring is needed or a correlation between gallon throughput and exhaustion is established.
- c. Regeneration duration and frequency. Resin regeneration must occur prior to the contaminant concentration in the treated water exceeding 75 percent of the MCL. Deviations may be considered to allow the regeneration frequency to be reduced for analysis purposes during the pilot testing that would result in treated water exceeding 75% of the MCL.
- d. Quantity and quality of waste generated through reject streams, backwash/regeneration cycles, and ultimate disposal of resin.
  1. Determine whether waste from treatment process results in exceeding the capacity of the wastewater collection and disposal system.
  2. Determine whether batch or continuous discharge will impact disposal.
  3. Determine compatibility with waste receiving system.
- e. Maintenance and sampling costs and requirements of automatically regenerating resin systems should be compared with those of disposable resin systems.

- f. Maintenance requirements and maintenance roles and responsibilities must be clearly specified in the program outline. A third party maintenance contract will be required for the life of the system for systems without certified operators.
- g. Potential corrosivity of treated water must be addressed. Corrosion control or blending of raw and treated water may be required.
- h. Type of resin to be used and potential for chromatographic peaking at failure must be addressed.

#### **4.6.2 Pre-treatment requirements**

Pre-treatment is required when the content of competing ions reduces treatment efficiency or if other parameters that cause fouling are present. Pretreatment must provide adequate treatment such that the water entering the ion exchange unit complies with manufacturer's recommendations. Iron, manganese or a combination of the two should not exceed 0.3 mg/l in the water as applied to the ion exchange resin. Pre-treatment is required when the content of iron, manganese or a combination of the two is 1 mg/l or more for cation exchange and 0.5 mg/l for anion exchange. Waters having 5 units or more turbidity should not be applied directly to a cation exchange treatment system.

#### **4.6.3 Design**

The units may be of pressure or gravity type, of either an upflow or downflow design. Automatic regeneration based on volume of water treated or other measurable parameter must be used unless manual regeneration is justified and is approved by MDEQ. Resin regeneration must occur prior to the contaminant concentration in the treated water exceeding 75 percent of the MCL. A manual override must be provided on all automatic controls.

#### **4.6.4 Exchange capacity**

The design capacity for contaminant removal must not exceed manufacturer's recommendations or as demonstrated through a pilot test study.

#### **4.6.5 Depth of resin**

The depth of the exchange resin must be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and must allow adequate resin expansion and cleaning within the vessel during backwash.

#### **4.6.6 Number of Units**

For community water systems, at least two units must be provided. Transient and NonTransient/Noncommunity PWS systems may use a single ion exchange unit. Point-of-Use and Point-of-Entry treatment systems may use a single ion exchange unit.

For any water system treating for Nitrate, at least two units must be provided. The treatment capacity must be capable of producing the maximum day water demand at a level below the nitrate/nitrite MCL, with one exchange unit out of service.

#### **4.6.7 Flow rates**

Loading rates onto the resin and backwash rates must be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Rate-of-flow controllers or the equivalent must be installed for the above purposes.

#### **4.6.8 Freeboard**

Freeboard must be provided in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. The freeboard will depend upon the specific gravity of the resin and the direction of water flow. Generally, the wash water collector should be 24 inches above the top of the resin on downflow units.

#### **4.6.9 Underdrains and supporting gravel**

The bottoms, strainer systems and support for the exchange resin must conform to criteria provided for rapid rate gravity filters. (See Sections 4.2.1.6 and 4.2.1.7.)

#### **4.6.10 Brine distribution**

Facilities must be included for even distribution of the brine over the entire surface of both upflow and downflow units.

#### **4.6.11 Cross-connection control**

Backwash, rinse and air relief discharge pipes must be installed in such a manner as to prevent any possibility of back-siphonage.

#### **4.6.12 Bypass piping and equipment**

A bypass may be necessary around the ion exchange units to produce a blended water of desirable water quality. The maximum blend ratio allowable must be determined based on the highest anticipated raw water contaminant level. Totalizing meters must be installed on the bypass line and on each ion exchange unit. The bypass line must have a shutoff valve and should have an automatic proportioning or regulating device. It may be necessary to treat the bypassed water to obtain acceptable levels of iron and/or manganese in the finished water.

#### **4.6.13 Additional limitations**

Resin limitations must be addressed. Items to consider include, but are not limited to, chlorine concentration and pH. Silica gels should not be used for waters having a pH above 8.4 or containing less than 6 mg/l silica and should not be used when iron is present. When the applied water contains a chlorine residual, the exchange resin must be a type that is not damaged by residual chlorine. Phenolic resin should not be used.

#### **4.6.14 Sampling taps**

Smooth-nose sampling taps must be provided for the collection of representative samples. The taps must be located to provide for sampling of the influent, effluent and blended water. The sampling taps for the blended water must be at least 20 feet downstream from the point of blending. Petcocks are not acceptable as sampling taps. Sampling taps should be provided on the brine tank discharge piping.

#### **4.6.15 Brine and salt storage tanks**

- a. Salt dissolving or brine tanks and wet salt storage tanks must be covered and must be corrosion-resistant.
- b. The make-up water inlet must be protected from back-siphonage. Water for filling the tank should be distributed over the entire surface by pipes above the maximum brine level in the tank. The tanks should be provided with an automatic declining level control system on the make-up water line.

- c. Wet salt storage basins must be equipped with manholes or hatchways for access and for direct dumping of salt from truck or rail car. Openings must be provided with raised curbs and watertight covers having overlapping edges similar to those required for finished water reservoirs.
- d. Overflows, where provided, must be protected with corrosion resistant screens and must terminate with either a turned down bend having a proper free fall discharge or a self-closing flap valve.
- e. Two wet salt storage tanks or compartments designed to operate independently should be provided.
- f. The salt must be supported on graduated layers of gravel placed over a brine collection system.
- g. Alternative designs, which are conducive to frequent cleaning of the wet salt storage tank may be considered.

#### **4.6.16 Salt and brine storage capacity**

Total salt storage should have sufficient capacity to provide for at least 30 days of operation.

#### **4.6.17 Brine pump or eductor**

An eductor may be used to transfer brine from the brine tank to the ion exchange unit. If a pump is used, a brine measuring tank or means of metering should be provided to obtain proper dilution.

#### **4.6.18 Stabilization**

Refer to Section 4.10

#### **4.6.19 Waste disposal**

Suitable disposal must be provided for brine waste (See Chapter 9). Where the volume of spent brine must be reduced, consideration may be given to using part of the spent brine for subsequent regeneration.

#### **4.6.20 Construction materials**

Pipes and contact materials must be resistant to the aggressiveness of salt. Plastic and red brass are acceptable piping materials. Steel and concrete must be coated with a non-leaching protective coating that is compatible with salt and brine.

#### **4.6.21 Housing**

Bagged salt and dry bulk salt storage must be enclosed and separated from other operating areas in order to prevent damage to equipment.

#### **4.6.22 Hydraulic Analysis**

A hydraulic analysis must be performed to verify adequate pressure when ion exchange pressure vessels are used. A hydraulic analysis must also be performed to verify adequate distribution pressures are maintained post-treatment in accordance with Chapter 8 of DEQ-1.

#### **4.6.23 Preconditioning of the media**

Prior to startup of the equipment, the media must be regenerated with no less than two bed volumes of water containing sodium chloride followed by an adequate rinse.

#### **4.6.24 Water Quality Test Equipment.**

When ion exchange is used for nitrate mitigation, the treated water nitrate/nitrite level should be monitored using continuous monitoring and recording equipment. The continuous monitoring equipment should be equipped with a high nitrate level alarm. If continuous monitoring and recording equipment is not provided, the finished water nitrate/nitrite levels must be determined using a test kit no less than daily.

Test equipment must be provided for nitrates to determine treatment effectiveness. Test equipment for alkalinity, total hardness, carbon dioxide content, and pH should be provided to determine treatment effectiveness.

#### **4.6.25 Post Treatment Requirements**

Disinfection must be provided in accordance with DEQ-1 and ARM 17.38.229. Deviations from the disinfection requirement may be considered in cases involving Point-of-Use (POU) or Point-of-Entry (POE) ion exchange treatment systems. Additional post-treatment must be provided if the treated water is corrosive.

### **4.57 AERATION**

Aeration may be used to help remove offensive tastes and odors due to dissolved gases from decomposing organic matter, or to reduce or remove objectionable amounts of carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, etc., and to introduce oxygen to assist in iron and/or manganese removal. The following design criteria are not intended for organics removal facilities. Aeration processes generally are used in two types of treatment applications. One is the transfer of a gas to water (i.e. adding oxygen to assist in iron and/or manganese removal) and is called gas absorption, or aeration. The second is the removal of gas from water (reduce or remove objectionable amounts of carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, etc. or reduce the concentration of taste and odor-causing substances or removal of volatile organic compounds) and is classified as desorption or air stripping. The materials used in the construction of the aerator (s) must meet ANSI/NSF 61 or be approved by MDEQ

#### **4.57.1 Natural draft aeration**

Design must provide

- a. perforations in the distribution pan 3/16 to 1/2 inches in diameter, spaced 1 to 3 inches on centers to maintain a six inch water depth,
- b. for distribution of water uniformly over the top tray,
- c. discharge through a series of three or more trays with separation of trays not less than 12 inches,
- d. loading at a rate of 1 to 5 gallons per minute for each square foot of total tray area,
- e. trays with slotted, heavy wire (1/2 inch openings) mesh or perforated bottoms,
- f. construction of durable material resistant to aggressiveness of the water and dissolved gases,
- g. protection from loss of spray water by wind carriage by enclosure with louvers sloped to the inside at an angle of approximately 45 degrees,
- h. protection from insects by 24-mesh screen-, and

- i. continuous disinfection feed after aeration.

#### 4.57.2 Forced or induced draft aeration

Devices must be designed to

- a. include a blower with weatherproof motor in a tight housing and screened enclosure,
- b. insure adequate counter current of air through the enclosed aerator column,
- c. exhaust air directly to the outside atmosphere,
- d. include a down-turned and 24-mesh screened air outlet and inlet,
- e. be such that air introduced in the column must be as free from obnoxious fumes, dust, and dirt as possible,
- f. be such that sections of the aerator can be easily reached or removed for maintenance of the interior or installed in a separate aerator room,
- g. provide loading at a rate of 1 to 5 gallons per minute for each square foot of total tray area,
- h. insure that the water outlet is adequately sealed to prevent unwarranted loss of air,
- i. discharge through a series of five or more trays with separation of trays not less than six inches,
- j. provide distribution of water uniformly over the top tray,
- k. be of durable material resistant to the aggressiveness of the water and dissolved gases, and
- l. provide for continuous disinfection feed after aeration.

#### 4.57.3 Spray aeration

Design must provide

- a. A hydraulic head of between 5 to 25 feet;
- b. nozzles, with the size, number, and spacing of the nozzles being dependent on the flow rate, flow rate, space, and the amount of head available;
- c. nozzle diameters in the range of 1 to 1.5 inches to minimize clogging;
- d. an enclosed basin to contain the spray. Any openings for ventilation, etc. must be protected with a 24-mesh screen; and
- e. continuous disinfection feed after aeration.

#### 4.57.4 Pressure aeration

Pressure aeration may be used for oxidation purposes only if pilot plant study indicates the method is acceptable; it is not acceptable for removal of dissolved gases. Filters following pressure aeration must have adequate exhaust devices for release of air. Pressure aeration devices must be designed to

- a. give thorough mixing of compressed air with water being treated, and
- b. provide screened and filtered air, free of obnoxious fumes, dust, dirt and other contaminants.

#### 4.57.5 Packed tower aeration

Packed tower aeration (PTA) which is also known as air stripping involves passing water down through a column of packing material while pumping air counter-currently up through the packing. PTA is used for the removal of volatile organic chemicals, trihalomethanes, carbon dioxide, and radon. Generally, PTA is feasible for compounds with a Henry's Constant greater than 100 (expressed in atm mol/mol) - at 12°C, but not normally feasible for removing compounds with a Henry's Constant less than 10. For values between 10 and 100, PTA may be feasible but should be ~~extensively~~ evaluated using pilot studies. Values for Henry's Constant should be discussed with MDEQ prior to final design.

##### 4.57.5.1 Process design

- a. Process design methods for PTA involve the determination of Henry's Constant for the contaminant, the mass transfer coefficient, air pressure drop and stripping factor. The applicant must provide justification for the design parameters selected (i.e. height and diameter of unit, air to water ratio, packing depth, surface loading rate, etc.). Pilot plant testing may be required.
- b. ~~Water loading rates should be in the range from 15 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> to 30 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup>, however~~ The pilot test must evaluate a variety of loading rates and air to water ratios at the peak contaminant concentration. Special consideration should be given to removal efficiencies when multiple contaminations occur. Where there is considerable past performance data on the contaminant to be treated and there is a concentration level similar to previous projects, MDEQ may approve the process design based on use of appropriate calculations without pilot testing. Proposals of this type must be discussed with MDEQ prior to submission of any permit applications.
- eb. The tower must be designed to reduce contaminants to below the maximum contaminant level (MCL).
- dc. The ratio of the ~~column diameter to packing height~~ to column diameter should be at least 7:1 for the pilot unit and at least 10:1 for the full scale tower. The type and size of the packing used in the full scale unit must be the same as that used in the pilot work.
- ed. The minimum volumetric air to water ratio at peak water flow should be 25:1. ~~And the~~ The maximum ~~should be 80:1. A~~ air to water ratio for which credit will be given is 80:1 ratios outside these ranges should not be used without prior approval from MDEQ.
- fe. The design should consider potential fouling problems from calcium carbonate and iron precipitation and from bacterial growth. It may be necessary to provide pretreatment. Disinfection capability must be provided prior to and after PTA.
- gf. The effects of temperature should be considered since a drop-in water temperature can result in a drop in contaminant removal efficiency.
- hg. Redundant capacity may be required by MDEQ.

##### 4.57.5.2 Materials of construction

- a. The tower can be constructed of stainless steel, concrete, aluminum, fiberglass or plastic. Uncoated carbon steel is not recommended because of corrosion. Towers constructed of light-weight materials should be provided with adequate support to prevent damage from wind.
- b. Packing materials must be resistant to the aggressiveness of the water, dissolved gases and cleaning materials and must be suitable for contact with potable water.

#### | 4.57.5.3 Water flow system

- a. Water should be distributed uniformly at the top of the tower using spray nozzles or orifice type distributor trays that prevent short-circuiting. For multi-point injection, one injection point for every 30 in<sup>2</sup> of tower cross-sectional area is recommended
- b. A mist eliminator must be provided above the water distributor system,
- c. A side wiper redistribution ring must be provided at least every 10 feet in order to prevent water channeling along the tower wall and short-circuiting.
- d. Sample taps must be provided in the influent and effluent piping.
- e. The effluent sump, if provided, must have easy access for cleaning purposes and be equipped with a drain valve. The drain must not be connected directly to any storm or sanitary sewer.
- f. A blow-off line should be provided in the effluent piping to allow for discharge of water/chemicals used to clean the tower.
- g. The design must prevent freezing of the influent riser and effluent piping when the unit is not operating. If piping is buried, it must be maintained under positive pressure.
- h. The water flow to each tower must be metered.
- i. An overflow line must be provided which discharges 12 to 14 inches above a splash pad or drainage inlet. Proper drainage must be provided to prevent flooding of the area.
- j. Butterfly valves may be used in the water effluent line for better flow control, as well as to minimize air entrainment.
- k. Means must be provided to prevent flooding of the air blower.
- l. The water influent pipe should be supported separately from the tower's main structural support.

#### | 4.57.5.4 Air flow system

- a. The air inlet to the blower and the tower discharge vent must be downturned and protected with a noncorrodible 24-mesh screen to prevent contamination from extraneous matter. It is recommended that a 4-mesh screen also be installed prior to the 24-mesh screen on the air inlet system.
- b. The air inlet must be in a protected location.
- c. An air flow meter must be provided on the influent airline or an alternative method to determine the air flow must be provided.

- d. A positive air flow sensing device and a pressure gauge must be installed on the air influent line. The positive air flow sensing device must be a part of an automatic control system that will turn off the influent water if positive air flow is not detected. The pressure gauge will serve as an indicator of fouling buildup.
- e. A backup motor for the air blower must be readily available.

| 4.57.5.5 Other features that must be provided

- a. A sufficient number of access ports with a minimum diameter of 24 inches to facilitate inspection, media replacement, media cleaning and maintenance of the interior.
- b. A method of cleaning the packing material when iron, manganese, or calcium carbonate fouling may occur.
- c. Tower effluent collection and pumping wells constructed to clearwell standards.
- d. Provisions for extending the tower height without major reconstruction.
- e. An acceptable alternative supply must be available during periods of maintenance and operation interruptions. No bypass ~~shall~~may be provided unless specifically approved by MDEQ.
- f. Disinfection application points both ahead of and after the tower to control biological growth.
- g. Disinfection and adequate contact time after the water has passed through the tower and prior to the distribution system.
- h. Adequate packing support to allow free flow of water and to prevent deformation with deep packing heights.
- i. Operation of the blower and disinfectant feeder equipment during power failures.
- j. Adequate foundation to support the tower and lateral support to prevent overturning due to wind loading.
- k. Fencing and locking gate to prevent vandalism.
- l. An access ladder with safety cage for inspection of the aerator including the exhaust port and demister.
- m. Electrical interconnection between blower, disinfectant feeder and well pump.

| 4.57.5.6 Environmental factors

- a. The applicant must contact the appropriate air quality office to determine if permits are required under the Clean Air Act.
- b. Noise control facilities should be provided on PTA systems located in residential areas.

| 4.57.6 Other methods of aeration

Other methods of aeration may be used if applicable to the treatment needs. Such methods include but are not restricted to spraying, diffused air, cascades and mechanical aeration. The treatment processes must be designed to meet the particular needs of the water to be treated and are subject to the approval of MDEQ.

#### **4.57.7 Protection of aerators**

All aerators except those discharging to lime softening or clarification plants must be protected from contamination by birds, insects, wind borne debris, rainfall and water draining off the exterior of the aerator.

#### **4.57.8 Disinfection**

Groundwater supplies exposed to the atmosphere by aeration must receive chlorination as the minimum additional treatment.

#### **4.57.9 Bypass**

A bypass should be provided for all aeration units except those installed to comply with maximum contaminant levels.

#### **4.57.10 Corrosion control**

The aggressiveness of the water after aeration should be determined and corrected by additional treatment, if necessary. (See Section 4.810.)

#### **4.7.11 Quality control**

Equipment should be provided to test for DO, pH, and temperature to determine proper functioning of the aeration device. Equipment to test for iron, manganese, and carbon dioxide should also be considered.

#### **4.7.12 Redundancy**

Redundant equipment must be provided for units installed to comply with Safe Drinking Water Act primary contaminants, unless otherwise approved by MDEQ.

### **4.68 IRON AND MANGANESE CONTROL**

Iron and manganese control, as used herein, refers solely to treatment processes designed specifically for this purpose. The treatment process used will depend upon the character of the raw water. The selection of one or more treatment processes must meet specific local conditions as determined by engineering investigations, including chemical analyses of representative samples of water to be treated, and receive the approval of MDEQ. It may be necessary to operate a pilot plant in order to gather all information pertinent to the design.

Consideration should be given to adjusting pH of the raw water to optimize the chemical reaction. ~~Testing equipment and sampling taps must be provided as outlined in Chapter 2.~~

#### **4.68.1 Removal by oxidation, detention and filtration**

##### **4.68.1.1 Oxidation**

Oxidation may be by aeration, as indicated in Section 4.57, or by chemical oxidation with chlorine, potassium permanganate, ozone or chlorine dioxide.

##### **4.68.1.2 Detention**

- a. Reaction - A minimum detention time of 2030 minutes must be provided following aeration to insure that the oxidation reactions are as complete as possible. This minimum detention may be omitted only where a pilot plant study indicates ~~no a reduced~~ need for detention. The retention tank/detention basin should be designed as ~~a holding tank with no provisions for sludge collection but with sufficient baffling~~ to prevent short circuiting. The reaction tank/detention basin must be provided with an overflow, vent and access hatch in accordance with Chapter 7.
- b. Sedimentation - Sedimentation basins must be provided when treating water with high iron and/or manganese content, or where chemical coagulation is used to reduce the load on the filters. Provisions for sludge removal must be made.

#### 4.68.1.3 Filtration

Filters must be provided and must conform to Section 4.23.

#### 4.68.2 Removal by the lime-soda softening process

See Section 4.45.1.

#### 4.68.3 Removal by manganese ~~greensand~~ coated media filtration

This process consists of a continuous feed of potassium permanganate to the influent of a manganese ~~greensand~~ coated media filter.

- a. Provisions should be made to apply the permanganate as far ahead of the filter as practical and to a point immediately before the filter.
- b. Other oxidizing agents or processes such as chlorination or aeration may be used prior to the permanganate feed to reduce the cost of the chemical oxidant needed.
- c. An Anthracite media cap of at least six inches must be provided over manganese ~~greensand~~ coated media.
- d. Normal filtration rate is three gallons per minute per square foot.
- e. Normal wash rate is 8 to 10 gallons per minute per square foot with manganese greensand and 15 to 20 gallons per minute with manganese coated media.
- f. Air washing should be provided.
- g. Sample taps must be provided prior to application of permanganate, immediately ahead of filtration, at the filter effluent, and should be provided at points between the anthracite media and the manganese ~~greensand~~ coated media, and halfway down the manganese greensand media.

#### 4.68.4 Removal by ion exchange

This process of iron and manganese removal should not be used for water containing more than 0.3 milligrams per liter of iron, manganese or combination thereof. This process is not acceptable where either the raw water or wash water contains dissolved oxygen or other oxidants.

#### 4.68.5 Biological removal

Biofiltration to remove manganese or iron requires on-site piloting to establish effectiveness. The final filter design must be based on the on-site pilot plant studies and must comply with all portions of Section 4-32.7. Continuous disinfection must be provided for the finished water.

#### **4.68.6 Sequestration by polyphosphates**

This process is not recommended when iron, manganese or combination thereof exceeds 0.5 mg/L and must not be used when it exceeds 1.0 mg/L. The total phosphate applied must not exceed 10 mg/L as PO<sub>4</sub>. Where phosphate treatment is used, a minimum chlorine residual of 0.2 milligrams per liter must be maintained in the distribution system. Possible adverse effects on corrosion must be addressed when phosphate addition is proposed for iron sequestering. Polyphosphate treatment may be less effective for sequestering manganese than for iron.

- a. Feeding equipment must conform to the applicable sections of Chapter 5.
- b. Stock phosphate solution must be kept covered and disinfected by carrying approximately 10 mg/L free chlorine residual unless the phosphate is not able to support bacterial growth and the phosphate is being fed from the covered shipping container. Phosphate solutions having a pH of 2.0 or less may also be exempted from this requirement by MDEQ. Stock phosphate solutions must be received, stored and dispensed from covered shipping drums. Disinfection of the solution beyond that provided by the manufacturer is not required.
- c. Polyphosphates may not be applied ahead of iron and manganese removal treatment. The point of application must be prior to any aeration, oxidation or disinfection if no iron or manganese removal treatment is provided.
- d. Liquid polyphosphates must meet the requirements of ANSI/NSF Standard 60. The total phosphate applied may not exceed the maximum concentration allowed by NSF Standard 60.

#### **4.68.7 Sequestration by sodium silicates**

Sodium silicate sequestration of iron and manganese is appropriate only for groundwater supplies prior to air contact. On-site pilot tests are required to determine the suitability of sodium silicate for the particular water and the minimum feed needed. Rapid oxidation of the metal ions such as by chlorine or chlorine dioxide must accompany or closely precede the sodium silicate addition. Injection of sodium silicate more than 15 seconds after oxidation may cause detectable loss of chemical efficiency. Dilution of feed solutions much below five per cent silica as SiO<sub>2</sub> should also be avoided for the same reason. Sodium silicate treatment may be less effective for sequestering manganese than for iron

- a. Sodium silicate addition is applicable to waters containing up to 2 mg/l of iron, manganese or combination thereof.
- b. Chlorine residuals must be maintained throughout the distribution system to prevent biological breakdown of the sequestered iron.
- c. The amount of silicate added must be limited to 20 mg/l as SiO<sub>2</sub>, but the amount of added and naturally occurring silicate may not exceed 60 mg/l as SiO<sub>2</sub>.
- d. Feeding equipment must conform to the requirements of Chapter 5.
- e. Sodium silicate may not be applied ahead of iron or manganese removal treatment.

- f. Liquid sodium silicate must meet AWWA Standard B404.

#### 4.68.8 Sampling taps

Smooth-nosed sampling taps must be provided for control purposes. Taps must be located on each raw water source, each treatment unit influent and each treatment unit effluent.

#### 4.68.9 Testing equipment

must be provided for all plants.

- a. ~~The Testing~~ -equipment ~~should~~ must have the capacity to accurately measure the iron content to a minimum of 0.1 milligrams per liter and the manganese content to a minimum of 0.05 milligrams per liter.  (also see Section 2.8.1.e).
- b. Where polyphosphate sequestration is practiced, appropriate phosphate testing equipment must be provided: that meets the requirements of Section 2.8.1.h.

#### 4.79 FLUORIDATION

Sodium fluoride, sodium silicofluoride and hydrofluosilicic acid must conform to the applicable AWWA standards and ANSI/NSF Standard 60. Other fluoride compounds, which may be available, must be approved by MDEQ. The proposed method of fluoride feed must be approved by MDEQ prior to preparation of final plans and specifications.

##### 4.79.1 Fluoride compound storage

Fluoride chemicals should be isolated from other chemicals to prevent contamination. Compounds must be stored in covered or unopened shipping containers and should be stored inside a building. Unsealed storage units for hydrofluosilicic acid should be vented to the atmosphere at a point outside any building. Bags, fiber drums and steel drums should be stored on pallets.

##### 4.97.2 Chemical feed equipment and methods

In addition to the requirements in Chapter 5, fluoride feed equipment must meet the following requirements:

- a. scales, loss of weight recorders or liquid level indicators, as appropriate, accurate to within five percent of the average daily change in reading must be provided for chemical feeds,
- b. feeders must be accurate to within five percent of any desired feed rate,
- c. fluoride compound may not be added before lime-soda softening, ion exchange softening, or filtration,
- d. the point of application of hydrofluosilicic acid, if into a horizontal pipe, must be in the lower half of the pipe,
- e. a fluoride solution must be applied by a positive displacement pump having a stroke rate not less than 20 strokes per minute,
- f. anti-siphon devices must be provided for all fluoride feed lines and dilution water lines,

- g. a device to measure the flow of water to be treated is required,
- h. the dilution water pipe must terminate at least two pipe diameters above the solution tank,
- i. water used for sodium fluoride dissolution must be softened if hardness exceeds 75 mg/l as calcium carbonate,
- j. fluoride solutions may not be injected to a point of negative pressure,
- k. the electrical outlet used for the fluoride feed pump should have a nonstandard receptacle and must be interconnected with the well or service pump,
- l. saturators must be of the upflow type and be provided with a meter and backflow protection on the makeup water line, and
- m. Consideration must be given to providing a separate room for fluorosilicic acid storage and feed.

#### 4.97.3 Secondary controls

Secondary control systems for fluoride chemical feed devices may be required by MDEQ as a means of reducing the possibility of overfeed; these may include flow or pressure switches or other devices.

#### 4.97.4 Protective equipment

Protective equipment, as outlined in Section 5.3.4, must be provided for operators handling fluoride compounds. Deluge showers and eye wash devices must be provided at all fluorosilicic acid installations.

#### 4.97.5 Dust control

- a. Provision must be made for the transfer of dry fluoride compounds from shipping containers to storage bins or hoppers in such a way as to minimize the quantity of fluoride dust, which may enter the room in which the equipment is installed. The enclosure must be provided with an exhaust fan and dust filter that place the hopper under negative pressure. Air exhausted from fluoride handling equipment must discharge through a dust filter to the outside atmosphere of the building.
- b. Provision must be made for disposing of empty bags, drums or barrels in a manner that will minimize exposure to fluoride dusts. A floor drain should be provided to facilitate the hosing of floors.

#### 4.97.6 Testing equipment

Equipment must be provided for measuring the quantity of fluoride in the water. Such equipment is subject to the approval of MDEQ.

### 4.810 STABILIZATION

Water that is unstable due either to natural causes or to subsequent treatment must be stabilized. ~~The expected treated water quality must be evaluated to determine what, if any, treatment is necessary. For instance, in drinking water treatment processes, chemicals such as coagulants are added to raw water to coagulate dissolved or colloidal matters for removal in the subsequent treatment steps. Addition of certain chemicals or coagulants would change the water characteristics, such as lowering pH, alkalinity, etc., that may create aggressiveness of the water in the distribution system. Therefore, Treated water should be routinely evaluated to ensure that water~~

quality parameters and characteristics are optimized to obtain the desired water stability throughout the distribution system of a water supply.

The primary approaches to internal corrosion control in drinking water systems are to modify the water chemistry to make it less corrosive and to encourage formation of passivating films on the contacting surface. This is typically accomplished through pH and/or alkalinity adjustment or through the addition of a corrosion inhibitor. Most corrosion control treatment techniques will also be beneficial for reducing corrosion of lead, copper, iron, steel and galvanized pipe.

Increases in pH, alkalinity and carbonate buffer content are the most consistent methods for reducing the rate of corrosion. Increasing the carbonate buffer level is particularly recommended for systems treating soft water.

Where adjustments to water quality parameters such as chlorine residual, pH, alkalinity and carbonate buffer strength prove insufficient to control corrosion rates, the use of corrosion inhibitors should be considered. Orthophosphate is particularly effective for this purpose in most of the situations.

It should be noted that addition of phosphate containing substances in drinking water will add to the phosphorus load entering sewage treatment facilities and may encourage biofilm growth in distribution systems.

#### **4.810.1 Carbon dioxide addition**

- a. Recarbonation basin design should provide
  1. a total detention time of twenty minutes
  2. two compartments, with a depth that will provide a diffuser submergence of not less than 7.5 feet nor greater submergence than recommended by the manufacturer as follows:
    - a. a mixing compartment having a detention time of at least three minutes, and
    - b. a reaction compartment.
- b. The practice of on-site generation of carbon dioxide is discouraged.
- c. Where liquid carbon dioxide is used, adequate precautions must be taken to prevent carbon dioxide from entering the plant from the recarbonation process. In addition, consideration should be given to the installation of a carbon dioxide alarm system with light and audio warning, especially in low areas.
- d. Recarbonation tanks must be located outside or be sealed and vented to the outside with adequate seals and adequate purge flow of air to ensure worker safety.
- e. Provisions must be made for draining the recarbonation basin and removing sludge.

#### **4.810.2 Acid addition**

- a. Feed equipment must conform to Chapter 5.
- b. Adequate precautions must be taken for operator safety, such as not adding water to the concentrated acid. (See Sections 5.3 and 5.4.)

#### **4.810.3 Phosphates**

The feeding of phosphates may be applicable for sequestering calcium in lime-softened water, corrosion control, and in conjunction with alkali feed following ion exchange softening.

- a. Feed equipment must conform to Chapter 5.
- b. Phosphate must meet the requirements of ANSI/NSF Standard 60.
- c. Stock phosphate solution must be kept covered and disinfected by carrying approximately 10 mg/l free chlorine residual unless the phosphate is not able to support bacterial growth and the phosphate is being fed from the covered container. Phosphate solutions having a pH of 2.0 or less may also be exempted from this requirement by MDEQ.
- d. Where phosphate treatment is used, a minimum chlorine residual of 0.2 milligrams per liter must be maintained in the distribution system.

#### **4.810.4 "Split treatment"**

Under some conditions, a lime-softening water treatment plant can be designed using "split treatment" in which raw water is blended with lime-softened water to partially stabilize the water prior to secondary clarification and filtration. Treatment plants designed to utilize "split treatment" should also contain facilities for further stabilization by other methods. Split treatment is subject to the approval of MDEQ.

#### **4.810.5 Alkali feed**

Unstable water created by ion exchange softening must be stabilized by an alkali feed. An alkali feeder must be provided for all ion exchange water softening plants except when exempted by MDEQ.

#### **4.810.6 Carbon dioxide reduction by aeration**

The carbon dioxide content of an aggressive water may be reduced by aeration. Aeration devices must conform to Section 4.57.

#### **4.810.7 Other treatment**

Other treatment for controlling corrosive waters by the use of calcium hydroxide, sodium silicate and sodium bicarbonate may be used where necessary. Any proprietary compound must receive the specific approval of MDEQ before use. Chemical feeders must be as required in Chapter 5.

#### **4.810.8 Unstable Water due to biochemical action in distribution system**

Unstable water resulting from the bacterial decomposition of organic matter in water (especially in dead end mains), the biochemical action within tubercles, and the reduction of sulfates to sulfides should be prevented by the maintenance of a free chlorine residual throughout the distribution system.

#### **4.810.9 Control**

Laboratory equipment must be provided for determining the effectiveness of stabilization treatment.

#### **4.911 TASTE AND ODOR CONTROL**

Provision must be made for the control of taste and odor at all surface water treatment plants. Chemicals must be added sufficiently ahead of other treatment processes to assure adequate contact time for an effective and economical use of the chemicals. Where severe taste and odor problems are encountered, in-plant and/or pilot

plant studies are required. If a disinfectant is to be used to control taste and odors, the potential for formation of unacceptable levels of disinfection by-products must be considered.

#### **4.911.1 Flexibility**

Plants treating water that is known to have taste and odor problems should be provided with equipment that makes several of the control processes available so that the operator will have flexibility in operation.

#### **4.911.2 Chlorination**

Chlorination can be used for the removal of some objectionable odors. Adequate contact time must be provided to complete the chemical reactions involved. Excessive potential trihalomethane ~~production~~ formation through this process should be avoided by adequate bench-scale testing prior to design.

#### **4.911.3 Chlorine dioxide**

Chlorine dioxide has been generally recognized as a treatment for tastes caused by industrial wastes, such as phenols. However, chlorine dioxide can be used in the treatment of any taste and odor that is treatable by an oxidizing compound. Provisions must be made for proper storing and handling of the sodium chlorite, so as to eliminate any danger of explosion. (See Section 5.4.34.)

#### **4.911.4 Powdered activated carbon**

- a. Powdered activated carbon should be added as early as possible in the treatment process to provide maximum contact time. Flexibility to allow the addition of carbon at several points is preferred. Activated carbon should not be applied near the point of chlorine application or other oxidant application.
- b. The carbon can be added as a pre-mixed slurry or by means of a dry-feed machine as long as the carbon is properly wetted.
- c. Continuous agitation or resuspension equipment is necessary to keep the carbon from depositing in the slurry storage tank.
- d. Provision must be made for adequate dust control.
- e. The required rate of feed of carbon in a water treatment plant depends upon the tastes and/or odors involved, but provision should be made for adding from 0.1 milligrams per liter to at least 40 milligrams per liter.
- f. Powdered activated carbon must be handled as a potentially combustible material. It should be stored in a building or compartment as nearly fireproof as possible. Other chemicals should not be stored in the same compartment. A separate room should be provided for carbon feed installations. Carbon feeder rooms should be equipped with explosion-proof electrical outlets, lights and motors.

#### **4.911.5 Granular activated carbon**

Replacement of anthracite with GAC may be considered as a control measure for geosmin and methyl isoborneol (MIB) taste and odors from algae blooms. Demonstration studies may be required by MDEQ.

See Section 4.23.1.6 for application within filters.

#### 4.911.6 Copper sulfate and other copper compounds

Continuous or periodic treatment of water with copper compounds to kill algae or other growths must be controlled to prevent copper in excess of 1.0 milligrams per liter as copper in the plant effluent or distribution system. Care must be taken to assure an even distribution of the chemical within the treatment area. Necessary approval and/or permits must be obtained prior to application, if required. Consult the responsible Regulatory Agencies (e.g., Fish and Wildlife agencies or Department of Natural Resources) before making applications to public waters.

#### 4.911.7 Aeration

See Section 4.57.

#### 4.911.8 Potassium permanganate

Application of potassium permanganate may be considered, providing the treatment must be designed so that the products of the reaction are not visible in the finished water.

#### 4.911.9 Ozone

Ozonation can be used as a means of taste and odor control. Adequate contact time must be provided to complete the chemical reactions involved. Ozone is generally more desirable for treating water with high threshold odors. (See Section 4.34.7.)

#### 4.911.10 Other methods

The decision to use any other methods of taste and odor control should be made only after careful laboratory and/or pilot plant tests and on consultation with MDEQ.

### 4.10 — MICROSCREENING

~~A microscreen is a mechanical supplement of treatment capable of removing suspended matter from the water by straining. It may be used to reduce nuisance organisms and organic loadings. It may not be used in place of~~

- ~~a. — filtration, when filtration is necessary to provide a satisfactory water, or~~
- ~~b. — coagulation, in the preparation of water for filtration.~~

#### 4.10.1 Design

- ~~a. — must give due consideration to~~
  - ~~1. — nature of the suspended matter to be removed;~~
  - ~~2. — corrosiveness of the water;~~
  - ~~3. — effect of chlorination, when required as pre-treatment;~~
  - ~~4. — duplication of units for continuous operation during equipment maintenance;~~
  - ~~5. — automated backflushing operation when used in conjunction with microfiltration treatment.~~

b. — must provide

1. — a durable, corrosion-resistant screen;
2. — by-pass arrangements;
3. — protection against back-siphonage when potable water is used for washing;
4. — proper disposal of wash waters. (See Chapter 9.)

## ~~4.11 ION EXCHANGE ANION AND CATION EXCHANGE~~

### ~~4.11.1 Pilot Testing~~

~~A pilot study may be required to identify and resolve technical or operational issues that may affect the use of the device for meeting the treatment requirement. The following items must be adequately addressed if pilot testing is conducted:~~

- a. — ~~Raw water quality under normal and peak conditions, including seasonal variation must be evaluated. The range of raw water quality observed must be adequately addressed by the design. Raw water quality parameters to be monitored include competing ions, the contaminant(s) being removed, and any other parameters identified by the resin manufacturer. Testing must be performed to determine concentrations of interfering and competing ions. For anion exchange, TDS and sulfate must be analyzed at a minimum. For cation exchange, iron and manganese must be analyzed at a minimum.~~
  1. — ~~Monitoring of treated water for the design contaminant during the pilot test period is required. The minimum frequency is one time immediately after installation and startup, once immediately before and after each scheduled resin change or regeneration cycle, and once quarterly for the remainder of the verification testing period unless conditions indicate that additional process control monitoring is needed or a correlation between gallon throughput and exhaustion is established.~~
  2. — ~~Regeneration duration and frequency. Resin regeneration must occur prior to the contaminant concentration in the treated water exceeding 75 percent of the MCL.~~
  3. — ~~Quantity and quality of waste generated through reject streams, backwash/regeneration cycles, and ultimate disposal of resin.~~
    - i. — ~~Determine whether waste from treatment process results in exceeding the capacity of the wastewater collection and disposal system.~~
    - ii. — ~~Determine whether batch or continuous discharge will impact disposal.~~
    - iii. — ~~Determine compatibility with waste receiving system.~~
  4. — ~~Maintenance and sampling costs and requirements of automatically regenerating resin systems should be compared with those of disposable resin systems.~~
  5. — ~~Maintenance requirements and maintenance roles and responsibilities must be clearly specified in the program outline. A third party maintenance contract will be required for the life of the system for systems without certified operators.~~

6. ~~Potential corrosivity of treated water must be addressed. Corrosion control or blending of raw and treated water may be required.~~
7. ~~Type of resin to be used and potential for chromatographic peaking at failure must be addressed.~~

#### **4.11.2 Pre-treatment requirements**

~~Pre-treatment is required when the content of competing ions reduces treatment efficiency or if other parameters that cause fouling are present. Pretreatment must provide adequate treatment such that the water entering the ion exchange unit complies with manufacturer's recommendations.~~

#### **4.11.3 Post-treatment requirements**

~~Disinfection must be provided in accordance with DEQ 1 and ARM 17.38.229. Additional post-treatment must be provided if the treated water is corrosive.~~

#### **4.11.4 Design**

~~The units may be of pressure or gravity type, of either an upflow or downflow design. Automatic regeneration based on volume of water treated or other measurable parameter must be used unless manual regeneration is justified and is approved by MDEQ. Resin regeneration must occur prior to the contaminant concentration in the treated water exceeding 75 percent of the MCL. A manual override must be provided on all automatic controls. A minimum of two ion exchange units must be provided such that one unit is always on-line and treating water while the other unit is being regenerated or out of service.~~

#### **4.11.5 Exchange capacity**

~~The design capacity for contaminant removal must not exceed manufacturer's recommendations or as demonstrated through a pilot test study.~~

#### **4.11.6 Depth of resin**

~~The depth of the exchange resin must be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and must allow adequate resin expansion and cleaning within the vessel during backwash.~~

#### **4.11.7 Flow rates**

~~Loading rates onto the resin and backwash rates must be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Rate of flow controllers or the equivalent must be installed for the above purposes.~~

#### **4.11.8 Freeboard**

~~Freeboard must be provided in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. The freeboard will depend upon the specific gravity of the resin and the direction of water flow. Generally, the wash water collector should be 24 inches above the top of the resin on downflow units.~~

#### **4.11.9 Underdrains and supporting gravel**

~~The bottoms, strainer systems and support for the exchange resin must conform to criteria provided for rapid rate gravity filters. (See Sections 4.2.1.6 and 4.2.1.7.)~~

#### **4.11.10 Brine distribution**

Facilities must be included for even distribution of the brine over the entire surface of both upflow and downflow units.

#### **4.11.11 ~~Cross-connection control~~**

Backwash, rinse and air relief discharge pipes must be installed in such a manner as to prevent any possibility of back siphonage.

#### **4.11.12 ~~Bypass piping and equipment~~**

A bypass may be allowed around the ion-exchange units to produce a blended water of desirable water quality. Totalizing meters must be installed on the bypass line and on each ion-exchange unit. The bypass line must have a shutoff valve and should have an automatic proportioning or regulating device.

#### **4.11.13 ~~Additional limitations~~**

Resin limitations must be addressed. Items to consider include, but are not limited to, chlorine concentration and pH.

#### **4.11.14 ~~Sampling taps~~**

Smooth-nose sampling taps must be provided for the collection of representative samples. The taps must be located to provide for sampling of the influent, effluent and blended water. The sampling taps for the blended water must be at least 20 feet downstream from the point of blending. Petcocks are not acceptable as sampling taps. Sampling taps should be provided on the brine tank discharge piping.

#### **4.11.15 ~~Brine and salt storage tanks~~**

- a. ~~— Salt dissolving or brine tanks and wet salt storage tanks must be covered and must be corrosion-resistant.~~
- b. ~~— The make-up water inlet must be protected from back siphonage. Water for filling the tank should be distributed over the entire surface by pipes above the maximum brine level in the tank. The tanks should be provided with an automatic declining level control system on the make-up water line.~~
- c. ~~— Wet salt storage basins must be equipped with manholes or hatchways for access and for direct dumping of salt from truck or rail car. Openings must be provided with raised curbs and watertight covers having overlapping edges similar to those required for finished water reservoirs.~~
- d. ~~— Overflows, where provided, must be protected with corrosion resistant screens and must terminate with either a turned-down bend having a proper free fall discharge or a self-closing flap valve.~~
- e. ~~— Two wet salt storage tanks or compartments designed to operate independently should be provided.~~
- f. ~~— The salt must be supported on graduated layers of gravel placed over a brine collection system.~~
- g. ~~— Alternative designs, which are conducive to frequent cleaning of the wet salt storage tank may be considered.~~

#### ~~4.11.16 Salt and brine storage capacity~~

~~Total salt storage should have sufficient capacity to provide for at least 30 days of operation.~~

#### ~~4.11.17 Brine pump or eductor~~

~~An eductor may be used to transfer brine from the brine tank to the ion exchange unit. If a pump is used, a brine measuring tank or means of metering should be provided to obtain proper dilution.~~

#### ~~4.11.18 Stabilization~~

~~Refer to Section 4.8~~

#### ~~4.11.19 Waste disposal~~

~~Suitable disposal must be provided for brine waste (See Section 9). Where the volume of spent brine must be reduced, consideration may be given to using part of the spent brine for subsequent regeneration.~~

#### ~~4.11.20 Construction materials~~

~~Pipes and contact materials must be resistant to the aggressiveness of salt. Plastic and red brass are acceptable piping materials. Steel and concrete must be coated with a non-leaching protective coating that is compatible with salt and brine.~~

#### ~~4.11.21 Housing~~

~~Bagged salt and dry bulk salt storage must be enclosed and separated from other operating areas in order to prevent damage to equipment.~~

#### ~~4.11.22 Hydraulic Analysis~~

~~An hydraulic analysis must be performed to verify adequate pressure when ion exchange pressure vessels are used. An hydraulic analysis must also be performed to verify adequate distribution pressures are maintained post-treatment in accordance with Section 8 of DEQ-1.~~

### **4.12 ADSORPTIVE MEDIA – GRANULAR FERRIC HYDROXIDE & ACTIVATED ALUMINA**

#### **4.12.1 Pilot Testing**

A pilot study may be required to identify and resolve technical or operational issues that may affect the use of the device for meeting the treatment requirement. The following items must be adequately addressed if pilot testing is conducted:

- a. Raw water quality under normal and peak conditions, including seasonal variation must be evaluated. The range of raw water quality observed must be adequately addressed by the design. Raw water quality parameters to be monitored include competing ions, the contaminant(s) being removed, and any other parameters identified by the media manufacturer. Testing must be performed to determine concentrations of interfering and competing ions.
- b. Monitoring of treated water for the design contaminant during the pilot test period is required. The minimum frequency is one time immediately after installation and startup, once immediately

before and after each scheduled media change or regeneration (if media is regenerated), and once quarterly for the remainder of the verification testing period unless conditions indicate that additional process control monitoring is needed or a correlation between gallon throughput and exhaustion is established.

- c. Media backwash, regeneration (if media is regenerated), and replacement frequency. Media regeneration (if practiced) or replacement must occur prior to the contaminant concentration in the treated water exceeding 75 percent of the MCL. Deviations may be considered to allow the regeneration frequency to be reduced for analysis purposes during the pilot testing that would result in treated water exceeding 75% of MCL.
- d. Quantity and quality of waste generated through reject streams, backwash/regeneration cycles, and ultimate disposal of exhausted media.
  - i1. Determine whether waste from the treatment process results in exceeding the capacity of the wastewater collection and disposal system.
  - ii2. Determine whether batch or continuous discharge will impact disposal.
  - iii3. Determine compatibility with waste receiving system.
- e. Maintenance and sampling costs.
- f. Maintenance requirements and maintenance roles and responsibilities must be clearly specified in the program outline. A third party maintenance contract will be required for the life of the system for systems without certified operators.
- g. Potential corrosivity of treated water must be addressed. Corrosion control or blending of raw and treated water may be required.
- h. Type of media to be used and potential for chromatographic peaking at failure must be addressed.
- i. Requirements of automatically regenerating media systems should be compared with those of disposable media systems.

#### **4.12.2 Pre-treatment requirements**

Pre-treatment is required when the content of competing ions reduces treatment efficiency or if other parameters that cause fouling are present. Pretreatment must provide adequate treatment such that the water entering the adsorptive media unit complies with manufacturer's recommendations. If pH adjustment is needed for adequate contaminant removal, the method of pH adjustment and pH control must be presented.

#### **4.12.3 Post-treatment requirements**

Disinfection must be provided in accordance with DEQ-1 and ARM 17.38.229. Deviations from the disinfection requirement may be considered in cases involving Point-of-Use (POU) or Point-of-Entry (POE) adsorptive media treatment systems. Additional post-treatment must be provided if the treated water is corrosive or requires pH adjustment.

#### **4.12.4 Design**

The units may be of pressure or gravity type, of either an upflow or downflow design. If media is regenerated, automatic regeneration based on volume of water treated or other measurable parameter must be used unless

manual regeneration is justified and is approved by MDEQ. Media regeneration (if practiced) or media replacement must occur prior to the contaminant concentration in the treated water exceeding 75 percent of the MCL. A manual override must be provided on all automatic controls. A minimum of two adsorptive media units must be provided for Community PWS systems and NonTransient/NonCommunity PWS system such that one unit is always on-line and treating water while the other unit is being regenerated or out of service. Transient PWS systems may use a single adsorptive media unit

#### **4.12.5 Adsorptive capacity**

The design capacity for contaminant removal must not exceed manufacturer's recommendations or as demonstrated through a pilot test study.

#### **4.12.6 Depth of media**

The depth of adsorptive media must be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and must allow adequate media expansion and cleaning within the vessel during backwash.

#### **4.12.7 Flow rates**

Loading rates onto the media and backwash rates must be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Rate-of-flow controllers or the equivalent must be installed for the above purposes.

#### **4.12.8 Freeboard**

Freeboard must be provided in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. The freeboard will depend upon the specific gravity of the media and the direction of water flow. Generally, the wash water collector should be 24 inches above the top of the media on downflow units.

#### **4.12.9 Underdrains and supporting gravel**

The bottoms, strainer systems and support for the media must conform to criteria provided for rapid rate gravity filters. (See Sections 4.23.1.6 and 4.23.1.7.)

#### **4.12.10 Cross-connection control**

Backwash, rinse and air relief discharge pipes must be installed in such a manner as to prevent any possibility of back-siphonage.

#### **4.12.11 Bypass piping and equipment**

A bypass may be allowed around the adsorptive media units to produce a blended water of desirable water quality. Totalizing meters must be installed on the bypass line and on each adsorptive media unit. The bypass line must have a shutoff valve and should have an automatic proportioning or regulating device.

#### **4.12.12 Sampling taps**

Smooth-nose sampling taps must be provided for the collection of representative samples. The taps must be located to provide for sampling of the influent, effluent and blended water. The sampling taps for the blended water must be at least 20 feet downstream from the point of blending. Petcocks are not acceptable as sampling taps.

#### **4.12.13 Waste disposal**

| Suitable disposal must be provided for all waste streams (See ~~Section~~ Chapter 9).

#### **4.12.14 Media regeneration**

If media is regenerated, all equipment and chemicals used for regeneration must be addressed and designed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

#### **4.12.15 Hydraulic Analysis**

A hydraulic analysis must be performed to verify adequate pressure when pressure media vessels are used. A hydraulic analysis must also be performed to verify adequate distribution pressures are maintained post-treatment | in accordance with ~~Section~~ Chapter 8 of DEQ-1.

## CHAPTER 5 - CHEMICAL APPLICATION

### 5.0 GENERAL

No chemicals may be applied to treat drinking waters unless specifically permitted by MDEQ.

#### 5.0.1 Plans and specifications

Plans and specifications must be submitted for review and approval, as provided for in Chapter 2, and must include

- a. descriptions of feed equipment, including maximum and minimum feed ranges,
- b. location of feeders, piping layout and points of application,
- c. storage and handling facilities,
- d. ~~specifications for chemicals to be used,~~
- e. ~~operating and control procedures including proposed application rates, and~~
- fe. descriptions of testing equipment, and ~~procedures.~~
- f. systems including all tanks with capacities, (with drains, overflows, and vents), feeders, transfer pumps, connecting piping, valves, points of application, backflow prevention devices, air gaps, secondary containment, and safety eye washes and showers.

#### 5.0.2 Chemical application

Chemicals must be applied to the water at such points and by such means as to

- a. assure maximum efficiency of treatment,
- b. assure maximum safety to consumer,
- c. provide maximum safety to operators,
- d. assure satisfactory mixing of the chemicals with the water,
- e. provide maximum flexibility of operation through various points of application, when appropriate, and
- f. prevent backflow or back-siphonage between multiple points of feed through common manifolds.

#### 5.0.3 General equipment design

General equipment design must be such that

- a. feeders will be able to supply, at all time, the necessary amounts of chemicals at an accurate rate, throughout the range of feed,

- b. chemical-contact materials and surfaces are resistant to the aggressiveness of the chemical solution,
- c. corrosive chemicals are introduced in such a manner as to minimize potential for corrosion,
- d. chemicals that are incompatible are not stored or handled together,
- e. all chemicals are conducted from the feeder to the point of application in separate conduits,
- f. chemical feeders are as near as practical to the feed point,
- g. chemical feeders and pumps operate at no lower than 20 percent of the feed range unless two fully independent adjustments mechanisms such as pump pulse rate and stroke length are fitted when the pump operates at no lower than 10 percent of the rated maximum, and
- ~~h. chemicals are fed by gravity may be used where practical.~~

## ~~5.1 FACILITY DESIGN~~

### ~~5.1.1 Number of feeders~~

#### **5.0.4 Chemical Information**

For each chemical the information submitted must include:

- a. documentation that the chemical is NSF/ANSI Standard 60 approved,
- b. specifications for the chemical to be used,
- c. purpose of the chemical,
- d. proposed minimum non-zero, average and maximum dosages, solution strength or purity (as applicable), and specific gravity or bulk density, and
- e. method for independent calculation of amount fed daily.

## **5.1 FEED EQUIPMENT**

- a. ~~Where chemical feed is necessary for the protection of the supply, such as chlorination, coagulation or other essential processes;~~
  - ~~1. a minimum of two feeders must be provided, and~~
  - ~~2. the standby unit or a combination of units of sufficient capacity should be available to replace the largest unit during shot-downs;~~
  - ~~3. where a booster pump is required, duplicate equipment should be provided and, when necessary, standby power.~~

### **5.1.1 Feeder redundancy**

- a. Where a chemical feed and booster pump is necessary for the protection of public health in a community system, such as chlorination, coagulation or other essential processes, a standby unit or a combination of units of sufficient size to meet capacity must be provided to replace the largest unit when out of service, and MDEQ may require that more than one be installed.
- b. A separate feeder must be used for each chemical applied.
- c. Spare parts must be readily available for all feeders and chemical booster pumps to replace parts that are subject to wear and damage.

### 5.1.2 Control

- a. Feeders may be manually or automatically controlled, ~~with a~~ Automatic controls must be designed so as to allow override by manual controls.
- b. ~~At automatically operated facilities, chemical feeders must be electrically interconnected with the well or service pump and should be provided a non-standard electrical receptacle.~~
- e. ~~Chemical feed rates must be proportional to flow stream being dosed.~~
- dc. A means to measure ~~water~~ the flow stream being dosed must be provided in order to determine chemical feed rates.
- ed. Provisions must be made for measuring the quantities of chemicals used.
- fe. Weighing scales
  1. must be provided for weighing cylinders, at all plants utilizing chlorine gas,
  2. ~~may~~ must be required ~~provided~~ for fluoride solution ~~feed~~ fed from solution drums or carboys,
  3. should be provided for volumetric dry chemical feeders, and
  4. should be accurate to measure increments of 0.5 per cent of load.
- gf. Where conditions warrant, for example with rapidly fluctuating intake turbidity, coagulant and coagulant aid addition may be made according to turbidity, stream current or other sensed parameter.

### 5.1.3 Dry chemical feeders

Dry chemical feeders must

- a. measure chemicals volumetrically or gravimetrically,
- b. provide adequate solution/slurry water and agitation of the chemical ~~in~~ at the point of placing in solution/slurry pot, and
- c. completely enclose chemicals to prevent emission of dust to the operating room.

### 5.1.4 Positive displacement solution feed pumps

- a. ~~shall~~ Positive displacement type solution feed pumps must be used to feed liquid chemicals, but ~~must~~ not be used to feed chemical slurries.
- b. Pumps must be capable of operating at the required maximum rate against the maximum head conditions found at the point of injection.
- c. ~~Calibrations tubes or mass flow monitors that allow for direct physical checking measurement of actual feed rates must should be fitted provided.~~
- d. A pressure relief valve should be provided on the pump discharge line

### 5.1.5 Liquid chemical feeders - Siphon control

Liquid chemical feeders must be such that chemical solutions cannot be siphoned into the water supply, by

- a. assuring discharge at a point of positive pressure, ~~or~~
- b. providing vacuum relief, ~~or~~
- c. providing a suitable air gap, or anti-siphon device, or
- d. other suitable means or combinations as necessary.

### 5.1.6 Cross-connection control

Cross-connection control must be provided to assure that

- a. the service water lines discharging to ~~solution-liquid storage tanks~~ must be properly protected from backflow as required by MDEQ,
- b. ~~liquid-chemical solutions or slurries~~ cannot be siphoned through ~~solution-liquid chemical~~ feeders into the water supply as required in Section 5.1.5,
- c. no direct connection exists between any sewer and a drain or overflow from the liquid chemical feeder, solution-liquid storage chamber or tank by providing that all drains terminate at least six inches or two pipe diameters, whichever is greater, above the overflow rim of a receiving sump, conduit or waste receptacle, and;
- d. in the absence of other cross connection control measures, separate day tanks and feeders must be provided for chemical feed systems that have feed points at both unfiltered and filtered water locations such that all unfiltered water feed points are fed from one day tank and feeder, and that all filtered water feed points are fed from another day tank and feeder.

### 5.1.7 Chemical feed equipment location

Chemical feed equipment must

- a. be located in a separate room when necessary to reduce hazards, corrosion and dust problems,
- b. be conveniently located near points of application to minimize length of feed lines, and
- c. be readily accessible for servicing, repair, and observation of operation.

### 5.1.8 In-Plant water supply

In-Plant water supply must be:

- a. ample in quantity and adequate in pressure,
- b. provided with means for measurement when preparing specific solution concentrations by dilution,
- c. properly treated for hardness, when necessary,
- d. properly protected against backflow, ~~and~~
- e. obtained from the finished water supply, or from a location sufficiently downstream of any chemical feed point to assure adequate mixing, and
- f. must be labeled "non potable" or "not for consumption" unless all treatment objectives have been met prior to the point of use.

### 5.1.9 Storage of chemicals

- a. Space should be provided for
  1. at least 30 days of chemical supply,
  2. convenient and efficient handling of chemicals,
  3. dry storage conditions, and
  4. a minimum storage volume of 1 1/2 truck loads where purchase is by truck load lots.
- b. Storage tanks and pipelines for liquid chemicals must be specified for use with individual chemicals and not used for different chemicals. Offloading areas must be clearly labeled to prevent accidental cross-contamination.
- c. Chemicals must be stored in covered or unopened shipping containers, unless the chemical is transferred into an approved storage unit.
- d. Liquid chemical storage tanks must
  1. have a liquid level indicator, and
  2. have an overflow and a receiving basin or drain capable of receiving accidental spills or overflows without uncontrolled discharge; a common receiving basin may be provided for each group of compatible chemicals, ~~that which~~ provides sufficient containment volume to prevent accidental discharge in the event of failure of the largest tank.

### 5.1.10 ~~Solution~~ Bulk liquid storage tanks

- a. A means, which is consistent with the nature of the chemical ~~solution stored~~ must be provided in a ~~solution~~ liquid storage tank to maintain a uniform chemical strength of solution. Continuous agitation must be provided to maintain slurries in suspension.

- b. ~~Two solution tanks of adequate volume may be required for a chemical.~~ A means to assure continuity of chemical supply while in servicing a solution-liquid storage tank must be provided.
- c. Means must be provided to measure the ~~solution-liquid~~ liquid level in the liquid storage tank.
- d. ~~Chemical solutions-~~ Liquid storage tanks must be kept covered. Large liquid storage tanks with access openings must have such openings curbed and fitted with overhanging covers.
- e. Subsurface locations for ~~solution-liquid storage~~ tanks must
  1. be free from sources of possible contamination, and
  2. assure positive drainage away from the area for groundwaters, accumulated water, chemical spills and overflows.
- f. Overflow pipes must
  1. be turned downward, with the end screened,
  2. have a free fall discharge, and
  3. be located where noticeable.
- g. ~~Acid-~~ Liquid storage tanks must be vented to the outside atmosphere, but not through vents in common with other chemicals or day tanks. Acid storage tanks must be vented to the outside atmosphere.
- h. Each liquid storage tank must be provided with a valved drain, ~~protected against backflow in accordance with Sections 5.1.5 and 5.1.6.~~
- i. Each liquid storage tank must be protected against cross connections,
- j. ~~Solution-~~ Liquid storage tanks must be located and protective curbing secondary containment provided so that chemicals from equipment failure, spillage or accidental drainage do not enter the water in conduits, treatment or storage basins. Secondary containment volumes must be able to hold the volume of the largest storage tank. Piping must be designed to minimize or contain chemical spills in the event of pipe ruptures.

#### 5.1.11 Day tanks

- a. Day tanks must be provided where bulk storage of liquid chemical is provided for tanks larger than 55 gallons.
- b. Day tanks must meet all the requirements of Section 5.1.10 except that shipping containers do not require overflow pipes or drains.
- c. Day tanks should hold no more than a 30 hour supply.
- d. Day tanks must be scale-mounted, or have a calibrated gauge painted or mounted on the side if liquid level can be observed in a gauge tube or through translucent sidewalls of the tank. In opaque tanks, a gauge rod ~~extending above a reference point at the top of the tank, attached to a float~~ may be used. ~~The ratio of the area of the tank to its height must be such that unit readings are meaningful in relation to the total amount of chemical fed during a day.~~

- e. ~~Hand~~ Except for fluosilicic acid, ~~hand~~ pumps may be provided for transfer from a ~~carboy or drum shipping container~~. A tip rack may be used to permit withdrawal into a bucket from a spigot. Where motor-driven transfer pumps are provided, a liquid level limit switch ~~and an over-flow from the day tank~~, must be provided.
- f. A means, which is consistent with the nature of the chemical solution, must be provided to maintain uniform chemical strength of solution in a day tank. Continuous agitation must be provided to maintain chemical slurries in suspension.
- g. Tanks and tank refilling line entry points must be clearly labeled with the name of the chemical contained.
- h. Filling of day tanks must not be automated.

#### 5.1.12 Feed lines

- a. should be as short as possible, and
  - 1. of durable, corrosion-resistant material,
  - 2. easily accessible throughout the entire length, and
  - 3. readily cleanable.
- b. must be protected againstfrom freezing, ~~and~~
  - 4. readily cleanable;
- ~~bc.~~ should slope upward from the chemical source to the feeder when conveying gases;
- ~~ed.~~ must be designed consistent with scale-forming or solids depositing properties of the water, chemical, solution or mixtures conveyed; and
- ~~de.~~ should be color coded and labeled.

#### 5.1.13 Handling

- a. Carts, elevators and other appropriate means must be provided for lifting chemical containers to minimize excessive lifting by operators.
- b. Provisions must be made for disposing of empty bags, drums, carboys, or barrels by an approved procedure that will minimize exposure to dusts.
- c. Provision must be made for the proper transfer of dry chemicals from shipping containers to storage bins or hoppers, in such a way as to minimize the quantity of dust, which may enter the room in which the equipment is installed. Control should be provided by use of
  - 1. vacuum pneumatic equipment or closed conveyor systems,
  - 2. facilities for emptying shipping containers in special enclosures, and/or
  - 3. exhaust fans and dust filters that put the storage hoppers or bins under negative pressure.

- d. Provision must be made for measuring quantities of chemicals used to prepare feed solutions.

#### 5.1.14 Housing

- a. Floor surfaces must be smooth and impervious, slip-proof and well drained.
- b. Vents from feeders, storage facilities and equipment exhaust must discharge to the outside atmosphere above grade and remote from air intakes.

### 5.2 CHEMICALS

#### 5.2.1 Shipping containers

Chemical shipping containers must be fully labeled to include

- a. chemical name, purity and concentration, and
- b. supplier name and address.

#### 5.2.2 Specifications

Chemicals must meet AWWA standards and ANSI/NSF Standard 60, where applicable.

#### 5.2.3 Assay

Provisions may be required for assay of chemicals delivered.

### 5.3 OPERATOR SAFETY

#### 5.3.1 Ventilation

Special provisions must be made for ventilation of chlorine feed and storage rooms.

#### 5.3.2 Respiratory protection equipment

Respiratory protection equipment, meeting the requirements of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) must be available where chlorine gas is handled, and must be stored at a convenient location, but not inside any room where chlorine is used or stored. The units must use compressed air, have at least a 30 minute capacity, and be compatible with or exactly the same as units used by the fire department responsible for the plant.

#### 5.3.3 Chlorine gas leak detection

A bottle of ammonium hydroxide, 56 per cent ammonia solution, must be available for chlorine leak detection; where ton containers are used, a leak repair kit approved by the Chlorine Institute must be provided. ~~Continuous chlorine leak detection equipment is recommended. Where a leak detector is provided it pressurized chlorine gas is present, continuous chlorine leak detection equipment is required and must be equipped with both an audible alarm and a warning light.~~

#### 5.3.4 ~~Protective~~ Other protective equipment

- a. ~~At least one pair of rubber gloves, a dust respirator of a type certified by NIOSH for toxic dusts, an apron or other protective clothing and goggles or face mask must be provided for each operator as required by the reviewing authority MDEQ.~~
- b. ~~An appropriate deluge shower and eye washing device must be installed where corrosive materials as defined by OSHA, such as strong acids and alkalis are used or stored.~~
- b. ~~A water holding tank that will allow water to come to room temperature must be installed in the water line feeding the deluge shower and eye washing device. Other methods of water tempering will be considered on an individual basis.~~
- c. Other protective equipment should be provided as necessary.

## 5.4 SPECIFIC CHEMICALS

### 5.4.1 Chlorine gas

- a. ~~Chlorinators should be housed in a room separate from but adjacent to the chlorine storage room.~~
- b. ~~Both the chlorine gas feed and storage rooms should be located in a corner of the building on the prevailing downwind side of the building and be away from entrances, windows, louvers, walkways, etc.~~
- c. ~~Chlorinator rooms should be heated to 60oF, and be protected from excessive heat. Cylinders and gas lines should be protected from temperatures above that of the feed equipment.~~
- ad. Chlorine gas feed and storage must be enclosed and separated from other operating areas. ~~The chlorine room must be~~ Both the feed and storage rooms must be constructed so as to meet the following requirements:
  - 1. ~~provided with a~~ shatter resistant inspection window ~~must be~~ installed in an interior wall;
  - 2. ~~constructed in such a manner that a~~All openings between the chlorine rooms and the remainder of the plant ~~are~~ ~~must be~~ sealed; ~~and~~
  - 3. ~~provided with d~~Doors ~~must be~~ equipped with panic hardware, assuring ready means of exit and opening outward only to the building exterior.
- b. ~~Full and empty cylinders of chlorine gas should~~ ~~must be~~
  - 1. ~~isolated from operating areas;~~
  - 2. ~~restrained in position to prevent upset;~~
  - 3. ~~stored in locked and secure rooms separate from ammonia storage; and~~
  - 4. ~~stored in areas not in~~ ~~protected from~~ ~~direct sunlight or exposure~~ ~~ed to~~ ~~excessive heat.~~
- e. ~~Where chlorine gas is used, the room must be constructed to provide the following:~~

- 4.1. ~~each chlorine room must have a~~ ventilating fan with a capacity ~~which provides one to~~ complete one air change per minute when the room is occupied, where this is not appropriate due to the size of the room a lesser rate may be considered.
25. ~~†~~The ventilating fan must take suction near the floor and ~~as far great a distance as is~~ practical from the door and air inlet, with the point of discharge ~~so~~ located so as not to contaminate air inlets to any rooms or structures.
36. ~~a~~Air inlets ~~should~~ must be through with corrosion resistant louvers must be installed near the ceiling.
47. ~~louvers for chlorine room a~~Air intake and exhaust louvers must facilitate airtight closure.
58. ~~s~~Separate switches for the ventilating fan and for the lights must be located outside ~~of the chlorine room~~ and at the inspection window. Outside switches must be protected from vandalism. A signal light indicating ventilating fan operation must be provided at each entrance when the fan can be controlled from more than one point.
69. ~~v~~Vents from ~~feeders-chlorinator~~ and storage areas must be screened and must discharge to the outside atmosphere, above grade.
7. ~~the room location should be on the prevailing downwind side of the building away from~~ entrances, windows, louvers, walkways, etc.
810. ~~f~~Floor drains are discouraged. Where provided, the floor drains must discharge to the outside of the building and may not be connected to other internal or external drainage systems.
911. ~~where deemed necessary by MDEQ located near residential or developed areas,~~  
~~p~~Provisions must be made to chemically neutralize chlorine ~~gas before discharge from~~ the water treatment plant building into the environment. ~~Such equipment must be~~ designed as part of the chlorine gas where feed or storage and feed is located near residential or developed areas to automatically engage in the event of any measurable chlorine release. The equipment must be sized to treat the entire contents of the largest storage container on site.
- d. ~~Chlorinator rooms should be heated to 60°F and be protected from excessive heat. Cylinders and gas lines should be protected from temperatures above that of the feed equipment.~~
- e. Chlorine gas feed systems must be of the vacuum type and include the following:
1. vacuum regulators on all individual cylinders in service, and
  2. service water to injectors/eductors must be of adequate supply and pressure to operate feed equipment within the needed chlorine dosage range for the proposed system.
- ef. Pressurized chlorine feed lines may not carry chlorine gas beyond the chlorinator room.
- g. All chlorine gas feed lines located outside the chlorinator or storage rooms must be installed in air tight conduit pipe.
- h. Full and empty cylinders of chlorine gas must meet the following requirements:

1. housed only in the chlorine storage room,
2. isolated from operating areas,
3. restrained in position,
4. stored in locked and secure rooms separate from ammonia storage, and
5. protected from direct sunlight or exposure to excessive heat.

#### 5.4.2 Locker-type chlorine enclosure for a small pump house

This section applies to small systems that wish to avoid the cost of a large chlorine room by installing a small locker-type enclosure to a pump house.

- a. The enclosure must be sized such that it is just big enough to house the chlorination equipment. Under no circumstances may it be big enough for a person to get into.
- b. Chlorine gas feed equipment and storage must be enclosed and separated from other operating areas
- c. Because the enclosure is sized to prevent the entrance of humans, the ventilation (5.3.1), inspection window (5.4.1 ad.1) and panic hardware (5.4.1 ad.3) requirements of this section are not applicable to the locker type enclosure.
- d. The enclosure must be heated.
- e. The access doors must be properly secured to prevent unauthorized access and labeled with an appropriate chlorine warning placard.

#### 5.4.3 Acids and caustics

- a. Acids and caustics must be kept in closed corrosion-resistant shipping containers or bulk liquid storage tanks.
- b. Acids and caustics must not be handled in open vessels, but should be pumped in undiluted form to and from original bulk liquid storage tanks and covered day tanks or from shipping containers through suitable hoses, to the point of treatment ~~or to a covered day tank.~~

#### 5.4.4 Sodium chlorite for chlorine dioxide generation

Proposals for the storage and use of sodium chlorite must be approved by MDEQ prior to the preparation of final plans and specifications. Provisions must be made for proper storage and handling of sodium chlorite to eliminate any danger of fire or explosion associated with its powerful oxidizing nature.

- a. Storage
  1. Sodium chlorite must be stored by itself in a separate room and preferably should be stored in an outside building detached from the water treatment facility. It must be stored away from organic materials because many materials will catch fire and burn violently when in contact with sodium chlorite.
  2. The storage structures must be constructed of non-combustible materials.

3. If the storage structure must be located in an area where a fire may occur, water must be available to keep the sodium chlorite area cool enough to prevent heat induced explosive decomposition of the sodium chlorite.
- b. Handling
1. Care should be taken to prevent spillage.
  2. An emergency plan of operation should be available for the clean up of any spillage.
  3. Storage drums must be thoroughly flushed to an acceptable drain prior to recycling or disposal.
- c. Feeders
1. Positive displacement feeders must be provided.
  2. Tubing for conveying sodium chlorite or chlorine dioxide solutions must be Type 1 PVC, polyethylene or materials recommended by the manufacturer.
  3. Chemical feeders may be installed in chlorine rooms if sufficient space is provided or facilities in separate rooms meeting the requirements of subsection 5.4.1 ~~must be provided~~.
  4. Feed lines must be installed in a manner to prevent formation of gas pockets and must terminate at a point of positive pressure.
  5. Check valves must be provided to prevent the backflow of chlorine into the sodium chlorite line.

#### 5.4.5 Sodium hypochlorite

Sodium hypochlorite storage and handling procedures must be arranged to minimize the slow natural decomposition process of sodium hypochlorite either by contamination or by exposure to more extreme storage conditions. In addition, feed rates must be regularly adjusted to compensate for this progressive loss in chlorine content.

- a. Storage
1. Sodium hypochlorite must be stored in the original shipping containers or in sodium hypochlorite compatible ~~containers~~ bulk liquid storage tanks.
  2. Storage containers or tanks must be sited located out of the sunlight in a cool area and must be vented to the outside of the building.
  3. Wherever reasonably feasible, stored sodium hypochlorite must be pumped undiluted to the point of addition. Where dilution is unavoidable, deionized or softened water should be used.
  4. Storage areas, tanks, and pipe work must be designed to avoid the possibility of uncontrolled discharges and a sufficient amount of appropriately selected spill absorbent must be stored on-site.

5. Reusable sodium hypochlorite storage containers must be reserved for use with sodium hypochlorite only and must not be rinsed out or otherwise exposed to internal contamination.

b. Feeders

1. Positive displacement pumps with sodium hypochlorite compatible materials for wetted surfaces must be used.
2. To avoid air locking in small installations, small diameter suction lines must be used with foot valves and degassing pump heads.
3. In larger installations flooded suction must be used with pipe work arranged to ease escape of gas bubbles.
4. Calibrations tubes or mass flow monitors that allow for direct physical checking of actual feed rates must be ~~fitted~~ provided.
5. Injectors must be removable for regular cleaning where hard water is to be treated.

#### 5.4.6 Ammonia

Ammonia for chloramine formation may be added to water either as a water solution of ammonium sulfate, or as aqua ammonia (~~ammonia gas in water solution~~), or as anhydrous ammonia (purified 100% ammonia in liquid or gaseous form). Special provisions required for each form of ammonia are listed below.

##### 5.4.6.1 Ammonium Sulfate

A water solution is made by addition of ammonium sulfate solid to water with agitation. The tank and dosing equipment contact surfaces should be made of corrosion resistant non-metallic materials. Provisions should be made for removal of the agitator after dissolving the solid. The tank should be fitted with an air-tight lid and vented outdoors. ~~Injection of the solution~~ The application point should take place in ~~be at~~ the center of treated water flow at a location where there is a high velocity movement

##### 5.4.6.2 Aqua ammonia (ammonium hydroxide)

Aqua ammonia feed pumps and storage must be enclosed and separated from other operating areas. The aqua ammonia room must be equipped as in Section 5.4.1 with the following changes:

- a. ~~A~~ Corrosion resistant, closed, unpressurized tank must be used for bulk storage, vented through an inert liquid trap to a high point outside.
- b. ~~and a~~ An incompatible connector or lockout provisions be made to prevent accidental addition of other chemicals to the bulk liquid storage tank(s).
- b-c ~~The bulk liquid storage tank must be fitted either with cooling/refrigeration and/or with provision without opening the system to dilute and mix the contents with water must be designed to avoid conditions where temperature increases cause the ammonia vapor pressure over the aqua ammonia to exceed atmospheric pressure. Such provisions must include either:~~
  1. refrigeration or other means of external cooling, or

2. dilution and mixing of the contents with water without opening the bulk liquid storage tank.

- e.d. An exhaust fan must be installed to withdraw air from high points in the room and makeup air must be allowed to enter at a low point.
- ~~f.e.~~ The aqua ammonia feed pump, regulators, and lines must be fitted with pressure relief vents discharging outside the building away from any air intake and with water purge lines leading back to the headspace of the bulk storage tank.
- e.f. The aqua ammonia must be conveyed direct from storage to the treated water stream injector without the use of a carrier water stream unless the carrier stream is softened.
- ~~f.g.~~ The point of delivery of the main water stream must be placed in a region of rapid, preferably turbulent, water flow.
- ~~g.h.~~ Provisions should be made for easy access for removal of calcium scale deposits from the injector.
- ~~h.i.~~ Provision of a modestly-size scrubber capable of handling occasional minor emissions should be considered.

#### 5.4.6.3 Anhydrous ammonia

Anhydrous ammonia is readily available as a pure liquefied gas under moderate pressure in cylinders or as a cryogenic liquid boiling at -15 Celsius at atmospheric pressure. The liquid causes severe burns on skin contact.

- a. Anhydrous ammonia and storage feed systems (including heaters where required) must be enclosed and separated from other work areas and constructed of corrosion resistant materials.
- b. Pressurized ammonia feed lines must be restricted to the ammonia room; and any feed lines located outside the room should be installed in air tight conduit pipe.
- c. An emergency air exhaust system, as in Section 5.4.1e but with an elevated intake, must be provided in the ammonia storage room.
- d. Leak detection systems must be fitted in all areas through which ammonia is piped.
- e. Special vacuum breaker/regulator provisions must be made to avoid potentially violent results of backflow of water into cylinders or storage tanks.
- f. Carrier water systems of soft or pre-softened water may be used to transport ammonia to the finished water stream and to assist in mixing.
- g. The ammonia injector must use a vacuum eductor or must consist of a perforated tube fitted with a closely fitting flexible rubber tubing seal punctured with a number of small slits to delay fouling by lime deposits.
- h. Provision must be made for the periodic removal of scale/lime deposits from injectors and carrier piping.
- i. Consideration must be given to the provision of an emergency gas scrubber capable of absorbing the entire contents of the largest ammonia storage unit whenever there is a risk to the public as a result of potential ammonia leaks.

#### 5.4.7 Potassium permanganate

- a. A source of heated water should be available for dissolving potassium permanganate, and
- b. Mechanical mixers must be provided.

#### 5.4.8 Fluoride

Sodium fluoride, sodium silicofluoride and fluorosilicic acid must conform to the applicable AWWA Standards and ANSI/NSF Standard 60. Other fluoride compounds which may be available must be approved by MDEQ.

##### a. Storage

1. Fluoride chemicals should be isolated from other chemicals to prevent contamination.
2. Compounds must be stored in covered or unopened shipping containers and should be stored inside a building.
3. Unsealed storage units for fluorosilicic acid should be vented to the atmosphere at a point outside any building. The vents to atmosphere must be provided with a corrosion resistant 24 mesh screen.
4. Bags, fiber drums and steel drums should be stored on pallets.

##### b. Chemical feed equipment and methods

1. At least two diaphragm operated anti-siphon devices must be provided on all fluoride saturator or fluosilicic acid feed systems:
  - a. One diaphragm operated anti-siphon device must be located on the discharge side of the feed pump.
  - b. A second diaphragm operated anti-siphon device must be located at the point of application- unless a suitable air gap is provided.
2. A physical break box may be required in high hazard situations where the application point is substantially lower than the metering pump. In this situation, either a dual head feed pump or two separate pumps are required and the anti-siphon device at the discharge side of the pump may be omitted.
3. Scales, loss-of-weight recorders or liquid level indicators, as appropriate, accurate to within five percent of the average daily change in reading must be provided for chemical feeds.
4. Feeders must be accurate to within five percent of any desired feed rate.
5. Fluoride compound must not be added before lime-soda softening or ion exchange softening.
6. The point of application if into a horizontal pipe must be in the lower half of the pipe, preferably at a 45 degree angle from the bottom of the pipe, and must protrude into the pipe one third of the pipe diameter.

7. Except for constant flow systems, a device to measure the flow of water to be treated is required.
8. Water used for sodium fluoride dissolution must be softened if hardness exceeds 75 mg/L as calcium carbonate.
9. Fluoride solutions must be injected at a point of continuous positive pressure unless a suitable air gap is provided.
10. The electrical outlet used for the fluoride feed pump should have a nonstandard receptacle and must be interconnected with the well or service pump, or have flow pacing as allowed by MDEQ.
11. Saturators should be of the upflow type and be provided with a meter and backflow protection on the makeup water line.
12. Consideration must be given to providing a separate room for fluorosilicic acid storage and feed.

c. Secondary controls

Secondary control systems for fluoride chemical feed devices must be provided as a means of reducing the possibility for overfeed; these may include flow or pressure switches, break boxes, or other devices.

d. Protective equipment

Personal protective equipment as outlined in Section 5.3.4 must be provided for operators handling fluoride compounds. Deluge showers and eye wash devices must be provided at all fluorosilicic acid installations.

e. Dust control

1. Provision must be made for the transfer of dry fluoride compounds from shipping containers to storage bins or hoppers in such a way as to minimize the quantity of fluoride dust which may enter the room in which the equipment is installed. The enclosure must be provided with an exhaust fan and dust filter which places the hopper under a negative pressure. Air exhausted from fluoride handling equipment must discharge through a dust filter to the outside atmosphere of the building.
2. Provision must be made for disposing of empty bags, drums or barrels in a manner which will minimize exposure to fluoride dusts. A floor drain should be provided to facilitate the washing of floors.

f. Testing equipment

Equipment must be provided for measuring the quantity of fluoride in the water. Such equipment must be subject to the approval of MDEQ.

#### **5.4.9 Activated Carbon**

Activated carbon is a potentially combustible material requiring isolated storage. Storage facilities should be fire proof and equipped with explosion-proof electrical outlets, lights and motors in areas of dry handling. Bags of

powdered carbon should be stacked in rows with aisles between in such a manner that each bag is accessible for removal in case of fire.

## CHAPTER 6 - PUMPING FACILITIES

### 6.0 GENERAL

Pumping facilities must be designed to maintain the sanitary quality of pumped water. Subsurface pits or pump rooms should be avoided and inaccessible installations must be avoided. No pumping station may be subject to flooding.

### 6.1 LOCATION

The pumping station must be so located that the proposed site will meet the requirements for sanitary protection of water quality, hydraulics of the system and protection against interruption of service by fire, flood or any other hazard.

#### 6.1.1 Site protection

The station must be

- a. elevated to a minimum of three feet above the 100-year flood elevation, or three feet above the highest recorded flood elevation, whichever is higher, or protected to such elevations;
- b. readily accessible at all times unless permitted to be out of service for the period of inaccessibility;
- c. graded around the station so as to lead surface drainage away from the station;
- d. protected to prevent vandalism and entrance by animals or unauthorized persons. The pump station should be located within a secure area such as a locked building or fenced area; and
- e. labeled such that the pumps and valves in the station are tagged to correspond to the maintenance record and for proper identification.

### 6.2 PUMPING STATIONS

Both raw and finished water pumping stations must

- a. have adequate space for the installation of additional units if needed, and for the safe servicing of all equipment;
- b. be of durable construction, fire and weather resistant and with outward-opening doors;
- c. have floor elevation of pump room, including electrical components of at least six inches above finished grade;
- d. have any appurtenant underground structure waterproofed;
- e. have all floors drained in such a manner that the quality of the potable water will not be endangered. All floors must slope to a suitable drain; and
- f. provide a suitable outlet for drainage from pump glands without discharging onto allowing discharge across the floor , including pumping glands, vacuum air relief valves, etc.

### 6.2.1 Suction well

Suction wells must

- a. be watertight,
- b. have floors sloped to permit removal of water and entrained solids,
- c. be covered or otherwise protected against contamination, and
- d. have two pumping compartments or other means to allow the suction well to be taken out of service for inspection, maintenance or repair.

### 6.2.2 Equipment servicing

Pump stations must be provided with

- a. crane-ways, hoist beams, eyebolts, or other adequate facilities for servicing or removal of pumps, motors or other heavy equipment,
- b. openings in floors, roofs or wherever else needed for removal of heavy or bulky equipment, and
- c. a convenient tool board or other facilities as needed, for proper maintenance of the equipment.

### 6.2.3 Stairways and ladders

Stairways or ladders must

- a. be provided between all floors, and in pits or compartments which must be entered,
- b. ~~have handrails on both sides, and treads of non-slip material. Stairs are preferred in areas where there is frequent traffic or where supplies are transported by hand. They must have risers not exceeding nine inches and treads wide enough for safety. must conform to the requirements of the Uniform Building Code, or relevant state and/or local codes, and~~
- c. must be provided with adequate safety equipment.

### 6.2.4 Heating

Provisions must be made for adequate heating for

- a. the comfort of the operator, and
- b. the safe and efficient operation of the equipment,

In pump houses/stations not occupied by personnel, only enough heat need be provided to prevent freezing of equipment ~~or~~, and to allow proper operation of equipment and treatment processes.

### 6.2.5 Ventilation

Ventilation must conform to ~~existing-relevant state and local and state~~ codes. Adequate ventilation must be provided for all pumping stations for operator comfort and dissipation of excess heat from the equipment. Forced ventilation of at least six changes of air per hour must be provided for

- a. all confined rooms, compartments, pits and any enclosures below ground floor, and
- b. any area where unsafe atmosphere may develop or where excessive heat may be built up.

### 6.2.6 Dehumidification

Dehumidification must be provided in areas where excess moisture could cause hazards to for operator safety or damage to equipment. ~~means for dehumidification must be provided.~~

### 6.2.7 Lighting

Pump stations must be adequately lighted throughout to deter vandalism and facilitate safety and maintenance. All electrical work must conform to the requirements of the National Electrical Code and to the relevant state and local codes.

### 6.2.8 Sanitary and other conveniences

All pumping stations that are manned for extensive periods should be provided with potable water, lavatory and toilet facilities; as allowed by state and /or local codes. Plumbing must be installed so as to prevent contamination of a public water supply. Wastes must be discharged in accordance with Chapter 9.

## 6.3 PUMPS

At least two pumping units must be provided. With any the highest capacity pump out of service, the remaining pump or pumps must be capable of providing the maximum daily pumping demand of the system, exclusive of fire flow. With all pumps in service, the pumps must be capable of providing the maximum daily demand plus fire flow demand of the system. - Additional capacity may be required if storage for the pump station service area is inadequate per Section 7.0.1.b of this circular. If only hydropneumatic storage is provided for the pump station service area, the pumping units must be sufficient to equal or exceed the peak instantaneous demand with the largest pump out of service. For hydropneumatic pumping stations serving 50 or less equivalent dwelling units, MDEQ may allow a reduction in total pumping capacity provided the system can maintain the minimum pressures required in Section 8.2.1 with the largest pump out of service. The pumping units must

- a. have ample capacity to supply the peak demand against the required distribution system pressure without dangerous overloading,
- b. be driven by prime movers able to operate against the maximum horsepower condition of the pumps ,
- c. have spare parts and tools readily available, and
- d. be served by control equipment that has proper heater and overload protection for air temperature encountered.

### 6.3.1 Suction lift

Suction lift must

- a. be avoided, if possible, or
- b. if not possible, be within allowable limits, preferably less than 15 feet.

If suction lift is necessary, provision must be made for priming the pumps.

### 6.3.2 Pump Priming

Prime water must not be of lesser sanitary quality than that of the water being pumped. Means must be provided to prevent either backpressure or backsiphonage. When an air-operated ejector is used, the screened intake must draw clean air from a point at least 10 feet above the ground or other source of possible contamination, unless the air is filtered by an apparatus approved by the MDEQ. Vacuum priming may be used.

## 6.4 BOOSTER PUMPS

In addition to the applicable sections of 6.3, booster pumps must be located or controlled so that:

- a. they will not produce negative pressure in their suction lines;
- b. the intake pressure is in accordance with section 8.2.1 when the pump is in normal operation;
- c. automatic cutoff pressure must be at least 20 psi in the suction line, under all operating conditions, unless otherwise acceptable to the MDEQ. Pumps taking suction from ground storage tanks must be equipped with automatic shutoffs or low pressure controllers as recommended by the pump manufacturer;
- d. automatic or remote control devices must have a range between the start and cutoff pressure that will prevent excessive cycling;
- e. a bypass is available; and
- f. pumps installed in the distribution system must maintain inlet pressure as required in Section 8.2.1 under all operating conditions. Pumps taking suction from storage tanks must be provided adequate net positive suction head.

### 6.4.1 Duplicate pumps

Each booster pumping station must contain not less than two pumps with capacities such that peak demand, exclusive of fire flow, can be satisfied with the largest pump out of service. With all pumps in service, the pumps must be capable of providing the maximum daily demand plus fire flow demand of the system.

### 6.4.2 Metering

All booster pumping stations must be fitted with a flow rate ~~indicating~~ indicator and totalizing meter.

### 6.4.3 Inline booster pumps

In addition to the other requirements of this section, inline booster pumps must be accessible for servicing and repairs.

### 6.4.4 Service line booster pumps

Booster pumps are not allowed for any individual residential service lines from the public water supply main. ~~Booster pumps may be allowed for multi-story~~ multi-story public buildings provided the distribution system pressures required under Section 8.2.1 are maintained and adequate backflow protection is provided.

## 6.5 AUTOMATIC AND REMOTE CONTROLLED STATIONS

All automatic stations must be provided with automatic signaling apparatus, which will report when the station is out of service. All remote controlled stations must be electrically operated and controlled and must have signaling apparatus of proven performance. ~~Installation of electrical equipment must conform with the applicable state and local electrical codes and the National Electrical Code.~~

## 6.6 APPURTENANCES

### 6.6.1 Valves

~~Pumps must be adequately valved~~ Each pump must have an isolation valve on the intake and discharge side of the pump to permit satisfactory operation, maintenance and repair of the equipment. If foot valves are necessary, they must have a net valve area of at least 2 1/2 times the area of the suction pipe and they must be screened. Each pump must have a positive-acting check valve on the discharge side between the pump and the shut-off valve. Surge relief valves, slow acting check valves, or other means to minimize hydraulic transients must be incorporated in the system design.

### 6.6.2 Piping

In general, piping must

- a. be designed so that the friction losses will be minimized,
- b. not be subject to contamination,
- c. have watertight joints,
- d. be protected against surge and water hammer and provided with suitable restraints where necessary,
- e. be designed such that each pump has an individual suction line or that the lines are manifolded so that they will insure similar hydraulic and operating conditions, and
- f. have a pressure and leakage test performed in accordance with AWWA standards.

### 6.6.3 Gauges and meters

Each pump

- a. must have a standard pressure gauge on its discharge line,
- b. should have a compound gauge on its suction line, and must have a threaded port for this gauge if it is not installed,;
- c. must have recording gauges in the larger stations, and
- d. should have a means for measuring the discharge.

~~The station should~~ must have indicating a flow rate indicator and, totalizing meter, and a method of recording metering of the total water pumped.

#### 6.6.4 Water seals

Water seals may not be supplied with water of a lesser sanitary quality than that of the water being pumped. Where pumps are sealed with potable water and are pumping water of lesser sanitary quality the seal must

- a. be provided with either an approved reduced pressure principle backflow preventer or a break tank open to atmospheric pressure, and
- b. where a break tank is provided, have an air gap of at least six inches or two pipe diameters, whichever is greater, between the feeder line and the flood rim of the tank.

#### 6.6.5 Controls

Pumps, their prime movers and accessories, must be controlled in such a manner that they will operate at rated capacity without dangerous overload. Where two or more pumps are installed, provision must be made for alternation. Provision must be made to prevent energizing the motor in the event of a backspin cycle. Electrical controls must be located above grade. Equipment must be provided or other arrangements made to prevent surge pressures from activating controls, which switch on pumps or activate other equipment outside the normal design cycle of operation.

#### 6.6.6 Standby power

- a. When power failure would result in cessation of minimum essential service, sufficient power must be provided to meet average day demand through
  1. ~~connection to at least two independent public power sources, or~~
  2. a standby portable or in-place auxiliary power source.
- b. If standby power is provided by onsite generators or engines, the fuel storage and fuel line must be designed to protect the water supply from contamination. (See Section 2.6)
- c. Auxiliary power is not required when
  1. documentation is submitted that shows power outages are infrequent and of short duration, and
  2. fire protection is not diminished by power failure.

Carbon monoxide detectors are required when generators are housed within pump stations.

#### 6.6.7 Water pre-lubrication

When automatic pre-lubrication of pump bearings is necessary and an auxiliary ~~direct drive~~ power supply is provided, the design must assure that pre-lubrication line must be is provided with a valve bypass around the automatic control so that the when auxiliary power is in use, or that bearings can, if necessary, be lubricated manually before the pump is started or the pre-lubrication controls must be wired to the auxiliary power supply.

## CHAPTER 7 - FINISHED WATER STORAGE

### 7.0 GENERAL

The materials and designs used for finished water storage structures must provide stability and durability as well as protect the quality of the stored water. Steel, concrete, fiberglass-reinforced plastic, and flexible membrane water storage facilities must follow current AWWA Standards. Other materials of construction are acceptable when properly designed to meet the requirements of Chapter 7. Porous material, including wood and concrete block, are not suitable for potable water contact applications.

#### 7.0.1 Sizing

Storage facilities must be sufficient, as determined from engineering studies, to supplement source capacity to satisfy all system demands occurring on the maximum day, plus fire flow demands where fire protection is provided.

- a. ~~Fire flow requirements recommended by the fire protection agency in which the water system is being developed, or in the absence of such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana, must be satisfied where fire protection is provided.~~ The minimum allowable storage must be equal to the average daily demand for a 24-hour period plus fire flow demand, as defined below, where fire protection is provided.
- b. ~~Any volume less than that required under a. above must be accompanied by a Storage Sizing Engineering Analysis must support any deviation requests from this standard, as defined in the glossary.~~ Large non-residential demands must be accompanied by a Storage Sizing Engineering Analysis and may require additional storage to meet system demands.
- c. Where fire protection is provided: fire flow demand must satisfy the governing fire protection agency recommendation, or without such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana.
- d. Each pressure zone of systems with multiple pressure zones must be analyzed separately and provided with sufficient storage to satisfy the above requirements.
- e. Excessive storage capacity should be avoided to prevent water quality deterioration and potential freezing problems.

#### 7.0.2 Location of ~~ground-level~~ reservoirs

- a. ~~Consideration should be given to maintaining water quality when locating water storage facilities.~~
- b.a. ~~The bottom lowest elevation of the floor and sump floor of ground level reservoirs and standpipes should be placed at the normal ground surface and must be placed above the 100 Year Flood elevation or the highest flood of record .e. If the bottom must be below normal ground surface, it must be placed whichever is higher, and at least two feet -above the groundwater table. At least 50 per cent of the water depth should be above grade.~~ Sewers, drains, standing water, and similar sources of possible contamination must be kept at least fifty feet from the reservoir. Gravity sewers constructed of water main quality pipe, pressure tested in place without leakage, may be used for gravity sewers at distances greater than 20 feet and less than 50 feet.
- d.b. The bottom of ground level reservoirs and standpipes should be placed at the normal ground surface. If the bottom of a storage reservoir must be below the normal ground surface, at least 50

percent of the water depth must be above grade. The top of a partially buried storage structure must not be less than two feet above normal ground surface. Clearwells constructed under filters may be ~~excepted~~ exempted from this requirement when the total design gives the same protection from contamination.

- c. Fully buried plastic or fiberglass storage reservoirs designed specifically for potable water must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. The bottom elevation must be above the groundwater table and above the 100 year flood plain.

### 7.0.3 Protection

All finished water storage structures must have suitable watertight roofs, which exclude birds, animals, insects, and excessive dust. The installation of appurtenances, such as an antenna, must be done in a manner that ensures no damage to the tank, coatings or water quality, or corrects any damage that occurred.

### 7.0.4 Protection from trespassers

Locks on access manholes and other necessary precautions must be provided to minimize the potential for vandalism and sabotage. Consideration should be given to the installation of high strength, cut resistant locks or lock covers to prevent direct cutting of a lock.

### 7.0.5 Drains

No drain on a water storage structure may have a direct connection to a sewer or storm drain. The design must allow draining the storage facility for cleaning or maintenance without causing loss of pressure in the distribution system. Outlets must discharge over a drainage inlet structure or a splash plate and should be designed to minimize erosion.

### 7.0.6 Stored Water Turnover ~~Age~~

~~The system should be designed to facilitate turnover of the water in the reservoir. Consideration should be given to separate inlet and outlet pipes, baffle walls or other acceptable means to avoid stagnation.~~

Finished water storage designed to facilitate fire flow requirements and meet average daily consumption should be designed to facilitate turnover of water in the finished water storage to minimize stagnation and stored water age. Consideration should be given to separate inlet and outlet pipes, mixing, or other acceptable means to avoid stagnation and freezing. Poor water circulation and long detention times can lead to loss of disinfectant residual, microbial growth, formation of disinfectant byproducts, taste and odor problems, and other water quality problems.

### 7.0.7 Overflow

All water storage structures must be provided with an overflow that is brought down to an elevation between 12 and 24 inches above the ground surface, and discharges over a drainage inlet structure or a splash plate. No overflow may be connected directly to a sewer or a storm drain. All overflow pipes must be located so that any discharge is visible.

- a. When an internal overflow pipe is used on elevated tanks, it should be located in the access tube. For vertical drops on other types of storage facilities, the overflow pipe should be located on the outside of the structure.
- b. The overflow of a ground-level storage reservoir must open downward and be screened with twenty-four mesh non-corrodible screen. The screen must be installed within the overflow pipe

at a location least susceptible to damage by vandalism. ~~If a flapper valve is used, a twenty-four mesh non-corrodible screen must be provided inside the valve.~~

- c. The overflow of an elevated tank must open downward and be screened with a four mesh, non-corrodible screen; ~~or mechanical device, such as a flap valve or duckbill valve, to keep animals or insects out.~~ The screen must be installed within the overflow pipe at a location least susceptible to damage by vandalism. ~~If a flapper valve is used, a four mesh, non-corrodible screen must be provided inside the valve.~~
- d. Screens must be visible for inspection and readily accessible for replacement.
- e. The overflow pipe must be of sufficient diameter to permit waste of water in excess of the filling rate.
- f. Use of a flapper should be considered to minimize air movement and hence ice formation in the tank. If a flapper valve is utilized, provisions must be included to prevent the flapper from freezing shut. If a flapper valve is used, a screen must be provided inside the valve

## 7.0.8 Access

Finished water storage structures must be designed with reasonably convenient access to the interior for cleaning and maintenance. At least two (2) ~~manways access hatches~~ must be provided above the waterline at each water compartment where space permits. Small tanks of 20,000 gallons or less need not have 2 access hatches.

### 7.0.8.1 Elevated Storage or Dome Roof Structures and Standpipes

At least one of the ~~manways access hatches~~:

- a. must be framed at least four inches, above the surface of the roof at the opening, must be fitted with a solid watertight cover which overlaps the framed opening and extends down around the frame at least two inches, must be hinged at one side, and must have a locking device.
- b. All other ~~manways access hatches~~ or access ways must be bolted and gasketed, or must meet the requirements of (a).

### 7.0.8.2 Ground Level or Flat Roof Structures

- a. Each ~~manway access hatch~~ must be elevated at least 24 inches above the top of the tank or covering sod, whichever is higher.
- b. Each ~~manway access hatch~~ must be fitted with a solid watertight cover, which overlaps a framed opening and extends down around the frame at least two inches. The frame must be at least four inches high. Each cover must be hinged on one side, and must have a locking device.

## 7.0.9 Vents

Finished water storage structures must be vented. The Overflow pipe is ~~are~~ not considered as vents. Open construction between the sidewall and roof is not permissible. Vents

- a. must prevent the entrance of surface water and rainwater;;
- b. must exclude birds and animals;;

- c. should exclude insects and dust, as much as this function can be made compatible with effective venting; ~~and~~
- d. must, on ground-level structures, open downward with the opening at least 24 inches above the roof or sod and be covered with twenty-four mesh non-corrodible screen. The screen must be installed within the pipe at a location least susceptible to vandalism; and
- e. must on elevated tanks and standpipes, open downward and be fitted with either four mesh non-corrodible screen, or with finer mesh non-corrodible screen in combination with an automatically resetting pressure-vacuum relief mechanism.

#### 7.0.10 Roof and sidewall

The roof and sidewalls of all water storage structures must be watertight with no openings except properly constructed vents, manholes, overflows, risers, drains, pump mountings, control ports, or piping for inflow and outflow. Particular attention must be given to the sealing of roof structures, which are integral to the tank body.

- a. Any pipes running through the roof or sidewall of a metal storage structure must be welded, or properly gasketed. In concrete tanks, these pipes must be connected to standard wall castings, which were poured in place during the forming of the concrete. These wall castings must have seepage rings imbedded in the concrete when located below the water surface.
- b. Openings in the roof of a storage structure designed to accommodate control apparatus or pump columns, must be curbed and sleeved with proper additional shielding to prevent contamination from surface or floor drainage.
- c. Valves and controls should be located outside the storage structure so that the valve stems and similar projections will not pass through the roof or top of the reservoir.
- d. The roof of the storage structure must be well drained. Downspout pipes may not enter or pass through the reservoir. Parapets, or similar construction, which would tend to hold water and snow on the roof, will not be approved unless adequate waterproofing and drainage are provided.
- e. The roof of concrete reservoirs with earthen cover must be sloped to facilitate drainage. Consideration should be given to installation of an impermeable membrane roof covering.
- f. Reservoirs with pre-cast concrete roof structures must be made watertight with the use of a waterproof membrane or similar product.

#### 7.0.11 Safety

Safety must be considered in the design of the storage structure. The design must conform to pertinent laws and regulations of the area where the reservoir is constructed.

- a. Ladders, ladder guards, balcony railings, and safely located entrance hatches must be provided where applicable.
- b. Elevated tanks with riser pipes over eight inches in diameter must have protective bars over the riser openings inside the tank.
- c. Railings or handholds must be provided on elevated tanks where persons must transfer from the access tube to the water compartment.

- d. Confined space entry requirements must be considered.

#### **7.0.12 Freezing**

Finished water storage structures and their appurtenances, especially the riser pipes, overflows, and vents, must be designed to prevent freezing which will interfere with proper functioning. Equipment used for freeze protection that will come in contact with potable water must meet ANSI/NSF Standard 61 or be approved by MDEQ. If a water circulation system is used, it is recommended that the circulation pipe be located separately from the riser pipe.

#### **7.0.13 Internal catwalk**

Every catwalk over finished water in a storage structure must have a solid floor with raised edges, designed to prevent contamination from shoe scrapings and dirt.

#### **7.0.14 Silt stop**

The discharge pipes from all reservoirs must be located in a manner that will prevent the flow of sediment into the distribution system. Removable silt stops should be provided.

#### **7.0.15 Grading**

The area surrounding a ground-level structure must be graded in a manner that will prevent surface water from standing within 50 feet of it.

#### **7.0.16 Painting and cathodic protection**

Proper protection must be given to metal surfaces by paints or other protective coatings, by cathodic protective devices, or by both.

- a. Paint systems must meet the requirements of ANSI/NSF Standard 61 and be acceptable to the MDEQ. Interior paint must be applied, cured, and used in a manner consistent with ANSI/NSF approval. After curing, the coating must not transfer any substance to the water, which will be toxic or cause tastes or odors problems. Prior to placing in service, an analysis for volatile organic compounds is advisable to establish that the coating is properly cured. Consideration should be given to 100% solids coatings.
- b. Wax coatings for the tank interior should not be used on new tanks. Recoating with a wax system is discouraged. Old wax coating must be completely removed before using another tank coating.
- c. Cathodic protection must be designed, installed and maintained by competent technical personnel and a maintenance contract must be provided or provision for adequate training must be included in the specifications.

#### **7.0.17 Disinfection**

- a. Finished water storage structures must be disinfected in accordance with current AWWA Standard C652. Two or more successive sets of samples, taken at 24-hour intervals, must indicate microbiologically satisfactory water before the facility is placed into operation.
- b. Disposal of heavily chlorinated water from the tank disinfection process must be in accordance with the requirements of the MDEQ.

- c. The disinfection procedure (AWWA chlorination method 3, section 4.3 C652), which allows use of the chlorinated water held in the storage tank for disinfection purposes, is not recommended. The chlorinated water may contain various disinfection by-products, which should be kept out of the distribution system. When the chlorinated water is allowed to enter the distribution, the free chlorine residual must not exceed 4.0 mg/l.

## **7.1 TREATMENT PLANT STORAGE**

The applicable design standards of Section 7.0 must be followed for plant storage.

### **7.1.1 Filter wash water tanks**

Filter wash water tanks must be sized, in conjunction with available pump units and finished water storage, to provide the backwash water required by Section 4.23.1.11. Consideration must be given to the backwashing of several filters in rapid succession.

### **7.1.2 Clearwell**

Clearwell storage should be sized, in conjunction with distribution system storage, to relieve the filters from having to follow fluctuations in water use.

- a. When finished water storage is used to provide contact time for chlorine (see Section 4.34.2) special attention must be given to size and baffling. (See Section 7.1.2.b below.)
- b. To ensure adequate chlorine contact time, sizing of the clearwell should include extra volume to accommodate depletion of storage during the nighttime for intermittently operated filtration plants with automatic high service pumping from the clearwell during non-treatment hours.
- c. An overflow and vent must be provided meeting the requirements of Sections 7.0.7 and 7.0.9.
- d. A minimum of two clearwell compartments must be provided.

### **7.1.3 Adjacent compartments**

Finished or treated water must not be stored or conveyed in a compartment adjacent to untreated or partially treated water when the two compartments are separated by a single wall, unless approved by MDEQ.

### **7.1.4 Other treatment plant storage tanks**

Unless otherwise allowed by MDEQ, other treatment plant storage tanks/basins such as detention basins, backwash reclaim basins, receiving basins and pump wet-wells for finished water must be designed as finished water storage structures.

## **7.2 HYDROPNEUMATIC TANK SYSTEMS**

Hydropneumatic (pressure) tanks, when provided as the only storage facility, are acceptable only in very small water systems. Systems serving more than 50 living units should have ground or elevated storage designed in accordance with Section 7.1 or 7.3. Hydropneumatic tank storage is not permitted for fire protection purposes. Pressure tanks must meet applicable ASME code requirements. Pressure tanks for which the ASME code does not apply (i.e., those with nominal water containing capacity of 120 gallons or less) must meet ASME code requirements or must satisfactorily pass a hydrostatic test of one and one-half (1.5) times the maximum allowable working pressure of the tank. The maximum allowable working pressure must be marked on each tank.

### 7.2.1 Location

Captive air hydropneumatic tanks must be located above normal ground surface and be completely housed. Conventional tanks (i.e., without an air-water separator) may be partially buried and must be provided with ground level access to the appurtenances required in section 7.2.4.

### 7.2.2 Sizing

- a. The capacity of the sources and pumps in a hydropneumatic system must have capacity sufficient to satisfy the requirements in section 3.1.1. or 3.2.1.1.b.
- b. The active storage volume of the hydropneumatic tanks must be sufficient to limit pump cycling to manufacturer's and industry recommendations. Maximum cycling frequency for pumps not using a variable speed drive must be determined for each pump and for any combination of pumps operated by the same pressure switch when consumer demand is equal to one-half (0.5) of the pump(s) capacity. Maximum cycling frequency for pumps using a variable speed drive programmed to either maintain constant pressure, constant flow, or match the system design curve, must be determined when the customer demand is one-half (.5) of the minimum pumping rate. Reduction of required tank volume for systems with alternating pump controls will not be allowed.
- ~~c. Sizing of hydropneumatic storage tanks must consider the need for chlorine contact time, as applicable, independent of the requirements in 7.2.2.a above. Tanks with a common inlet and outlet will not be given any credit for chlorine contact time.~~

### 7.2.3 Piping

Each tank must have bypass piping or valves to permit operation of the system while it is being repaired or painted.

### 7.2.4 Appurtenances

- a. Each tank must have means of draining, automatic or manual air blow-off, and means for adding air. In addition, each conventional tank (i.e., without an air-water separator) must have a water sight glass and an access manhole. Where practical the access manhole should be at least 24 inches in diameter.
- b. Control equipment consisting of a pressure gage, pressure relieving device, and pressure operated start-stop controls for the pumps must be provided for the hydropneumatic tank system. Installing a shut-off valve between the pump and the pressure operated start-stop controls must be avoided when possible.
- c. The pressure relieving device must prevent the pressure from rising more than 10 percent above the maximum allowable working pressure. The discharge capacity of the pressure relieving device must be adequately sized. Pressure gages must have a range of no less than 1.2 times the pressure at which the pressure relieving device is set to function.

## 7.3 DISTRIBUTION STORAGE

The applicable design standards of Section 7.0 must be followed for distribution system storage.

### 7.3.1 Pressures

The maximum variation between high and low levels in storage structures providing pressure to a distribution system should not exceed 30 feet. The minimum working pressure in the distribution system should be 35 psi (240 kPa) and the normal working pressure should be approximately 60 to 80 psi (410-550 kPa). When static pressures exceed 100 psi (690 kPa), pressure reducing devices ~~should~~ must be provided on mains or as part of the meter setting on individual service lines in the distribution system.

### 7.3.2 Drainage

Storage structures that provide pressure directly to the distribution system, must be designed so they can be isolated from the distribution system and drained for cleaning or maintenance without necessitating loss of pressure in the distribution system. The drain must discharge to the ground surface with no direct connection to a sewer or storm drain.

### 7.3.3 Level controls

Adequate controls must be provided to maintain levels in distribution system storage structures. Level indicating devices should be provided at a central location.

- a. Pumps should be controlled from tank levels with the signal transmitted by telemetering equipment when any appreciable head loss occurs in the distribution system between the source and the storage structure.
- b. Altitude valves or equivalent controls may be required for second and subsequent structures on the system.
- c. Overflow and low-level warnings or alarms should be located at places in the community where they will be under responsible surveillance 24 hours a day.

## 7.4 CISTERNS

~~Cisterns designed according to CIRCULAR DEQ 17, Montana Standards for Cisterns (Water Storage Tanks) for Individual Non-public Systems, and provided with an appropriate air gap on the service line discharge, may be used on individual service connections.~~

# CHAPTER 8 – TRANSMISSION MAINS, DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, PIPING & APPURTENANCES

## 8.0 GENERAL

Transmission mains and water distribution systems must be designed to maintain treated water quality. Special consideration should be given to distribution main sizing, providing for design of multidirectional flow, adequate valving for distribution system control, and provisions for adequate flushing. Systems should be designed to maximize turnover and to minimize residence times while delivering acceptable pressures and flows.

## 8.1 MATERIALS

### 8.1.1 Standards, materials selection

- a. All materials including pipe, fittings, valves and fire hydrants must conform to the latest standards issued by the AWWA and ANSI/NSF, where such standards exist, and be acceptable to MDEQ.
- b. In the absence of such standards, materials meeting applicable Product Standards and acceptable to MDEQ may be selected.
- c. Special attention must be given to selecting pipe materials, which will protect against both internal and external corrosion.
- d. Pipes and pipe fittings containing more than 8% lead must not be used. All products must comply with ANSI/NSF standards.
- e. All materials used for the rehabilitation of water mains must meet ANSI/NSF standards.
- f. Where lines are to be slip-lined, slip-lining material must be approved for potable water applications, be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines, and be installed in a manner that minimizes service interruption.

### 8.1.2 Permeation of system by organic compounds

Where distribution systems are installed in areas of groundwater contaminated by organic compounds:

- a. pipe and joint materials that are not subject to permeation of the organic compounds must be used, and
- b. non-permeable materials must be used for all portions of the system including water main, pipe joint material, service connections and hydrant leads.

### 8.1.3 Used materials

Water mains, which have been previously used for conveying potable water, may be reused provided they meet the above standards and have been restored practically to their original condition.

### 8.1.4 Joints

Packing and jointing materials used in the joints of pipe must meet the standards of the AWWA and MDEQ. Pipe having mechanical joints or slip-on joints with rubber gaskets is preferred. Gaskets containing lead must not be

used. Repairs to lead-joint pipe must be made using alternative methods. Manufacturer approved transition joints must be used between dissimilar piping materials.

## **8.2 WATER MAIN DESIGN**

### **8.2.1 Pressure**

All water mains, including those not designed to provide fire protection, must be sized after a hydraulic analysis based on flow demands and pressure requirements. The system must be designed to maintain a minimum normal working pressure of 35 psi. Minimum pressure under all conditions of flow (e.g. fire flows, hydrant testing, and water main flushing) must be 20 psi. Water main pressures must be sufficient to provide the required minimum pressures at ground level at the highest building sites served by the proposed water mains excluding service line head losses. (i.e. water main pressure must be equal to or greater than the required minimum pressure plus the elevation difference between the highest building site and ground level at the service connection). Maximum normal working pressure should be approximately 60 to 80 psi. Transmission mains and water lines directly serving reservoirs are exempt from the minimum pressure requirements where the line pressures are controlled by the reservoir water surface elevation.

### **8.2.2 Diameter**

The minimum size of water main for providing fire protection and serving fire hydrants must be six-inch diameter. Larger size mains will be required if necessary to allow the withdrawal of the required fire flow while maintaining the minimum residual pressure specified in Section 8.2.1.

The minimum size of water main in the distribution system where fire protection is not to be provided should be a minimum of three (3) inch diameter. Any departure from minimum requirements must be justified by hydraulic analysis and future water use, and can be considered only in special circumstances.

### **8.2.3 Fire protection**

When fire protection is to be provided, system design must be such that fire flows and facilities are in accordance with the recommendations of the fire protection agency in which the water system is being developed, or in the absence of such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana. ~~Water mains not designed to carry fire flows may not have fire hydrants connected to them.~~

### **8.2.4 Dead ends**

- a. ~~Dead ends~~ must be minimized by making appropriate tie-ins whenever practical, in order to provide increased reliability of service and reduce head loss.
- b. Where dead-end mains occur, they must be provided with a fire hydrant if flow and pressure are sufficient, or with an approved flushing hydrant or blow-off for flushing purposes. Flushing devices should be sized to provide flows, which will give a velocity of at least 2.5 feet per second in the water main being flushed, and must be sized to provide at least the minimum pressure of 20 psi. required in section 8.2.1, when the flushing device is fully open. Flushing devices may not be directly connected to any sewer.

## **8.3 VALVES**

Sufficient valves must be provided on water mains so that inconvenience and sanitary hazards will be minimized during repairs. Valves should be located at not more than 500 foot intervals in commercial districts and at not

more than one block or 800 foot intervals in other districts. Where systems serve widely scattered customers and where future development is not expected, the valve spacing should not exceed one mile.

## **8.4 HYDRANTS**

### **8.4.1 Location and spacing**

- a. Hydrants should be provided at each street intersection and at intermediate points between intersections and must be provided as recommended by the fire protection agency in which the water system is being developed, or in the absence of such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana.
- b. Water mains not designed to carry fire flows must not have fire hydrants connected to them. It is recommended that flushing hydrants be provided on these systems. Flushing devices must be sized to provide flows which will have a velocity of at least 2.5 feet per second in the water main being flushed. No flushing device may be directly connected to any sewer.

### **8.4.2 Valves and nozzles**

Fire hydrants must have a bottom valve size of at least five inches, one 4-1/2 inch pumper nozzle and two 2-1/2 inch nozzles. Other bottom valve and nozzle sizes may be acceptable when compatible with the existing fire hydrants and fire fighting equipment.

### **8.4.3 Hydrant leads**

The hydrant lead must be a minimum of six inches in diameter. Auxiliary valves must be installed in all hydrant leads.

### **8.4.4 Hydrant drainage**

- a. Hydrant drains should be plugged. When the drains are plugged the barrels must be pumped dry after use during freezing weather.
- b. Where hydrant drains are not plugged, a gravel pocket or dry well must be provided unless the natural soils will provide adequate drainage.
- c. Hydrant drains must not be connected to or located within 10 feet of sanitary sewers, or storm drains.
- d. Hydrant drains should be above the seasonal high groundwater table.

## **8.5 AIR RELIEF, VACUUM RELIEF, AND COMBINATION AIR/VACUUM RELIEF VALVES**

### **8.5.1 Air relief valves**

At high points in water mains where air can accumulate provisions must be made to remove the air by means of hydrants or air relief valves. Automatic air relief valves may not be used in situations where flooding of the manhole or chamber may occur. ~~Use of manual air relief valves is recommended wherever practical.~~

### **8.5.2 Relief valve piping**

- a. Use of manual relief valves is recommended whenever possible.
- b. a.——The open end of an air relief pipe from a manually operated valve must be extended to the top of the pit and provided with a screened, downward-facing elbow if drainage is provided for the manhole.
- b.c. The open end of relief pipe from automatic valves must be extended to at least one foot above grade and be provided with a screened, downward-facing elbow. Where the potential for freezing of trapped water in the relief pipe is a concern, a drain protected by two single check valves may be installed in the relief pipe. Air relief piping with a screened downward facing elbow may terminate near the top of chamber if a drain to daylight is provided. As an alternative, an air relief valve may be used inside the chamber without a drain to daylight if the valve is designed specifically for use in a pit or chamber without a drain and is protected from inflow and backflow by a device specifically designed to preclude such an occurrence.”
- e.d. Discharge piping from relief valves must not connect directly to any storm drain, storm sewer, or sanitary sewer.
- d.e. Chambers or pits must be drained to the surface of the ground where they are not subject to flooding by surface water, or to absorption pits underground.

## **8.6 VALVE, METER, AND BLOW-OFF CHAMBERS**

Wherever possible, chambers, pits or manholes containing valves, blow-offs, meters, or other such appurtenances to a distribution system, must not be located in areas subject to flooding or in areas of high groundwater. Such chambers or pits should drain to the ground surface, or to absorption pits underground. The chambers, pits, and manholes must not connect to any storm drain or sanitary sewer.

## **8.7 INSTALLATION OF MAINS**

### **8.7.1 Standards**

Specifications must incorporate the provisions of the AWWA standards and manufacturers recommended installation procedures. Where AWWA standards are not available MDEQ may allow installation per manufacturer's and industry standards on a case-by-case basis.

### **8.7.2 Bedding**

A continuous and uniform bedding must be provided in the trench for all buried pipe. Backfill material must be tamped in layers around the pipe and to a sufficient height above the pipe to adequately support and protect the pipe. Stones found in the trench must be removed for a depth of at least six inches below the bottom of the pipe.

### **8.7.3 Cover**

All water mains must be covered with sufficient earth or other insulation to prevent freezing.

### **8.7.4 Blocking**

All tees, bends, reducers, plugs and hydrants must be provided with reaction blocking, tie rods or joints designed to prevent movement.

### **8.7.5 Anchoring of fusible pipe**

Additional restraint may be necessary on fusible pipe at the connection to appurtenances or transitions to different pipe materials to prevent separation of joints. The restraint may be provided in the form of an anchor ring encased in concrete or other methods as approved by MDEQ.

### **8.7.6 Pressure and leakage testing**

All types of installed pipe must be pressure tested and leakage tested in accordance with the appropriate AWWA Standards.

### **8.7.6.7 Disinfection**

All new, cleaned or repaired water mains must be flushed, disinfected and tested in accordance with AWWA Standard C651. The specifications must include detailed procedures for adequate flushing, disinfection, and microbiological testing of all water mains. In an emergency or unusual situation, the disinfection procedure must be discussed with MDEQ.

### **8.7.7.8 External Corrosion**

- a. ~~Where external corrosion may be a concern, a system of records by which the nature and frequency of corrosion problems are recorded must be provided. On a plat map of the distribution system, show the location of each problem so that follow-up investigations and improvements can be made when a cluster of problems is identified.~~
- b. ~~If needed, perform a survey to determine the existence of facilities or installations that would provide the potential for stray, direct electric currents. Also, determine whether problems are caused by the use of water pipes as grounds for the electrical system.~~
- c. ~~In areas where aggressive soil conditions are suspect, or in areas where there are known aggressive soil conditions, analyses must be performed to determine the actual aggressiveness of the soil.~~
- d. ~~If soils are found to be aggressive, take necessary action to protect the water main must be protected by means such as by encasement of the water main in polyethylene, provision of cathodic protection (in very severe instances), or using corrosion resistant water main materials.~~

### **8.7.9 Separation from other utilities**

Water mains should be installed to ensure adequate separation from other utilities such as electrical, telecommunications, and natural gas lines for the ease of rehabilitation, maintenance, and repair of water main.

## **8.8 SEPARATION OF WATER MAINS, SANITARY SEWERS AND STORM SEWERS**

### **8.8.1 General**

The following factors should be considered in providing adequate separation:

- a. materials and type of joints for water and sewer pipes,
- b. soil conditions,
- c. service and branch connections into the water main and sewer line,
- d. compensating variations in the horizontal and vertical separations,

- e. space for repair and alterations of water and sewer pipes, and
- f. off-setting of pipes around manholes.

### 8.8.2 Parallel installation

Water mains must be laid at least 10 feet horizontally from any existing or proposed gravity sanitary or storm sewer, septic tank, or subsoil treatment system. The distance must be measured edge to edge. Water mains must be laid at least 10 feet horizontally from any existing or proposed gravity sanitary or storm sewer, septic tank, or subsoil treatment system. The distance must be measured edge to edge.

If the minimum horizontal separation as described above cannot be obtained, the design engineer shall submit a request for a deviation along with a description of the problem and justifying circumstances. If the deviation is granted, the sewer must be designed and constructed with the following minimum conditions:

- a. Sewers must be constructed of slip-on or mechanical joint pipe complying with public water supply design standards and be pressure tested to minimum 150 psi to assume watertightness.
- b. Sewer services utilizing in-line fittings and extending to at least property lines must be installed and tested in the area of the encroachment. Saddles are not acceptable.

### 8.8.3 Crossings

- a. Water mains crossing sewers must be laid to provide a minimum vertical distance of 18 inches between the outside of the water main and the outside of the sewer. This must be the case where the water main is either above or below the sewer.
- b. At crossings, one full length of water pipe must be located so both joints will be as far from the sewer as possible. Special structural support for the water and sewer pipes may be required.

Water mains crossing gravity sanitary or storm sewers must be laid with a minimum vertical separation distance of 18 inches between the outside of the water main and the outside of the sewer. This must be the case where the water main is either above or below the sewer. The crossing must be arranged so that the sewer joints will be equidistant and as far as possible from the water main joints. Where a water main crosses under a sewer, adequate structural support must be provided for the sewer to maintain line and grade and to prevent damage to the water main.

If the proper vertical separation as described above cannot be obtained, the design engineer must clearly identify the locations of sub-minimum separation on the plans and must comply with the following:

- a. Vertical separation at crossings between water and sewer mains must be at least six (6) inches.
- b. Sewers must be constructed of slip-on or mechanical joint pipe complying with public water supply design standards and be pressure tested to minimum 150 psi to assume watertightness.
- c. At crossings, one standard length of new pipe must be centered at approximately a 90 degree angle in respect to the existing pipe.
- d. Sewer services utilizing in-line fittings and extending to at least property lines must be installed and tested within 10 feet of the crossing. Saddles are not acceptable.

- c. Either the water or sewer main must be encased in a watertight carrier pipe which extends 10 feet on both sides of the crossing or the mains must be encased in a minimum of 6 inches of flowable fill for a minimum of 10 feet each side of the crossing pipes. If the minimum 6 inch separation is not viable, the water line must be relocated, and vertical separation at crossings between water and sewer mains must be at least 18 inches.

#### **8.8.4 — Exception**

~~When it is impossible to obtain the minimum specified separation distances, MDEQ must specifically approve, through the deviation process, any variance from the requirements of Sections 8.8.2 and 8.8.3. Where sewers are being installed and Section 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 cannot be met, the following methods of installation may be used:~~

- a. ~~Such deviation may allow installation of the water main closer to a gravity sewer, provided that the water main is laid in a separate trench or on an undisturbed earth shelf located on one side of the sewer at such an elevation that the bottom of the water main is at least 18 inches above the top of the gravity sewer.~~
- b. ~~The sewer must be in compliance with the requirements of DEQ 2, Chapter 30, Section 38 Protection of Public Water Supplies.~~

#### **8.8.45 Force mains**

There must be at least a 10 foot horizontal separation between water mains and sanitary sewer force mains. There must be an 18 inch vertical separation at crossings as required in Section 8.8.3.

#### **8.8.56 Sewer manholes**

No water pipe may pass through or come in contact with any part of a sewer manhole. Water main should be located at least 10 feet from sewer manholes.

#### **8.8.67 Separation of water mains from other sources of contamination**

Design engineers should exercise caution when locating water mains at or near certain sites such as sewage treatment plants or industrial complexes. Subsurface sewage systems must be located and avoided. The engineer must contact MDEQ to establish specific design requirements for locating water mains near any source of contamination.

### **8.9 SURFACE WATER CROSSINGS**

Surface water crossings, whether over or under water, present special problems. MDEQ should be consulted before final plans are prepared.

#### **8.9.1 Above-water crossings**

The pipe must be adequately supported and anchored, protected from vandalism, damage and freezing, and accessible for repair or replacement.

#### **8.9.2 Underwater crossings**

A minimum cover of ~~two~~five feet must be provided over the pipe. When crossing water-courses that are greater than 15 feet in width, the following must be provided:

- a. ~~The pipe pulled or floated and lowered into position~~ must be of special construction, having flexible, restrained or welded watertight joints; ~~pipe assembled in place may have mechanical or welded watertight joints in lieu of flexible water tight joints.~~
- b. ~~v~~Valves must be provided at both ends of water crossings so that the section can be isolated for testing or repair; the valves must be easily accessible, and not subject to flooding.
- c. pPermanent taps or other provisions to allow insertion of a small meter to determine leakage and obtain water samples must be made on each side of the valve closest to the supply source.

## 8.10 CROSS-CONNECTIONS AND INTERCONNECTIONS

### 8.10.1 Cross-connections

There may not be unprotected cross-connections between the distribution system and any pipes, pumps, hydrants, or tanks whereby unsafe water or other contaminating materials may be discharged or drawn into the system. Cross-connections must be eliminated in conformity with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 3, ARM.

### 8.10.2 Cooling water

Neither steam, condensate nor cooling water from the engine jackets or other heat exchange devices may be returned to the potable water supply.

### 8.10.3 Interconnections

The approval of MDEQ must be obtained for interconnections between potable water supplies. Consideration should be given to differences in water quality.

## 8.11 WATER SERVICES AND PLUMBING CONNECTIONS

### 8.11.1 Plumbing Lead Control

~~Water services and plumbing must conform to relevant local and state plumbing codes, or to the Uniform Plumbing Code as amended by ARM 8.70.302.~~ Solders and flux containing more than 0.2% lead and pipe fittings containing more than 8% lead must not be used on service connections.

### 8.11.2 Booster pumps

Individual booster pumps are not allowed for any individual residential service from the public water supply mains. Where permitted for multi story public building services, booster pumps must be designed in accordance with Sections 6.4 through 6.4.4.

## 8.12 SERVICE METERS

Each service connection should be individually metered. New water systems should individually meter each service connection.

## 8.13 WATER LOADING STATIONS

Water loading stations present special problems since the fill line may be used for filling both potable water vessels and other tanks or contaminated vessels. To prevent contamination of both the public supply and potable water vessels being filled, the following principles must be met in the design of water loading stations:

- a. there may not be any backflow to the public water supply,
- b. the piping arrangement must prevent contaminant being transferred from a hauling vessel to others subsequently using the station, and
- c. hoses may not be contaminated by contact with the ground.

#### **8.14 WATER MAIN ABANDONMENT**

Water mains must be abandoned in a manner that prevents cross connections and must be entirely or partially removed to prevent future connection to the abandoned main.

#### **8.15 TEMPORARY WATER DISTRIBUTION**

All pipes including service lines and all appurtenances for temporary distribution of water during construction of replacement projects must be approved by the MDEQ. The plans and specifications must, at a minimum, satisfy the following requirements:

- a. All materials must comply with ANSI/NSF, where such standards exist, and be acceptable to MDEQ.
- b. No component of the temporary distribution system can be in contact with or at risk of being in contact with sources of contamination.
- c. The temporary system must be designed to maintain a minimum working pressure of 35-psi at all points in the distribution system including the service lines.
- d. Where accumulation of air could diminish the flow capacity of the system, air relief must be provided.
- e. All piping and valves must be adequately restrained where necessary and protected from physical damage to the extent practicable.
- f. Each temporary setup of distribution piping must be visually inspected for leaks at full pressure prior to use and daily during use. Visual leaks occurring during use must be reported to the project engineer and repaired immediately.
- g. Each temporary setup of distribution piping must be flushed, disinfected, and microbiologically tested in accordance with AWWA Standard C651.
- h. There may not be any potential cross-connections to the temporary distribution system.
- i. A double check assembly backflow prevention valve, at a minimum, must be installed to protect the municipal supply connection to the temporary distribution system. Backflow prevention valves must conform to standards issued by AWWA.

## CHAPTER 9 – WASTE RESIDUALS

### 9.0 GENERAL

~~Provisions must be made for proper disposal of water treatment plant waste such as sanitary, laboratory, clarification sludge, softening sludge, iron sludge, filter backwash water, and brines. All waste discharges must be governed by regulatory agency requirements in accordance with all federal, state and/or local laws and ordinances. The requirements outlined herein must, therefore, be considered minimum requirements as federal, state and local water pollution control authorities may have more stringent requirements.~~

Provisions must be made for proper disposal of water treatment plant wastes such as sanitary and laboratory wastes, clarification sludge, softening sludge, iron sludge, filter backwash water, backwash sludge, and brines (including softener and ion exchange regeneration wastes and membrane wastes). Some regulatory agencies consider discharge from overflow pipes/outlets as discharge wastes. In locating sewer lines and waste disposal facilities, due consideration must be given to preventing potential contamination of the water supply.

Alternative methods of water treatment and chemical use should be considered as a means of reducing waste volumes and the associated handling and disposal problems. Appropriate backflow prevention measures must be provided on waste discharge piping as needed to protect the public water supply.

### 9.1 SANITARY WASTE

The sanitary waste from water treatment plants, pumping stations, and other waterworks installations must receive treatment. Waste from these facilities must be discharged directly to a sanitary sewer system, when available and feasible, or to an adequate on-site waste treatment facility approved by MDEQ. However, initiation of this practice will depend on obtaining approval from the owner of the sewerage system as well as from the MDEQ before final designs are made. The appropriate federal, state, and local officials should be notified when designing treatment facilities to ensure that the local sanitary sewer system can accept the anticipated wastes. Sanitary waste disposal may require a discharge permit from the DEQ Water Protection Bureau.

### 9.2 BRINE WASTES

Waste from ion exchange ~~plants~~, demineralization, and membrane plants, or other plants that produce a brine, may be disposed of by controlled discharge to a stream if adequate dilution is available. Surface water quality requirements of MDEQ will control the rate of discharge. Except when discharging to large waterways, a holding surge tank of sufficient size must be provided to allow the brine to be discharged over a twenty-four hour period. Where discharging to a sanitary sewer, a holding tank may be required to prevent the overloading of the sewer and/or interference with the waste treatment process. The effect of brine discharge to sewage lagoons may depend on the rate of evaporation from the lagoons.

### 9.3 PRECIPITATIVE SOFTENING SLUDGE

Sludge from plants using precipitative softening varies in quantity and in chemical characteristics depending on the softening process and the chemical characteristics of the water being softened. Recent studies show that the quantity of sludge produced is much larger than indicated by stoichiometric calculations. Methods of treatment and disposal are as follows:

a. Lagoons

1. Short term Temporary storage lagoons ~~which must be cleaned periodically~~ must be designed on the basis of 0.7 acres per million gallons per day per 100 milligrams per liter of hardness removed based on usable lagoon depth of five feet. This should provide

about 2 1/2 years storage. At least two but preferably more lagoons must be provided in order to give flexibility in operation. An acceptable means of final sludge disposal must be provided. Provisions must be made for convenient cleaning.

2. Long term Permanent lagoons must have a volume of at least four times the volume of temporary-short term storage lagoons.
3. The design of both temporary lagoons-short term and permanent-long term lagoons must provide for:
  - a. location free from flooding,
  - b. dikes, deflecting gutters or other means of diverting surface water must be provided so that it does not flow into the lagoons,
  - c. a minimum usable depth of five feet,
  - d. adequate freeboard of at least two feet,
  - e. adjustable decanting device,
  - f. effluent sampling point,
  - g. adequate safety provisions,
  - h. parallel operation, and
  - i. subsurface infiltration may be acceptable if approved by MDEQ.
- b. The application of liquid lime sludge to farm land can be considered as a method of ultimate disposal. Prior to land application, a chemical analysis of the sludge including calcium and heavy metals must be conducted. Approval from MDEQ must be obtained. When this method is selected, the following provisions must be made:
  1. Transport of sludge by vehicle or pipeline must incorporate a plan or design, which prevents spillage or leakage during transport.
  2. Interim storage areas at the application site must be kept to a minimum and facilities must be provided to prevent washoff of sludge or flooding.
  3. Sludge must not be applied at times when washoff of sludge from the land could be expected.
  4. Sludge must not be applied to sloping land where washoff could be expected unless provisions are made, for suitable land, to immediately incorporate the sludge into the soil.
  5. Trace metals loading must be limited to prevent significant increases in trace metals in the food chain, phytotoxicity or water pollution.
  6. Each area of land to receive lime sludge must be considered individually and a determination made as to the amount of sludge needed to raise soil pH to the optimum for the crop to be grown.

- c. Discharge of lime sludge into sanitary sewers should be avoided since it may cause both liquid volume and sludge volume problems at the sewage treatment plant. This method must only be used when the sewerage system has the capability to adequately handle the lime sludge, and the applicant has obtained written approval from the owner of the sewerage system before final designs are made.
- d. Mixing of lime sludge with activated sludge waste may be considered as a means of co-disposal.
- e. Disposal at the landfill can be done as either a solid or liquid if the landfill can accept such waste, depending on individual state requirements.
- f. Mechanical dewatering of sludge may be considered. Pilot studies on a particular plant waste are required.
- g. Calcination of sludge may be considered. Pilot studies on a particular plant waste are required.
- h. Lime sludge drying beds are not recommended.

## **9.4 ALUM SLUDGE**

Lagoons may be used as a method of handling alum sludge. Lagoon size can be calculated using total chemicals used plus a factor for turbidity. Mechanical concentration may be considered. A pilot plant study is required before the design of a mechanical dewatering installation. Freezing changes the nature of alum sludge so that it can be used for fill. Acid treatment of sludge for alum recovery may be a possible alternative. Alum sludge can be discharged to a sanitary sewer. However, initiation of this practice will depend on obtaining approval from the owner of the sewerage system as well as from the MDEQ before final designs are made.

### **9.4.1 Lagoons**

Lagoons must be designed to produce an effluent satisfactory to the MDEQ and must provide for:

- a. location free from flooding,
- b. dikes, deflecting gutters or other means of diverting surface water must be provided so that it does not flow into the lagoon,
- c. a minimum usable depth of five feet,
- d. adequate freeboard of at least two feet,
- e. adjustable decanting device,
- f. effluent sampling point,
- g. adequate safety provisions, and
- h. a minimum of two cells each with appropriate inlet/outlet structures to facilitate independent filling/dewatering operations.

### **9.4.2 Mechanical Dewatering**

- a. The successful use of mechanical dewatering depends on the characteristics of the alum sludge produced, as determined by site specific studies.

- b. Mechanical dewatering must be preceded by sludge concentration and chemical pre-treatment.

#### 9.4.3 Land Application

Alum sludge may be disposed of by land application either alone, or in combination with other wastes where an agronomic value has been determined and disposal has been approved by MDEQ.

### 9.5 "RED WATER" WASTE

Waste filter wash water from iron and manganese removal plants can be disposed of as follows:

#### 9.5.1 Sand filters

Sand filters must have the following features:

- a. Total filter area, regardless of the volume of water to be handled, must be no less than 100 square feet. Unless the filter is small enough to be cleaned and returned to service in one day, two or more cells are required.
- b. The "red water" filter must have sufficient capacity to contain, above the level of the sand, the entire volume of wash water produced by washing all of the production filters in the plant, unless the production filters are washed on a rotating schedule and the flow through the production filters is regulated by true rate of flow controllers. Then sufficient volume must be provided to properly dispose of the wash water involved.
- c. Sufficient filter surface area must be provided so that, during any one filtration cycle, no more than two feet of backwash water will accumulate over the sand surface.
- d. The filter may not be subject to flooding by surface runoff or flood waters. Finished grade elevation must be established to facilitate maintenance, cleaning and removal of surface sand as required. Flash boards or other non-watertight devices may not be used in the construction of filter side walls.
- e. The filter media must consist of a minimum of twelve inches of sand, three to four inches of supporting small gravel or torpedo sand, and nine inches of gravel in graded layers. All sand and gravel must be washed to remove fines.
- f. Filter sand must have an effective size of 0.3 to 0.5 mm and a uniformity coefficient not to exceed 3.5.
- g. The filter must have an adequate under-drainage collection system to permit satisfactory discharge of filtrate.
- h. Provision must be made for the sampling of the filter effluent.
- i. Overflow devices from "red water" filters are not permitted.
- j. Where freezing is a problem, provisions must be made for ~~covering~~ freeze protection for the filters during the winter months.
- k. "Red water" filters must comply with the common wall provisions contained in Sections 7.1.3 and 8.10.1, which pertain to the possibility of contaminating treated water with an unsafe water.

- l. MDEQ must be contacted for approval of any arrangement where a separate structure is not provided.

### 9.5.2 Lagoons

Lagoons must have the following features:

- a. be designed with volume 10 times the total quantity of wash water discharged during any 24-hour period,
- b. a minimum usable depth of three feet,
- c. length four times width, and the width at least three times the depth, as measured at the operating water level,
- d. outlet to be at the end opposite the inlet,
- e. a weir overflow device at the outlet end with weir length equal to or greater than depth,
- f. velocity to be dissipated at the inlet end, and
- g. subsurface infiltration lagoons may be acceptable if approved by MDEQ.

### 9.5.3 Discharge to community sanitary sewer

Red water can be discharged to a community sewer. However, approval of this method will depend on obtaining approval from the owner of the sewerage system as well as MDEQ before final designs are made. A holding surge tank must be provided to prevent overloading the sewers. Design must prevent cross connections and there must be no common walls between potable and non-potable water compartments.

### 9.5.4 Discharge to surface water

Plant must have an MPDES (Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit or other applicable discharge permit to dispose of backwash water into surface water.

### 9.5.5 Recycling "Red Water" Wastes

Recycling of supernatant or filtrate from "red water" waste treatment facilities to the head end of an iron removal plant are not allowed except as approved by MDEQ .

## 9.6 WASTE FILTER WASH WATER

~~Waste filter~~ Disposal of backwash water from surface water treatment or and lime softening plants must have suspended solids reduced to a level acceptable to MDEQ before being discharged. Many plants have constructed holding tanks and returned this water to discharged to a holding-backwash reclaim tank or recycled to the inlet end head of the plant.

- a. The holding tank must be sized to constructed in the following manner:
  1. It must contain the anticipated volume of waste wash-water produced by the plant when operating at design capacity.

2. A plant that has two filters must have a holding tank that will contain the total waste wash water from both filters calculated by using a 15-minute wash at 20 gallons per minute per square foot.
  3. In plants with more than two filters, the size of the holding tank will depend on the anticipated hours of operation. ~~It is recommended that waste~~
- b. Spent filter backwash water, thickener supernatant and liquids processes may be allowed by the regulatory agency to be recycled into the inlet end-head of the plant, provided that:
1. The recycled water must be returned at a rate of less than 10 percent of the raw water entering the plant.
  2. The recycled ~~Filter backwash~~ water must not be recycled when the raw water contains excessive algae, when finished water taste and odor problems are encountered, or when trihalomethane levels in the distribution system exceed allowable levels. Particular attention must be given to the presence of protozoans such as *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* concentrating in the waste water stream.
  3. Water utilities may need to treat filter waste water prior to recycling to reduce pathogen population and improve coagulation or avoid reclaiming filter wash water given the increased risk to treated water quality.

## 9.7 RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

Radioactive materials include, but are not limited to, GAC used for radon removal; ion exchange regeneration waste from radium removal, radium adsorptive filter media; and manganese greensand backwash solids from manganese removal systems, precipitative softening sludges, and reverse osmosis concentrates where radiological constituents are present. The buildup of radioactive decay products of radon must be considered, and adequate shielding, ventilation and other safeguards must be provided for operators and visitors. These materials may require disposal as radioactive waste in accordance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regulations. Approval must be obtained from MDEQ prior to disposal of all wastes.

## 9.8 ARSENIC WASTE RESIDUALS

Arsenic-bearing wastes, including but not limited to, filter backwash water and sludge, and adsorptive filter media from arsenic treatment facilities may be considered hazardous. Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), a residual wastes from an arsenic water treatment facility may be defined as being hazardous waste if it exhibits a Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) result of 5.0 mg/l. MDEQ must be contacted for approval prior to disposal of Arsenic residuals wastes.

## APPENDIX A

### A.1 General

In addition to the information required in the circular, information on management, operation, maintenance, and financing of the system must be submitted. The purpose of this information is to allow evaluation of a new system for proper system management, operation and maintenance (O&M), and financial planning that provides long-term stability of the new system. The 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act provides for State development of strategies to ensure the managerial, technical, and financial capacity for new community water systems.

The fundamental goals of capacity development are:

- to protect public health by ensuring consistent compliance with drinking water standards,
- to enhance performance beyond compliance through measures that improve efficiency, effectiveness, and service excellence,
- to promote continuous improvement through monitoring, assessment, and strategic planning.

Capacity terms are defined as follows based on definitions in Title 36, Chapter 23, Sub-chapter 1, ARM:

Managerial capability (capacity) means the management structure of the water system, including but not limited to ownership accountability, staffing, and organization.

Technical capability (capacity) means the physical infrastructure of the water system, including but not limited to the source water adequacy, infrastructure adequacy, and technical knowledge based on information provided.

Financial capability (capacity) means the financial resources of the water system, including but not limited to the revenue sufficiency, credit worthiness, and fiscal controls.

The Department is granted the authority in 75-6-103(2)(f), MCA, to ensure financial viability of proposed public water supply systems (and public sewage systems) as necessary to ensure the capability of the system to meet the requirements of Title 75, Chapter 6, Part 1, MCA.

A separate application form with appropriate guidance is available from the Department to assist in providing information. All new public water supplies and existing systems making modifications must submit a capacity development inventory and self-assessment form.

### A.2 Managerial Capacity

Provide the following information:

1. Name, address, and telephone number of the owner(s). If ownership or control of the system is to change in the near future, such as in a subdivision where the developer will eventually relinquish control to the homeowners' association, provide a projected time line for change of ownership.
2. Administrative and management organizational charts. Define the functions and responsibilities of the organization and each administrative/managerial position. For example, if the organization has a secretary, provide a brief description of the secretary's responsibilities.
3. Plans for staffing the system with a certified operator and back-up operator. Provide the name of the operator if an operator has been selected. An operator should be available to operate the

system even if the system has not yet become public. If the system is to be operated under contracted services, provide a copy of the contract.

4. A system or plan for maintaining records (including records of operation, service maintenance, and repairs), plans and specifications for construction, as-built drawings, O&M manuals, and compliance information. Preferably, an office space should be dedicated for storing all information that is readily accessible by the operator, manager(s), and owner(s) of the system.
5. A copy of the articles of incorporation, by-laws, or similar documents that:
  - a. Define the purpose of the responsible entity.
  - b. Describe the procedures for compliance with the requirements of the Secretary of State's Office for creating and maintaining a non-profit association.
  - c. List membership and define membership rights (all lot owners should automatically
  - d. Define the format and schedule for meetings and requirements for quorums.
  - e. Describe the powers and duties of the board of directors.
  - f. Describe the process for transferring control of the system from the developer to the lot owners, where applicable.
  - g. Explain the procedures for amendment of the by-laws.
  - h. Confer authority to assess and collect fees for O&M, monitoring, personnel, capital improvements and equipment replacement.
  - i. Establish the service area of the responsible entity.
  - j. Confer authority to require water conservation practices, including metering.
  - k. Confer authority to require installation of water meters, and to own and maintain water meters, and the authority to bill according to water usage.
  - l. Confer authority to require installation of backflow prevention devices, and to own and maintain such devices.
  - m. Confer authority and define procedures for disconnection of service (nonpayment, refusal to provide meters or backflow devices or to allow access for maintenance of this equipment).
  - n. Also, provide policies on how delinquent accounts, system violations, fee changes, and customer complaints will be addressed. Please note that homeowners' associations must file their articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State.
6. In the event that the responsible entity becomes insolvent, how will perpetuation of the system be maintained? Has a second party been considered for future ownership in the event that the responsible entity becomes insolvent?\_The managerial plan must allow for:
  - a. Efficient operation of the system.

- b. Adequate control of and accountability for the system by the owner(s), manager(s), and operator(s).
- c. Adequate resources and accountability for regulatory compliance by the owner(s), manager(s) and operator(s).
- d. Dissemination of appropriate information to all customers and regulatory agencies.

### A.3 Technical, Operational, and Maintenance Capacity

Provide the following information in the form of an O&M manual that will be available to the operator, owner(s), and manager(s):

1. An explanation of startup and normal operation procedures. Startup should address operation of the system throughout system buildout if applicable (i.e., a subdivision will experience varying demands as the subdivision develops and builds out).
2. Will any equipment be leased or rented? Are easement or lease agreements necessary for any portion of the system? If applicable, provide pertinent information (i.e., copy of easement or lease agreement). Are changes in local zoning necessary to protect the proposed source(s)?
3. Record keeping method and system for reporting to the Department.
4. Sampling and analyses program to demonstrate compliance with drinking water standards (Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM) for all sources, entry points, treatment, and distribution systems.
5. Staffing and training requirements to operate the system to maintain compliance with drinking water standards (Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM).
6. Documentation of a safety program.
7. Documentation of an emergency plan and emergency operating procedures (e.g., in the event of a chemical spill or loss of power).
8. Manufacturer's manuals for all equipment and contact names for service. A routine maintenance program and maintenance schedules must also be included. Forms for recording routine maintenance checks per manufacturer's guidelines should be provided, including frequency of maintenance and anticipated replacement dates for major equipment.

Items 1 through 5 must be submitted in the form of an O&M manual prior to approval of the system.

A letter from the applicant must be provided prior to system use indicating that the system (or portion of the system that has been completed to date) was constructed per the approved plans and specifications. As-built, record drawings for the system (or portion of the system that has been completed to date) must be provided within 90 days after the system has become operational. The as-built, record drawings must include an O&M manual addressing items 1 through 8 and must contain manufacturer's manuals and other pertinent information to complete the O&M manual.

9. The system must be operated in a manner that:
  - a. Maintains compliance with drinking water standards (Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM).

- b. Allows effective operation of the system in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.
- c. Supplies adequate water, both in terms of quantity and quality.
- d. Complies with operating conditions presented in the engineer's report.

#### A.4 Financial Capacity

The following financial information must be submitted in order to receive system approval:

1. The financial information in Table A-1 must be completed for a 5-year period.
2. O&M rates and capital improvement/replacement rates must be developed based on the information in Table A-1. A capital improvement/replacement plan must be developed for a 20-year period and the rate set accordingly. A reserve fund must be established and maintained to address future replacement of equipment based on anticipated replacement dates.
3. Customers should be metered. If customers are metered, demonstrate how the rates account for metering (cost of meters, cost of operator to read/maintain meters, how rates correspond to meter readings).
4. Connection/system development fee and basis for fee, if applicable.
5. A description of the owner(s) or responsible entity's access to financial capital. If a large sum of money is necessary for replacement, improvement, or expansion, can the owner(s) or responsible entity obtain a loan or grant?
6. Budgetary controls and audit schedule.
7. If the system is privately owned, has the Department of Public Service Regulation been contacted?
8. Provide a financial plan that demonstrates how all improvements will be constructed per the proposed plans and specifications. If bonding or other financial assurance has been provided for improvements with a regulating entity (such as the county), provide information on the bonded improvements.

The financial plan must demonstrate that:

- a. Revenues match or exceed expenses.
- b. Adequate funds will be maintained for replacement of equipment.
- c. Appropriate reserve accounts will be maintained.
- d. The budget will be controlled, preferably by audits every 3 to 5 years.
- e. The 5-year cash flow presented in Table A-1 is sufficient to properly operate the system.

All proposed improvements will be constructed completely and in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

## Appendix B – AWWA Standards Adopted by Reference

<u>Std</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Standard Name</u>
<u>A100</u>	<u>-06</u>	<u>Water Wells</u>
<u>B100</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Granular Filter Material</u>
<u>B101</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Precoat Filter Media</u>
<u>B102</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Manganese Greensand for Filters</u>
<u>B110</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Membrane Systems</u>
<u>B130</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Membrane Bioreactor Systems</u>
<u>B200</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Sodium Chloride</u>
<u>B201</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Soda Ash</u>
<u>B202</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Quicklime and Hydrated Lime</u>
<u>B300</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Hypochlorites</u>
<u>B301</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Liquid Chlorine</u>
<u>B302</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Ammonium Sulfate</u>
<u>B303</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Sodium Chlorite with new Addendum B303a-13</u>
<u>B304</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Liquid Oxygen for Ozone Generation for Water, Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Systems</u>
<u>B305</u>	<u>-06</u>	<u>Anhydrous Ammonia</u>
<u>B306</u>	<u>-07</u>	<u>Aqua Ammonia (Liquid Ammonium Hydroxide)</u>
<u>B402</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Ferrous Sulfate</u>
<u>B403</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Aluminum Sulfate - Liquid, Ground, or Lump</u>
<u>B404</u>	<u>-08</u>	<u>Liquid Sodium Silicate</u>
<u>B405</u>	<u>-06</u>	<u>Sodium Aluminate</u>
<u>B406</u>	<u>-06</u>	<u>Ferric Sulfate</u>
<u>B407</u>	<u>-05</u>	<u>Liquid Ferric Chloride</u>
<u>B408</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Liquid Polyaluminum Chloride</u>
<u>B451</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Poly (Diallyldimethylammonium Chloride)</u>
<u>B452</u>	<u>-06</u>	<u>EPI-DMA Polyamines</u>
<u>B453</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Polyacrylamide</u>
<u>B501</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)</u>
<u>B502</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Sodium Polyphosphate, Glassy (Sodium Hexametaphosphate)</u>
<u>B503</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Sodium Tripolyphosphate</u>
<u>B504</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Monosodium Phosphate, Anhydrous</u>
<u>B505</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Disodium Phosphate, Anhydrous</u>
<u>B506</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Zinc Orthophosphate</u>
<u>B510</u>	<u>-06</u>	<u>Carbon Dioxide</u>
<u>B511</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Potassium Hydroxide</u>
<u>B512</u>	<u>-08</u>	<u>Sulfur Dioxide</u>
<u>B550</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Calcium Chloride</u>
<u>B600</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Powdered Activated Carbon</u>
<u>B601</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Sodium Metabisulfite</u>
<u>B602</u>	<u>-08</u>	<u>Copper Sulfate</u>
<u>B603</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Permanganates</u>
<u>B604</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Granular Activated Carbon</u>

<u>B605</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Reactivation of Granular Activated Carbon</u>
<u>B701</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Sodium Fluoride</u>
<u>B702</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Sodium Fluorosilicate</u>
<u>B703</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Fluorosilicic Acid - <i>New Addendum Published #B703a</i></u>
<u>C104</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Cement-Mortar Lining for Ductile-Iron Pipe and Fittings</u>
<u>C105</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Polyethylene Encasement for Ductile-Iron Pipe Systems</u>
<u>C110</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Ductile Iron &amp; Gray-Iron Fittings</u>
<u>C111</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Rubber-Gasket Joints for Ductile-Iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings</u>
<u>C115</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Flanged Ductile-Iron Pipe with Ductile-Iron or Gray-Iron Threaded Flanges</u>
<u>C116</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Protective Fusion-Bonded Epoxy Coatings for the Interior and Exterior Surfaces of Ductile-Iron and Gray-Iron Fittings</u>
<u>C150</u>	<u>-08</u>	<u>Thickness Design of Ductile-Iron Pipe</u>
<u>C151</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Ductile-Iron Pipe, Centrifugally Cast</u>
<u>C153</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Ductile-Iron Compact Fittings for Water Service</u>
<u>C200</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Steel Water Pipe--6 In. (150 mm) and Larger</u>
<u>C203</u>	<u>-08</u>	<u>Coal-Tar Protective Coatings and Linings for Steel Water Pipelines--Enamel and Tape--Hot-Applied</u>
<u>C205</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Cement-Mortar Protective Lining and Coating for Steel Water Pipe--4 In. (100 mm) and Larger--Shop Applied</u>
<u>C206</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Field Welding of Steel Water Pipe</u>
<u>C207</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Steel Pipe Flanges for Waterworks Service--Sizes 4 In. Through 144 In. (100 mm Through 3600 mm)</u>
<u>C208</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Dimensions for Fabricated Steel Water Pipe Fittings</u>
<u>C209</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Cold-Applied Tape Coatings for the Exterior of Special Sections, Connections, and Fittings for Steel Water Pipelines</u>
<u>C210</u>	<u>-07</u>	<u>Liquid-Epoxy Coating Systems for the Interior and Exterior of Steel Water Pipelines</u>
<u>C213</u>	<u>-07</u>	<u>Fusion-Bonded Epoxy Coatings for the Interior and Exterior of Steel Water Pipelines</u>
<u>C214</u>	<u>-07</u>	<u>Tape Coating Systems for the Exterior of Steel Water Pipelines</u>
<u>C215</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Extruded Polyolefin Coatings for the Exterior of Steel Water Pipelines</u>
<u>C216</u>	<u>-07</u>	<u>Heat-Shrinkable Cross-Linked Polyolefin Coatings for the Exterior of Special Sections, Connections, and Fittings for Steel Water Pipelines</u>
<u>C217</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Petrolatum and Petroleum Wax Tape Coatings for the Exterior of Connections and Fittings for Steel Water Pipelines</u>
<u>C218</u>	<u>-08</u>	<u>Liquid Coating Systems for the Exterior of Aboveground Steel Water Pipelines and Fittings</u>
<u>C219</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Bolted, Sleeve-Type Couplings for Plain-End Pipe</u>
<u>C220</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Stainless Steel Pipe, 1/2 In. (13 mm) and Larger</u>
<u>C221</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Fabricated Steel Mechanical Slip-Type Expansion Joints</u>
<u>C222</u>	<u>-08</u>	<u>Polyurethane Coatings for the Interior and Exterior of Steel Water Pipe and Fittings</u>
<u>C223</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Fabricated Steel and Stainless Steel Tapping Sleeves</u>
<u>C224</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Nylon-11-Based Polyamide Coating System for the Interior and Exterior of Steel Water Pipe, Connections, Fittings and Special Sections</u>
<u>C225</u>	<u>-07</u>	<u>Fused Polyolefin Coating System for the Exterior of Steel Water Pipelines</u>
<u>C226</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Stainless-Steel Fittings for Water Works Service, Sizes 1/2 In. Through 72 In. (13 mm-1,800 mm)</u>
<u>C227</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Bolted, Split-Sleeve Restrained and Nonrestrained Couplings for Plain-End Pipe</u>
<u>C228</u>	<u>-08</u>	<u>Stainless-Steel Pipe Flanges for Water Service - 2" - 72" (50 mm - 1800 mm)</u>
<u>C229</u>	<u>-08</u>	<u>Fusion-Bonded Polyethylene Coating for the Exterior of Steel Water Pipelines</u>
<u>C230</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Stainless-Steel Full-Encirclement Repair &amp; Service Connection Clamps</u>
<u>C300</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type</u>

C301	-07	<u>Prestressed Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type</u>
C302	-11	<u>Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Noncylinder Type</u>
C303	-08	<u>Concrete Pressure Pipe, Bar-Wrapped, Steel-Cylinder Type</u>
C304	-07	<u>Design of Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe</u>
C500	-09	<u>Metal-Seated Gate Valves for Water Supply Service</u>
C502	-05	<u>Dry-Barrel Fire Hydrants</u>
C503	-05	<u>Wet-Barrel Fire Hydrants</u>
C504	-10	<u>Rubber-Seated Butterfly Valves 3 In. (75mm) Through 72 In. (1,800 mm)</u>
C507	-11	<u>Ball Valves, 6 In. Through 48 In. (150 mm Through 1,500 mm)</u>
C508	-09	<u>Swing-Check Valves for Waterworks Service, 2 In. Through 24 In. (50-mm Through 600-mm) NPS</u>
C509	-09	<u>Resilient-Seated Gate Valves for Water Supply Service</u>
C510	-07	<u>Dble Chk Valve Backflow Prevention Assembly</u>
C511	-07	<u>Reduced-Pressure Principle Backflow Prevention Assembly</u>
C512	-07	<u>Air-Release, Air/Vacuum, and Combination Air Valves for Waterworks Service</u>
C515	-09	<u>Reduced-Wall, Resilient-Seated Gate Valves for Water Supply Service</u>
C516	-10	<u>Large-Diameter Rubber-Seated Butterfly Valves, Sizes 78 In. (2,000 mm) and Larger</u>
C517	-09	<u>Resilient-Seated Cast-Iron Eccentric Plug Valves</u>
C518	-13	<u>Dual-Disc Swing-Check Valves for Waterworks Service</u>
C520	-10	<u>Knife Gate Valves, Sizes 2 In. (50 mm) Through 96 In. (2,400 mm)</u>
C530	-12	<u>Pilot-Operated Control Valves</u>
C541	-08	<u>Hydraulic and Pneumatic Cylinder and Vane-Type Actuators for Valves and Slide Gates</u>
C542	-09	<u>Electric Motor Actuators for Valves and Slide Gates</u>
C550	-13	<u>Protective Interior Coatings for Valves and Hydrants</u>
C560	-07	<u>Cast-Iron Slide Gates</u>
C561	-12	<u>Fabricated Stainless-Steel Slide Gates</u>
C562	-12	<u>Fabricated Aluminum Slide Gates</u>
C563	-12	<u>Fabricated Composite Slide Gates</u>
C600	-10	<u>Installation of Ductile-Iron Water Mains and Their Appurtenances</u>
C602	-11	<u>Cement - Mortar Lining of Water Pipelines in Place - 4 In. (100 mm) and Larger</u>
C604	-11	<u>Installation of Steel Water Pipe - 4 In. (100 mm) and Larger</u>
C605	-06	<u>Underground Installation of PVC Pressure Pipe and Fittings for Water</u>
C606	-11	<u>Grooved and Shouldered Joints</u>
C620	-07	<u>Spray-Applied In-Place Epoxy Lining of Water Pipelines, 3 In. (75 mm) and Larger</u>
C651	-05	<u>Disinfecting Water Mains</u>
C652	-11	<u>Disinfection of Water-Storage Facilities</u>
C653	-03	<u>Disinfection of Water Treatment Plants</u>
C654	-13	<u>Disinfection of Wells</u>
C655	-09	<u>Field Dechlorination</u>
C670	-09	<u>Online Chlorine Analyzer Operation &amp; Maintenance</u>
C700	-09	<u>Cold-Water Meters - Displacement Type, Bronze Main Case</u>
C701	-12	<u>Cold-Water Meters - Turbine Type, for Customer Service</u>
C702	-10	<u>Cold-Water Meters - Compound Type</u>
C703	-11	<u>Cold-Water Meters - Fire-Service Type</u>
C704	-12	<u>Propeller-Type Meters for Waterworks Applications</u>

<u>C706</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Direct-Reading, Remote-Registration Systems for Cold-Water Meters</u>
<u>C707</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Encoder-Type Remote Registration Systems for Cold-Water Meters</u>
<u>C708</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Cold-Water Meters - Multijet Type</u>
<u>C710</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Cold-Water Meters - Displacement Type, Plastic Main Case</u>
<u>C712</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Cold-Water Meters - Singlejet Type</u>
<u>C713</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Cold-Water Meters - Fluidic-Oscillator Type</u>
<u>C750</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Transit-Time Flowmeters in Full Closed Conduits</u>
<u>C800</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Underground Service Line Valves and Fittings</u>
<u>C900</u>	<u>-07</u>	<u>PVC Pipe and Fabricated Fittings, 4 In. Through 12 In. (100 mm Through 300 mm), for Water Transmission and Distribution</u>
<u>C901</u>	<u>-08</u>	<u>Polyethylene (PE) Pressure Pipe and Tubing, 1/2 In. (13 mm) Through 3 In. (76 mm), for Water Service</u>
<u>C903</u>	<u>-05</u>	<u>Polyethylene-Aluminum-Polyethylene &amp; Cross-linked Polyethylene-Aluminum-Cross-linked Polyethylene Composite Pressure Pipes, 1/2 In. (12 mm) Through 2 In. (50 mm), for Water Service</u>
<u>C904</u>	<u>-06</u>	<u>Cross-Linked Polyethylene (PEX) Pressure Pipe, 1/2 In. (12 mm) Through 3 In. (76 mm), for Water Service</u>
<u>C905</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pressure Pipe and Fabricated Fittings, 14 In. Through 48 In. (350 mm Through 1,200 mm)</u>
<u>C906</u>	<u>-07</u>	<u>Polyethylene (PE) Pressure Pipe and Fittings, 4 In. (100 mm) Through 63 In. (1600 mm), for Water Distribution and Transmission</u>
<u>C907</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Injection-Molded Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pressure Fittings, 4 In. Through 12 In. (100 mm Through 300 mm), for Water, Wastewater, &amp; Reclaimed Water Services</u>
<u>C909</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Molecularly Oriented Polyvinyl Chloride (PVCO) Pressure Pipe, 4 In. Through 24 In. (100 mm Through 600 mm), for Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed Water Service</u>
<u>C950</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Fiberglass Pressure Pipe</u>
<u>D100</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Welded Carbon Steel Tanks for Water Storage</u>
<u>D102</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Coating Steel Water-Storage Tanks</u>
<u>D103</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Factory-Coated Bolted Steel Tanks for Water Storage</u>
<u>D104</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Automatically Controlled, Impressed-Current Cathodic Protection for the Interior of Steel Water Storage</u>
<u>D106</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Sacrificial Anode Cathodic Protection Systems for the Interior Submerged Surfaces of Steel Water Storage Tanks</u>
<u>D107</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Composite Elevated Tanks for Water Storage</u>
<u>D108</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>Aluminum Dome Roofs for Water Storage Fac.</u>
<u>D110</u>	<u>-04</u>	<u>Wire- and Strand-Wound, Circular, Prestressed Concrete Water Tanks</u>
<u>D115</u>	<u>-06</u>	<u>Tendon-Prestressed Concrete Water Tanks</u>
<u>D120</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Thermosetting Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic Tanks</u>
<u>D121</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Bolted Aboveground Thermosetting Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic Panel-Type Tanks for Water Storage</u>
<u>D130</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Geomembrane Materials for Potable Water Applications</u>
<u>E102</u>	<u>-06</u>	<u>Submersible Vertical Turbine Pumps</u>
<u>E103</u>	<u>-07</u>	<u>Horizontal and Vertical Line-Shaft Pumps</u>
<u>F101</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Contact-Molded, Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic Wash-Water Troughs and Launderers</u>
<u>F102</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Match-Die-Molded, Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic Weir Plates, Scum Baffles, and Mounting Brackets</u>
<u>F110</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>Ultraviolet Disinfection Systems for Drinking Water</u>
<u>G100</u>	<u>-05</u>	<u>Water Treatment Plant Operation and Mngmt</u>
<u>G200</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Distribution Systems Operation and Mngmt</u>
<u>G300</u>	<u>-07</u>	<u>Source Water Protection</u>

	<u>G400</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Utility Management System</u>
	<u>G410</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Business Practices for Operation and Mngmt</u>
	<u>G420</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Communications and Customer Relations</u>
	<u>G430</u>	<u>-09</u>	<u>Security Practices for Operation and Mngmt</u>
	<u>G440</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>Emergency Preparedness Practices</u>
	<u>G480</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>Water Conservation Program Operation and Management</u>

## Glossary

<b>Active Storage Volume:</b>	The volume of water available in a hydropneumatic pressure tank between the ON-OFF pressure settings. The effective volume is limited to approximately 25 - 30% of the total volume of the tank. More accurate percentages can be obtained from tables utilizing pump ON-OFF settings and tank pre-charge. Manufacturers' information on captive air tanks give the effective volume for different operating pressure ranges and pre-charges.
<b>Accessory Building</b>	<u>A subordinate building or structure on the same lot as the main building, which is under the same ownership as the main building and which is devoted exclusively to an accessory use such as a garage, workshop, art studio, guest house or church rectory.</u>
<b>Current AWWA Standards:</b>	<u>Means those industry standards listed and adopted by reference in Appendix B. Designers may also propose and the department may approve on a case-by-case basis generally accepted industry standards that have not yet been adopted by the Board of Environmental Review.</u>
<b>Average-Day Demand:</b>	Annual water consumption divided by 365 days in a year. Average-Day Demand normally includes the following components for design of new systems. Average-Day Demand from actual use records for existing systems that provide fire Protection may also include some Fire Demands that have occurred. However, separate Fire Demand must always be added to the components listed below for new systems or to the actual average use for existing systems when designing for fire storage. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>Domestic demand:</u> Volume of water required by the average household for drinking, cooking, laundry, bathing and sanitation.</li><li>2. <u>Commercial/Industrial:</u> Volume of water required by users other than residential. Such as restaurants, offices, institutions, shops.</li><li>3. <u>Irrigation Demand:</u> Volume of water used to irrigate lawns and gardens. The total seasonal demand over 180 days is averaged for the entire year.</li></ol>
<b>Design Pump Capacity:</b>	Anticipated production rate based on pump selection from manufacturer's pump performance curves. Pump selections, within recommended efficiency ranges, are made using water system Total Dynamic Head (TDH) and desired production capacity.
<b>Discharge piping:</b>	Water line from the source to the pressure control assembly. Includes the piping to which the pressure control appurtenances are attached. Discharge piping would normally begin at a well pitless unit or adaptor.
<b>Fire-flow Demand:</b>	Volume of water required to fight structural fires, expressed as flow rate times duration. The proposed fire flows must be as recommended by the fire protection agency in which the water system is being developed, or in the absence of such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana. Fire flow demand must be added to the maximum day demand during the hours of peak demand when designing a system.
<b>Hydraulic analysis:</b>	An evaluation of the distribution system to determine if adequate pressure is maintained under all flow conditions in accordance with DEQ-1, Section 8.2.1. The analysis can be performed using a calibrated model or established empirical equations, such as Darcy-Weisbach or Hazen-Williams.
<b>Maximum Day Demand:</b>	The highest volume of water consumed on any day in a year.
<b>Network analysis:</b>	The process of analyzing water distribution systems through the use of mathematical computer models.
<b>Peak Instantaneous Demand:</b>	The highest flow rate on the hydrographic curve. Expressed as a volume per unit of time. Calculated from a Fixture Unit analysis per the UPC, AWWA Fixture Value Method, or

by applying a peaking factor to the Average Day Demand in gallons per minute, or other means acceptable to MDEQ.

**Service connection:** A line that provides water service to ~~one a single building or living unit~~ main building with accessory buildings and that is designed to service line specifications.

**Storage Sizing Engineering Analysis:** A detailed engineering study that includes ~~hourly~~ hourly ~~diurnally~~ diurnally ~~peaked~~ peaked water usage demands ~~for during the maximum day and subsequent and preceding days,~~ operational storage volume requirements, reserve standby storage requirements, dead storage volume, and extended time reservoir mass flow analysis for the maximum day demand with the required fire flow, when fire protection is provided, occurring during the hours of peak demand. The required design storage volume must be determined with the largest well, largest treatment train, ~~and or the~~ largest booster pump out of service and must include provisions for auxiliary power.

**Water main:** Any line providing water to ~~two or more~~ multiple service connections, any line serving a water hydrant that is designed for fire fighting purposes, or any line that is designed to water main specifications.



**CIRCULAR DEQ 3**

**STANDARDS  
FOR  
SMALL WATER SYSTEMS**

**February 24, 2006-2014 EDITION**

CHAPTER 1 - SUBMISSION OF PLANS.....	3
1.0 GENERAL.....	3
1.1 DESIGN REPORT.....	3
1.2 PLANS.....	5
1.3 SPECIFICATIONS.....	6
1.4 DEVIATIONS FROM STANDARDS.....	6
d. Deviations to the standards will not be approved if they would cause a violation of a Statute or Administrative Rule.....	6
CHAPTER 2 GENERAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS.....	7
2.0 DISINFECTION.....	7
2.1 SAMPLE TAPS.....	7
2.2 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.....	7
2.3 CHEMICALS AND WATER CONTACT MATERIALS.....	7
2.4 SECURITY.....	7
CHAPTER 3 - SOURCE DEVELOPMENT.....	8
3.0 GENERAL.....	8
3.1 SURFACE WATER.....	8
3.2 GROUND WATER.....	8
3.3 SPRINGS.....	16
3.4 CISTERNS.....	16
CHAPTER 4 - TREATMENT.....	17
4.0 GENERAL.....	17
4.1 DISINFECTION.....	17
4.2 LIQUID HYPOCHLORINATORS.....	18
4.3 WELLHEAD PELLET CHLORINATORS.....	20
CHAPTER 5 - CHEMICAL APPLICATION.....	21
5.0 GENERAL.....	21
CHAPTER 6 - PUMPING FACILITIES.....	22
6.0 GENERAL.....	22
6.1 LOCATION.....	22
6.2 PUMPS.....	22
6.3 APPURTENANCES.....	22
CHAPTER 7 - FINISHED WATER STORAGE.....	24
7.0 GENERAL.....	24
7.1 PRESSURE TANKS.....	24
7.2 OTHER STORAGE SYSTEMS.....	25
7.3 CISTERNS.....	25
CHAPTER 8 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS.....	26
8.0 MATERIALS.....	26
8.1 WATER MAIN DESIGN.....	26
8.2 VALVES.....	26
8.3 INSTALLATION OF MAINS.....	26
8.4 SEPARATION OF WATER MAINS AND SEWERS.....	27
8.5 CROSS CONNECTIONS AND INTERCONNECTIONS.....	28
8.6 WATER SERVICES AND PLUMBING.....	28
8.7 WATER MAIN ABANDONMENT.....	28
CHAPTER 9 WASTE RESIDUALS.....	29
Glossary.....	35

**3335667777788881616171717182021212222222222242424252526262626272828**

**282934**

# CHAPTER 1 - SUBMISSION OF PLANS

## 1.0 GENERAL

All reports, final plans and specifications must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the date on which action by MDEQ is desired. The term "MDEQ" as used in this circular refers to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality or a delegated division of local government. Environmental assessments, Permits for construction, to take water, for waste discharges, for stream crossings, etc., may be required from other federal, state or local agencies. No approval for construction can be issued until final, complete, detailed plans and specifications have been submitted to MDEQ and found to be satisfactory. Three copies of the final plans and specifications must be submitted. An approved set will be returned to the applicant. Documents submitted for formal approval must include, but are not limited to:

- a. design report,
- b. a summary of the basic design criteria,
- c. operation requirements, where applicable,
- d. general layout,
- e. detailed plans, and
- f. specifications,
- g. for public water systems, documentation that owner is committed to providing as-built drawings of the project and the certification letter required in ARM 17.38.101,
- h. for new public non-transient, non-community systems, the technical, financial and managerial information required in DEQ-1, Standard 1.0.h and Appendix A, and
- i. review fees as specified in ARM 17.38.106.

## 1.1 DESIGN REPORT

The design report for new water works must present the following information. The design report for existing water systems must present the following information detailed in this subsection to the extent it applies to the water system improvements:

### 1.1.1 General information, including:

- a. A description of the existing water works and sewage facilities,
- b. An identification of the municipality or area served, and
- c. The name and mailing address of the owner, developer and official custodian.
- d. ~~Information requested in Appendix A for new non-transient non-community systems and existing system improvements with significant economic impacts.~~

### 1.1.2 Extent of water system, including:

- a. Description of the nature and extent of the area or facility to be served,

- b. provisions for extending the water works system to include additional facilities, and
- c. appraisal of the future requirements for service, including existing and potential water supply needs.

### 1.1.3 Alternate Plans

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

### 1.1.4 Water use data, including:

- a. The estimated population, which will be served by the proposed water supply system or expanded system,
- b. present water consumption (if available) and the projected average and maximum daily demands or peak instantaneous demand where appropriate used as the basis of design, including fire flow demand if provided, and
- c. present and/or estimated yield of the sources of supply.

### ~~1.1.5 Sewage system available~~

~~Describe the existing or proposed sewage collection system and sewage treatment works with special reference to their relationship to existing or proposed water works structures which may affect the operation of the water supply system, or which may affect the quality of the supply.~~

### 1.1.5 Flow requirements, including:

- a. hydraulic analyses based on flow demands and pressure requirements (See Section 8.2.1); and
- b. fire flows, when fire protection is provided, meeting the recommendations of the fire protection agency in which the water system is being developed, or in the absence of such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana. Documentation from the fire protection agency may be required if the flow requirements vary significantly from typical values.

### ~~1.1.6 Sources~~ 1.1.6 Sources of water supply

Describe the proposed source or sources of water supply to be developed, including:

- a. ~~S~~sites considered,
- b. advantages of the site selected,
- c. elevations with respect to surroundings,
- d. sources of possible contamination such as sewers and sewage treatment/disposal facilities, highways, railroads, landfills, outcroppings of consolidated water-bearing formations, storm water facilities, chemical facilities, waste disposal wells, agricultural uses, etc.

- d. ~~documentation that an application for water rights has been filed with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, when applicable. Final system approval will be conditioned on the ability to obtain water rights;~~
- e. a preliminary assessment for proposed groundwater sources that may be under the direct influence of surface water prepared in accordance with Circular PWS-5, "Assessment of Groundwater Sources Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water," and
- f. a source water ~~protection plan~~ assessment report prepared in accordance with Circular PWS-6.

### **1.1.7 Sewage system available**

Describe the existing or proposed sewage collection system and sewage treatment works, with special reference to their relationship to existing or proposed water works structures which may affect the operation of the water supply system, or which may affect the quality of the supply.

## **1.2 PLANS**

Plans for water works improvements must, be legible and must provide the following:

### **1.2.1 General layout including:**

- a. suitable title,
- b. name of entity or person responsible for the water supply,
- c. area or facility to be served,
- d. scale, in feet,
- e. north point,
- f. date and name of the designer, and
- g. location, nature and size of existing water facilities, if any.

### **1.2.2 Detailed plans, including:**

- a. arrangement of present or planned wells or structures,
- b. plan and profile drawings of well construction, showing diameter and depth of drill holes, casing and liner diameters and depths, grouting depths, elevations and designation of geological formations, water levels and other details to describe the proposed well completely,
- c. location of all existing and potential sources of pollution which may affect the water source or underground treated water storage facilities,
- d. ~~location, size and length of existing or proposed streets; water sources, including ponds, lakes and drains; storm, sanitary, combined and house sewers; septic tanks, disposal fields and cesspools; and abandoned wells,~~
- de. piping in sufficient detail to show flow through the water system, including waste lines,
- ef. locations, dimensions and elevations of all proposed water system facilities,

fg. locations of sampling taps, and

gh. adequate description of any features not otherwise covered by the specifications.

### 1.3 SPECIFICATIONS

Complete, detailed, technical specifications must be supplied for the proposed project.

### 1.4 DEVIATIONS FROM STANDARDS

Deviations from the mandatory requirements of these standards may be granted by the Department, on a case-by-case basis for specific projects.

#### 1.4.1 Procedure

- a. A person desiring a deviation must make a request in writing on the *Department of Environmental Quality Deviation Form*. The request must identify the specific section and deviation of the standards to be considered. Adequate justification for the deviation must be provided. "Engineering judgment" or "professional opinion" without supporting data is not considered adequate justification.
- b. A panel of three persons from the Department shall review the request, and make a final determination on whether or not a deviation may be granted.
- c. A file of all deviations will be maintained by the Department.
- d. Deviations to the standards will not be approved if they would cause a violation of a Statute or Administrative Rule.

## CHAPTER 2 GENERAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

### 2.0 DISINFECTION

All wells, pipes, tanks, and equipment that can convey or store potable water must be disinfected in accordance with current AWWA procedures. Plans or specifications must outline the procedure and include the disinfection dosage, contact time, and method of testing the results of the procedure.

### 2.1 SAMPLE TAPS

Sample taps must be provided for public water systems so that water samples can be obtained from each water source. Taps must be consistent with sampling needs and may not be of the petcock type. Taps used for obtaining samples for bacteriological analysis must be of the smooth-nosed type without interior or exterior threads, may not be of the mixing type, and may not have a screen, aerator, or other such appurtenance.

### 2.12 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration must be given to the design requirements of other federal, state, and local regulatory agencies for items such as safety requirements, special designs for the handicapped, plumbing and electrical codes, construction in the flood plain, etc. All equipment must be designed to operate within manufacturer's recommended range.

### 2.3 CHEMICALS AND WATER CONTACT MATERIALS

Chemicals and water contact materials must be approved by MDEQ or meet the appropriate ANSI/AWWA or ANSI/NSF standards.

### 2.4 SECURITY

To deter unauthorized access and malevolent acts, security measures should be considered. Such measures, as a minimum, should include means to lock all exterior doorways, windows, gates and other entrances to treatment and storage facilities. All access points to source components must be locked and secure. This includes well caps which must have a lockable cap or a secure measure of locking the cap to the casing without compromising the sanitary seal. An alternative to securing the cap would be to have the well head located in a secure and fenced area. Other security measures based on threat and vulnerability of specific components should be evaluated and addressed through methods which include fencing, signage, close circuit monitoring, real time water quality monitoring, intrusion alarms, lighting, cyber protection of SCADA controls, and protective environmental features. See Security Policy in DEQ-1 for additional guidance.

## CHAPTER 3 - SOURCE DEVELOPMENT

### 3.0 GENERAL

In selecting the source of water to be developed, the designer must demonstrate to the satisfaction of MDEQ that an adequate quantity of water will be available, and that the water that is to be delivered to the consumers will meet the current requirements of the Department.

### 3.1 SURFACE WATER

Surface Water sources must comply with the applicable sections of Circular DEQ-1, Standards for Water Works, including Section 3.1.

### 3.2 GROUND WATER

A ground water source includes all water from dug, drilled, bored or driven wells, and infiltration lines. Prior to construction of a well intended to serve a public water supply, the proposed location and the plans and specifications must be approved by MDEQ in accordance with the requirements of this section. In order to assess the available water quality and quantity, MDEQ may require construction and testing of the well in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and at the approved location prior to approval of other system components. All wells must be constructed by a licensed water well contractor in accordance with Title 37, Chapter 43, MCA, and Title 36, Chapter 21, ARM, current edition, (Water Well Contractor rules) with the following additional requirements.

#### 3.2.1. Quantity

##### 3.2.1.1 Source capacity

The total developed ground water source capacity must equal or exceed the design maximum day demand. Adequate storage per DEQ-1 Section 7.0.1 will be required if source capacity is inadequate to meet peak instantaneous demand.

##### 3.2.1.2 Water use estimates for design purposes

- a. Domestic use -100 gpcd must be provided for average domestic use unless the designer has sufficient data, acceptable to MDEQ, to show a lesser quantity to be adequate.
- b. Commercial/Industrial use – for non-residential public water systems, the system must be capable of meeting peak demands. This is typically calculated from a Fixture Unit analysis per the UPC, AWWA Fixture Value Method, or by applying a peaking factor to the Average Day Demand in gallons per minute, or other means acceptable to MDEQ.
- c. Irrigation - when irrigation water is provided, information must be submitted to show that adequate water will be available. Such information must include:
  1. the area to be irrigated in acres or square feet,
  2. water requirements in inches/week, and
  3. proposed methods of controlling irrigation beyond the capacity of the system.
- ed. Fire flows - fire flows must meet the recommendations of the agency in which the water system is being developed, or in the absence of such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana.

### 3.2.2. Quality

The Department will determine the minimum treatment required for a groundwater source serving a public water supply to ensure compliance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM.

#### 3.2.2.1 Microbiological quality

- a. Disinfection of every new, modified or reconditioned ground water source must be provided in accordance with ARM 36.21.662(1) prior to and after placement of permanent pumping equipment.
- b. More than 72 hours after disinfection, two or more water samples must be submitted to a laboratory certified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services for microbiological analysis with satisfactory results reported to MDEQ prior to placing the well into service.
- c. If MDEQ determines from the required application materials that the source may be groundwater under the direct influence of surface water in accordance with Circular PWS-5, then further assessment or treatment may be required.

#### 3.2.2.2 Physical and chemical quality

- a. Every new, modified or reconditioned ground water source must be examined for applicable physical, and chemical characteristics by tests of representative samples in laboratories certified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services, with the results reported to MDEQ.
  1. Testing must include nitrate/nitrite and total dissolved solids or conductivity as a minimum for ~~individual-multi-user non-public~~ systems and transient non-community, public water systems. Additional testing may be required for other parameters where MDEQ has information suggesting they may be present in harmful quantities or where additional regulatory requirements apply.
  2. Testing must include the constituents of ARM 17.38.216 for non-transient, non-community public water systems.
  3. The above testing may be waived where information submitted confirms water quality will be acceptable.
- b. Samples must be collected and analyzed at the conclusion of the test pumping procedure prior to disinfection ~~and examined as soon as practical~~. MDEQ may require sample results to be submitted to the Department for review and approval to demonstrate conformance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-chapter 2, ARM, prior to use of a new source or construction of a new system.

### 3.2.3 Location

#### 3.2.3.1 Well location

Regarding a proposed well location, MDEQ must be consulted prior to design and construction as the location relates to required separation between existing and potential sources of contamination and ground water development. Wells must be located at least 100 feet from sewer lines, septic tanks, holding tanks, and any other structures used to convey or retain industrial, storm or sanitary waste and state or federal highway rights-of-way. Well location(s) must be based on a source water ~~protection-delineation and~~ assessment conducted in accordance with Section 1.1.6 of this circular.

### 3.2.3.2 Continued protection

Continued protection of the well site from potential sources of contamination must be provided either through ~~ownership~~, zoning, easements, deed notices leasing or other means acceptable to MDEQ. Easements and deed notices must be filed with the County Clerk and Recorders Office. Such protection must extend for at least a 100-foot radius around the well (continued protection zone). In addition, separation distances between proposed wells and potential sources of contamination must be defined and justified by the applicant in accordance with Section 1.1.6 of this Circular. ~~The zone of influence~~ continued protection zone of a proposed or existing well may not be in a groundwater mixing zone as defined in ARM 17.30.517 and also may not include easements that would conflict with the proposed use. Fencing of the site may be required by MDEQ.

### 3.2.4 Testing and Records

#### 3.2.4.1 Yield and drawdown tests ~~must~~:

- a. A test must be performed on every production well after construction or subsequent treatment and prior to placement of the permanent pump;
- b. ~~have~~ The test methods clearly indicated in specifications;
- c. The test pump must have a capacity, at maximum anticipated drawdown, at least equal to the quantity required under 3.2.4.1.d.
- d. The test must provide for continuous constant rate pumping at either:
  1. 1.5 times the design pump capacity for at least 24 hours, or
  2. 1.0 times the design pump capacity for at least 72 hours.
- ee. ~~provide~~ Data of the following at one-hour intervals or less as may be required by MDEQ:
  1. Pumping rate,
  2. pumping water levels,
  3. static water level,
  4. water recovery rate and levels, and
  5. time of starting and ending each test cycle,
- df. ~~Provide for continuous constant rate pumping at 1.5 times the design pump capacity for at least 24 hours.~~ Data collection must begin at time zero. The test may be terminated if stabilized drawdown occurs for at least ~~six~~ eight hours during the test. ~~If the design pumping rate is 35 gpm or greater, the minimum stabilized drawdown period must be at least eight hours.~~ Stabilized drawdown is defined as a water level that does not fluctuate plus or minus 0.5 feet for every 100 feet of drawdown at the design pumping rate. When sufficient historical information is available, a step drawdown test; may be approved by MDEQ. ~~The maximum test pumping rate may be reduced to the capacity of the design pump for both the step drawdown test and constant rate test for wells sized to provide peak instantaneous demand.~~

#### 3.2.4.2 Results must be reported electronically to MDEQ on Aquifer test data form 633.

3.2.4.3 Geological data must be determined in accordance with ARM 36.21.667. A copy of the well log must be submitted to MDEQ. For public water supply systems, an accurate geological location such as latitude and longitude or GIS coordinates as determined by GPS to an accuracy of +/- 25 feet must be provided.

### 3.2.5 General well construction

#### 3.2.5.1 Minimum protected depths for public water systems.

- a. Minimum protected depths of drilled wells must provide watertight construction to such depth as may be required by MDEQ, to
  1. exclude contamination, and
  2. seal off (zones) that are, or may be, contaminated or yield undesirable water.
- ab. Wells must have unperforated casing to a minimum depth of 25 feet or full time microbial treatment ~~continuous disinfection~~ must be provided.
- bc. Full time ~~disinfection~~ microbial treatment is required where the water source is an aquifer with a seasonal high static water table level -that is within 25 feet of ground surface. ~~A deviation of this standard may be granted by MDEQ in accordance with the procedures of Section 1.4.~~
- d. Microbial treatment required under a. or b. must provide 4-log inactivation and/or removal of viruses. A deviation of this standard may be granted by MDEQ in accordance with the procedures of Section 1.7 if the applicant shows there are no existing or approved sources of viral contamination within the 200-day time of travel zone of influence for the well and that new sources of contamination will not be introduced for this area.
- e. If the water source is from a confined aquifer, microbial treatment is not required. The applicant must demonstrate an aquifer is confined and the well casing is effectively sealed into a confining unit using the methods outlined in the *Nondegradation Guidance Manual, Appendix M*.

#### 3.2.5.2 Permanent steel casing pipe must

- a. be in accordance with ARM 36.21.640,
- b. be equipped with a drive shoe when driven, and
- c. have joints in accordance with ARM 36.21.642.

#### 3.2.5.3 Nonferrous casing materials

Plastic well casing must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.645 and ARM 36.21.646.

#### 3.2.5.4 Packers

Packers must be of material that will not impart taste, odor, toxic substance or bacterial contamination to the well water. Lead packers must not be used.

#### 3.2.5.5 Grouting requirements

- a. For multiple user water systems, All permanent well casing must be sealed in accordance with ARM 36.21.654 through ARM 36.21.660.

b.——The casing must be provided with centralizers in accordance with ARM 36.21.649.

b. For public water systems,

1. All permanent well casing must be surrounded by a minimum of 1 ½ inches of grout around the outside of the casing. The grout must extend to at least 25 feet below ground surface or as specified in Standard 3.2.6 for special aquifer types. Grout may be cement/sand, bentonite chips or pellets, or neat cement. Grout may be applied by gravity into an annular space where chips or pellets are used, or by tremie pipe or other conductor from the bottom up. Bentonite must be applied per the manufacturer's instructions. Where casing centralizers preclude the use of chips a high-solids bentonite-sand slurry, cement, or neat cement should be used.

2. Application

a. Sufficient annular opening must be provided to permit a minimum of 1 ½ inches of grout around permanent casings, including couplings.

b. Prior to grouting through creviced or fractured formations, bentonite or similar materials may be added to the annular opening, in the manner indicated for grouting.

c. After cement grouting is applied, work on the well must be discontinued until the cement or concrete grout has properly set.

d. Grout placement must be sufficient to achieve proper density or percent solids throughout the annular space.

e. The type of grout, quantity, and method of placement must be reported on the well log.

f. In no case will grout placement using drill and drive methods be approved for grout sealing of the upper 25 feet of well casing.

#### 3.2.5.6 Upper terminal well construction.

a. Permanent casing for all ground water sources must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.647.

b. Where a well house is constructed, the floor surface must be at least 6 inches above the final ground elevation.

c. Sites subject to flooding must be provided with an earth mound surrounding the casing and terminating at an elevation at least two feet above the 100-year flood level or highest known flood elevation

d. The top of the well casing at sites subject to flooding must terminate at least three feet above the 100-year flood level or highest known flood elevation.

e. Protection from physical damage and tampering must be provided.

f. The upper terminal must be constructed to prevent contamination from entering the well.

- g. Where well appurtenances protrude through the upper terminal, the connections to the upper terminus must be mechanical or welded connections that are water tight.

#### 3.2.5.7 Development

Every well must be developed in accordance with ARM 36.21.653. The method of well development must be described on the well log.

#### 3.2.5.8 Capping requirements

Temporary capping requirements must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.661.

#### 3.2.5.9 Well abandonment

All wells that have no further use must be abandoned in accordance with ARM 36.21.670 through ARM 36.21.678.

### **3.2.6 Aquifer types and construction methods - special conditions**

The following special aquifer types and construction methods must be reviewed by MDEQ on a case-by-case basis to assure proper design and protection of public health:

- a. sand or gravel wells,
- b. gravel pack wells,
- c. radial wells,
- d. infiltration lines,
- e. dug wells, and
- f. limestone or sandstone wells, and
- g. ~~flowing wells.~~

#### 3.2.6.1 Consolidated Formations

- a. In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer either within a consolidated or confining formation, sealing of the casing must conform with one of the following procedures:
  - 1. an upper drill hole, at least three inches greater in diameter than the nominal size of the permanent well casing, must extend from land surface to at least three feet into sound, consolidated formation. In no instance must said upper drill hole extend less than 25 feet below land surface; and
  - 2. unperforated permanent casing must be installed to extend to this same depth, and the lower part of the casing must be sealed into the rock formation with cement grout. The remainder of the annular space to land surface must be filled with an appropriate sealing material.
- b. If temporary surface casing is used in either of the above procedures, this casing must be of sufficient diameter to conform to the upper drill hole specifications. Withdrawal of the

temporary casing must take place simultaneously with proper sealing of the annular space to land surface.

#### 3.2.6.2 Unconsolidated Formations without significant clay beds

- a. In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer overlain by unconsolidated formations such as sand and gravel without significant clay beds, an unperforated well casing must extend to at least one foot below the known seasonal low water table. An upper drill hole having a diameter at least three inches greater than the nominal size of the permanent casing must extend to at least 25 feet below land surface.
- b. The annular space between the upper drill hole and the well casing must be kept at least one-half full with bentonite slurry throughout the driving of the permanent casing into the aquifer. After the permanent casing is set in its final position, the remaining annular space must be filled to land surface with appropriate sealing material.
- c. If the oversized drill hole is extended to the same depth as the permanent casing, a suitable bridge must be installed between the casing and the drill hole at a position directly above the production aquifer. The remaining annular space must be completely filled and sealed to land surface with appropriate sealing material.
- d. A suitable bridge is one that prevents the sealing material from dropping into the producing formations and reducing the output of the well.
- e. If temporary casing is used to maintain the oversized drill hole, the annular space must be kept full with appropriate sealing material as the temporary casing is being withdrawn.

#### 3.2.6.3 Unconsolidated Formations with clay beds

In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer overlain by clay or other unconsolidated deposits such as sand and gravel in which significant (at least 6 feet thick) interbeds of clay are present, the well casing must be terminated in such clay strata, provided that the casing be sealed in substantially the same manner as is required in the case of consolidated formations.

#### 3.2.6.4. Flowing Wells

- a. When flowing water is encountered in the well, an unperforated well casing must extend into the confining stratum overlying the artesian zone. The casing must be adequately sealed into the confining stratum so as to prevent surface and subsurface leakage from the artesian zone.
- b. If the well flows at land surface, it must be equipped with a control valve so that the flow can be completely stopped.
- c. The well must be completed with packers or appropriate sealing material that will eliminate leakage around the well casing.

### **3.2.7 Well pumps, discharge piping and appurtenances**

#### **3.2.7.1 Submersible pumps:**

Where a submersible pump is used the top of the casing must be effectively sealed against the entry of water under all conditions of vibration or movement of conductors or cables.

### 3.2.7.2 Discharge piping

- a. The discharge piping and appurtenances must:
  1. be designed to minimize friction loss;
  2. have control valves and appurtenances located above the pumphouse floor when an aboveground discharge is provided;
  3. be protected against the entry of contamination;
  4. be equipped with a check valve in or at the well, a shutoff valve, a pressure gauge and a smooth nosed sampling tap located at a point where positive pressure is maintained;
  5. be equipped with a smooth nosed sampling tap located at a point where positive pressure is maintained, but before any treatment chemicals are applied. The sample tap must be at least 18-inches above the floor to facilitate sample collection;
  6. where applicable, be equipped with an air relief valve located upstream from the check valve, with exhaust/relief piping terminating in a down-turned position at least 18 inches above the floor and covered with a 24 mesh corrosion resistant screen. Air release vacuum relief valves located in valve pits must meet the relief valve piping requirements in Circular DEQ-1, Section 8.5.2;
  7. be valved to permit test pumping and control of each well; and
  8. have all exposed piping, valves and appurtenances protected against physical damage and freezing; and
  9. be constructed so that it can be disconnected from the well or well pump to allow the well pump to be pulled.
- b. The discharge piping must be provided with a means of pumping to waste, but may not be directly connected to a sewer.

### 3.2.7.3 Pitless well units and adapters

~~Pitless units and pitless adapters submitted as a part of a system need to be specified using manufacturer's name and model number.~~

### 3.2.7.4 Casing vent

- a. Provisions must be made for venting the well casing to atmosphere. Venting must be provided by factory manufactured vented well cap or fabricated vent assembly. All vents must be screened with corrosion resistant material to prevent entry of insects and oriented to prevent entry of rainwater.
- b. Fabricated vents must terminate in a downturned position, at or above the top of the casing or pitless unit in a minimum 1 1/2 inch diameter opening covered with a 24-mesh screen. The pipe connecting the casing to the vent must be of adequate size to provide rapid venting of the casing. Fabricated vent assemblies must be of such design and strength as to be vandal resistant.

### 3.2.7.5 Water level measurement

- a. Provisions (i.e. probe access tube or air line) should be made for periodic measurement of water levels in the completed well.
- b. Where pneumatic water level measuring equipment is used it must be made using corrosion resistant materials attached firmly to the drop pipe or pump column and in such a manner as to prevent entry of foreign materials.

### **3.3 SPRINGS**

Springs must be designed in accordance with Circular DEQ-10.

### **3.4 CISTERNS**

Hauled water cisterns must be designed in accordance with Circular DEQ-16.

## CHAPTER 4 - TREATMENT

### 4.0 GENERAL

The need for and design of treatment processes and devices will depend on evaluation of the nature and quality of the water to be treated and the desired quality of the finished water. ~~MDEQ shall use the Department Circular DEQ-1, "Standards for Water Works," as a guide for the review and approval of treatment processes and equipment.~~

~~In accordance with ARM 17.38.101, treatment processes and equipment are required to be designed by a registered professional engineer. In accordance with ARM 17.38.101 treatment processes or equipment used for compliance with Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) or for disinfection of public water systems are required to be designed by a registered professional engineer. Treatment processes for non-community systems installed for reasons other than MCL compliance or disinfection are not required to be designed by a professional engineer if the following conditions are met:~~

- a. ~~Chemicals must meet NSF Standard 60.~~
- b. ~~Equipment components meet NSF Standard 61.~~
- c. ~~All cross connection hazards are eliminated in accordance with the requirements of ARM 17.38.300-312.~~

### 4.1 DISINFECTION

Disinfection of non-community systems that do not have confirmed source water pathogens may follow the standard below in lieu of those listed in DEQ-1.

#### 4.1.1 Minimum treatment.

- a. Systems that are required to provide treatment under Standard 3.2.5.1, the Groundwater Rule, or have other indicators of potential viral contamination must provide adequate treatment to ensure 4-log virus inactivation and/or removal. Contact time must be based on tables in Appendix E of the EPA document, "Guidance Manual for Compliance with the Filtration and Disinfection Requirements for Public Water Systems Using Surface Water Sources", March 1991 Edition. Baffling factors must be determined in accordance with Appendix C of the EPA document, "Guidance Manual for Compliance with the Filtration and Disinfection Requirements for Public Water Systems Using Surface Water Sources", March 1991 Edition.
- b. Systems that have nuisance bacteria in distribution must provide adequate disinfection to ensure a minimum chlorine residual of 0.2 mg/l can be met at the furthest extents of the distribution system. No minimum contact time is required.

#### 4.1.2 Raw Water Quality

Estimates of chlorine demand must be provided and dose calculations adjusted for:

1. Iron
2. Manganese
3. Hydrogen Sulfide
4. Nitrite
5. Ammonia
6. Organic Nitrogen
7. Total Organic Carbon

To limit precipitation and objectionable water quality, the need for pretreatment must be addressed where the following levels are exceeded:

1. Iron > 0.3 mg/L
2. Manganese > 0.05 mg/L

#### **4.1.3 Chlorinator Capacity**

The chlorinator capacity must be such that the minimum required chlorine residual as estimated under 4.3.1 can be maintained in the water when maximum flow rate coincides with anticipated maximum chlorine demand. It is recommended that the chlorinator have the capacity such that a free chlorine residual of 2 mg/l can be maintained.

#### **4.1.4 Testing equipment**

Chlorine residual test equipment, recognized in the latest edition of Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater, must be provided and must be capable of measuring residuals to the nearest 0.1 milligrams per liter. All systems must use the DPD colorimetric method or amperometric titration. It is recommended that systems using the DPD method have a digital readout and self-contained light source.

#### **4.1.5 Specifications**

Chlorine liquid, powder or pellets must meet AWWA standards and ANSI/NSF Standard 60.

#### **4.1.6 Protective equipment**

- a. Protective equipment as required by OSHA regulations must be provided.
- b. An eye washing device meeting ANSI Z358.1 must be provided.

### **4.2 LIQUID HYPOCHLORINATORS**

- a. Positive displacement type solution feed pumps must be provided.
- b. Pumps must be capable of operating at the required maximum rate against the maximum head conditions found at the point of injection.
- c. To avoid air locking small diameter suction lines must be used with foot valves and degassing pump heads.
- d. A flooded suction line should be considered for all positive displacement pumps.

#### **4.2.1 Injector/diffuser**

The chlorine solution injector/diffuser must be compatible with the point of application to provide a rapid and thorough mix with all the water being treated. The center of a pipeline is the preferred application point. If a variable frequency drive well pump is used, the chlorine dose must be proportional to flow.

#### **4.2.2 Pipe material**

Rubber, PVC, polyethylene, or other materials recommended by the Chlorine Institute must be used for chlorine solution piping and fittings. Nylon products are not acceptable for any part of the chlorine solution piping system.

#### **4.2.3 Siphon control**

Liquid chemical feeders must be such that chemical solutions cannot be siphoned into the water supply, by

- a. assuring discharge at a point of positive pressure, or
- b. providing vacuum relief, or
- c. providing a suitable air gap, or anti-siphon device, or
- d. other suitable means or combinations as necessary.

#### **4.2.4 Liquid chemical storage tanks must**

1. have a liquid level indicator,
2. have an overflow and a receiving basin or drain capable of receiving accidental spills or overflows without uncontrolled discharge; a common receiving basin may be provided for each group of compatible chemicals that provides sufficient containment volume to prevent accidental discharge in the event of failure of the largest tank,
3. have ventilation that discharges to the outside atmosphere above grade and remote from air intakes,
4. must be stored in compatible liquid storage tanks or the original shipping containers, and
5. reusable sodium hypochlorite storage containers must be reserved for use with sodium hypochlorite only and must not be rinsed out or otherwise exposed to internal contamination.

#### **4.2.5 General equipment design**

General equipment design must be such that

- a. feeders will be able to supply, at all time, the necessary amounts of chemicals at an accurate rate, throughout the range of feed,
- b. chemical-contact materials and surfaces are resistant to the aggressiveness of the chemical solution,
- c. corrosive chemicals are introduced in such a manner as to minimize potential for corrosion,
- d. chemicals that are incompatible are not stored or handled together,
- e. all chemicals are conducted from the feeder to the point of application in separate conduits,
- f. chemical feeders are as near as practical to the feed point,

- g. chemical feeders and pumps operate at no lower than 20 percent of the feed range unless two fully independent adjustments mechanisms such as pump pulse rate and stroke length are fitted when the pump operates at no lower than 10 percent of the rated maximum, and
- h. gravity may be used where practical.

**4.3 WELLHEAD PELLET CHLORINATORS:**

- a. must be installed in accordance with manufacturer recommendations, and
- b. must have a frost-free hydrant or other means of evacuating the well volume so source water samples can be collected. Frost-free hydrants should be located more than 25 feet from the wellhead.
- c. Consideration should be given to lining of the well casing if iron precipitation is expected.

## CHAPTER 5 - CHEMICAL APPLICATION

### 5.0 GENERAL

~~Chemicals may not be applied to drinking water unless specifically permitted or required by the Department. Chemical application must be designed to meet the requirements of Department Circular DEQ-1, "Standards for Water Works,".~~

~~In accordance with ARM 17.38.101, treatment processes and equipment are required to be designed by a registered professional engineer.~~ In accordance with ARM 17.38.101 treatment processes or equipment used for compliance with Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) or for disinfection of public water systems are required to be designed by a registered professional engineer. Treatment processes for non-community systems installed for reasons other than MCL compliance or disinfection are not required to be designed by a professional engineer if the following conditions are met:

- a. Chemicals must meet NSF Standard 60.
- b. Equipment components meet NSF Standard 61.
- c. All cross connection hazards are eliminated in accordance with the requirements of ARM 17.38.300-312.

## CHAPTER 6 - PUMPING FACILITIES

### 6.0 GENERAL

Pumping facilities must be designed to maintain the sanitary quality of pumped water. Subsurface pits or pump rooms and inaccessible installations must be avoided. Pumping stations may not be subject to flooding.

### 6.1 LOCATION

The pumping station must be located that the proposed site will meet the requirements for sanitary protection of water quality, hydraulics of the system and protection against interruption of service by fire, flood or any other hazard.

### 6.2 PUMPS

~~At least two pumping units must be provided. With any pump out of service, the remaining pump or pumps must be capable of providing the maximum daily pumping demand of the system, exclusive of fire flow. With all pumps in service, the pumps must be capable of providing the maximum daily demand plus fire flow demand of the system.~~ Additional capacity may be required if storage for the pump station service area is inadequate per Section 7 of this circular. If only hydropneumatic storage is provided for the pump station service area, the pumping units must be sufficient to equal or exceed the peak instantaneous demand with the largest pump out of service. For hydropneumatic pumping stations serving 50 or less equivalent dwelling units, MDEQ may allow a reduction in total pumping capacity provided the system can maintain the minimum pressures required in Section 8.1.1 with the largest pump out of service.

~~Each booster pumping station must contain not less than two pumps with capacities such that peak demand can be satisfied with the largest pump out of service.~~

### 6.3 APPURTENANCES

#### 6.3.1 Valves

~~Pumps must be adequately valved. Each pump must have an isolation valve on the intake and discharge side of the pump to permit satisfactory operation, maintenance and repair of the equipment. If foot valves are necessary, they must have a net valve area of at least 2 1/2 times the area of the suction pipe and they must be screened. Each pump must have a positive-acting check valve on the discharge side between the pump and the shut-off valve. Surge relief valves, slow acting check valves, or other means to minimize hydraulic transients must be incorporated in the system design.~~

#### 6.3.2 Piping

In general piping must:

- a. be designed so that friction losses will be minimized,
- b. not be subject to contamination,
- c. have watertight joints,
- d. be protected against surge or water hammer, and provided with suitable restraints where necessary, and

- e. be such that each pump has an individual suction line or that the lines are manifolded so that they will insure similar hydraulic and operating conditions.

### **6.3.3 Gauges and meters**

Each pump:

- a. must have a standard pressure gauge on its discharge line,
- b. should have a compound gauge on its suction line, and
- c. must have a means for measuring the discharge.

## CHAPTER 7 - FINISHED WATER STORAGE

### 7.0 GENERAL

The materials and designs used for finished water storage structures must provide stability and durability as well as protect the quality of the stored water. Steel, concrete, fiberglass-reinforced plastic, and flexible membrane water storage facilities must follow current AWWA Standards. Other materials of construction are acceptable when properly designed to meet the requirements of Chapter 7 of Department Circular DEQ-1, "Standards for Water Works". Porous material, including wood and concrete block, are not suitable for potable water contact applications.

### 7.1 PRESSURE TANKS

Hydropneumatic (pressure) tanks, when provided as the only storage facility, are acceptable only in very small water systems. Pressure tanks must meet applicable ASME code requirements. Pressure tanks for which the ASME code does not apply (i.e., those with nominal water containing capacity of 120 gallons or less) must meet ASME code requirements or must satisfactorily pass a hydrostatic test of 1.5 times the maximum allowable working pressure of the tank. The maximum allowable working pressure must be marked on each tank.

#### 7.1.1 Location

The tank must be located above normal ground surface and be completely housed.

#### 7.1.2 System design and sizing

- a.——The capacity of the wells and pumps in a hydropneumatic system must be equal to the peak instantaneous demand. The active storage volume of the hydropneumatic tanks must be sufficient to limit pump cycling to the manufacturer's and industry recommendations. Maximum cycling frequency for pumps not using a variable speed drive must be determined for each pump and for any combination of pumps operated by the same pressure switch when consumer demand is equal to half (0.5) of the capacity of the pump(s) capacity. Maximum cycling frequency for pumps using a variable speed drive programmed to either maintain constant pressure, constant flow, or match the system design curve, must be determined when the customer demand is one-half (.5) of the minimum pumping rate. Reduction of required tank volume for systems with alternating pump controls will not be allowed.
- b.——~~Sizing of hydropneumatic storage tanks must consider the need for chlorine contact time, as applicable, independent of the requirements in 7.1.2.a above. Tanks with a common inlet and outlet will not be given any credit for chlorine contact time.~~

#### 7.1.3 Piping

Each tank in a multiple tank system must have bypass piping or valves to permit operation of the system while the tank is being repaired or painted.

#### 7.1.4 Appurtenances

- a. Each tank must have a means of draining, automatic or manual air blow-off, and a means for adding air.
- b. Control equipment consisting of a pressure gage, pressure relieving device, and pressure operated start-stop controls for the pumps must be provided for the hydropneumatic tank system. Installing a shut-off valve between the pump and the pressure operated start-stop controls must be avoided when possible.

- c. The pressure relieving device must prevent the pressure from rising more than 10 percent above the maximum allowable working pressure. The discharge capacity of the pressure relieving device must be adequately sized. Pressure gages must have a range of no less than 1.2 times the pressure at which the pressure relieving device is set to function.

## 7.2 OTHER STORAGE SYSTEMS

Other storage systems must be designed to meet the requirements of Chapter 7 of Department Circular DEQ-1, "Standards for Water Works."

## 7.3 CISTERNS

Cisterns designed according to Circular DEQ-176, Montana Standards for Cisterns, ~~(Water Storage Tanks) for Individual Non-public Systems, and provided with an appropriate air gap on the service line discharge, may be used on individual service connections.~~

## **CHAPTER 8 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS**

### **8.0 MATERIALS**

#### **8.0.1 Standards**

All materials including pipes, fittings, valves and fire hydrants must conform to the latest standards issued by the AWWA and ANSI/NSF where such standards exist and be acceptable to MDEQ. In the absence of such standards, materials meeting applicable product standards and acceptable to MDEQ may be selected.

### **8.1 WATER MAIN DESIGN**

#### **8.1.1 Pressure**

All water mains, including those not designed to provide fire protection, must be sized after a hydraulic analysis based on flow demands and pressure requirements. The system must be designed to maintain a minimum normal working pressure of 35 psi. Maximum normal working pressure should be approximately 60 to 80 psi.

Minimum pressure under all conditions of flow (e.g. fire flows) must be 20 psi. Minimum required pressures must be based on those occurring at ground level at the highest building sites or fire hydrant served by the proposed water mains excluding service line head losses.

#### **8.1.2 Diameter**

The mains must be sized to handle design flows.

#### **8.1.3 Hydrants**

Water mains not designed to carry fire-flows may not have standard size fire hydrants connected to them.

#### **8.1.4 Dead ends**

Dead ends must be minimized by looping of all mains whenever practical.

### **8.2 VALVES**

Sufficient valves must be provided on water mains so that inconvenience and sanitary hazards will be minimized during repairs.

### **8.3 INSTALLATION OF MAINS**

#### **8.3.1 Standards**

Specifications must incorporate the provisions of the AWWA standards and manufacturers recommended installation procedures.

#### **8.3.2 Cover**

All water mains must be covered with sufficient earth or other insulation to prevent freezing.

#### **8.3.3 Pressure and leakage testing**

The installed pipe must be pressure tested and leakage tested as required by MDEQ.

#### **8.3.4 Disinfection**

All new, cleaned or repaired water mains must be disinfected, flushed and microbiologically tested in accordance with AWWA Standard C651.

## 8.4 SEPARATION OF WATER MAINS AND SEWERS

### 8.4.1 Parallel installation

Water mains must be laid at least 10 feet horizontally from any existing or proposed gravity sewer, septic tank, or subsoil treatment system. The distance must be measured edge to edge. Water mains must be laid at least 10 feet horizontally from any existing or proposed gravity sanitary or storm sewer, septic tank, or subsoil treatment system. The distance must be measured edge to edge.

If the minimum horizontal separation as described above cannot be obtained, the design engineer shall submit a request for a deviation along with a description of the problem and justifying circumstances. If the deviation is granted, the sewer must be designed and constructed with the following minimum conditions:

- a. Sewers must be constructed of slip-on or mechanical joint pipe complying with public water supply design standards and be pressure tested to minimum 150 psi to assume watertightness.
- b. Sewer services utilizing in-line fittings and extending to at least property lines must be installed and tested in the area of the encroachment. Saddles are not acceptable.

### 8.4.2 Crossings

Water mains crossing sewers must be laid to provide a minimum distance of 18 inches between the outside of the water main and the outside of the sewer. This must be the case where the water main is either above or below the sewer. At crossings, one full length of water pipe must be located so both joints will be as far from the sewer as possible. Special structural support for the water and sewer pipes may be required.

Water mains crossing gravity sanitary or storm sewers must be laid with a minimum vertical separation distance of 18 inches between the outside of the water main and the outside of the sewer. This must be the case where the water main is either above or below the sewer. The crossing must be arranged so that the sewer joints will be equidistant and as far as possible from the water main joints. Where a water main crosses under a sewer, adequate structural support must be provided for the sewer to maintain line and grade and to prevent damage to the water main.

If the proper vertical separation as described above cannot be obtained, the design engineer must clearly identify the locations of sub-minimum separation on the plans and must comply with the following:

- a. Vertical separation at crossings between water and sewer mains must be at least six (6) inches.
- b. Sewers must be constructed of slip-on or mechanical joint pipe complying with public water supply design standards and be pressure tested to minimum 150 psi to assume watertightness.
- c. At crossings, one standard length of new pipe must be centered at approximately a 90 degree angle in respect to the existing pipe.
- d. Sewer services utilizing in-line fittings and extending to at least property lines must be installed and tested within 10 feet of the crossing. Saddles are not acceptable.
- e. Either the water or sewer main must be encased in a watertight carrier pipe which extends 10 feet on both sides of the crossing or the mains must be encased in a minimum of 6 inches of flowable fill for a minimum of 10 feet each side of the crossing pipes. If the minimum 6 inch

separation is not viable, the water line must be relocated, and vertical separation at crossings between water and sewer mains must be at least 18 inches.

#### **8.4.3 Force mains**

There must be at least a 10 foot horizontal separation between water mains and sanitary sewer force mains and there must be an 18 inch vertical separation at crossings.

### **8.5 CROSS CONNECTIONS AND INTERCONNECTIONS**

#### **8.5.1 ~~Cross connections~~**

There may not be any unprotected cross-connections between the distribution system and any pipes, pumps, hydrants or tanks whereby unsafe water or other contaminating materials may be discharged or drawn into the system. Cross-connections must be eliminated in conformance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 3, ARM, for public systems.

### **8.6 WATER SERVICES ~~AND PLUMBING~~ CONNECTIONS**

#### **8.6.1 ~~Plumbing~~ Lead Control**

Water services and plumbing must conform to the Uniform Plumbing Code as amended by ARM 8.70.302. Solders and flux containing more than 0.2% lead and pipe fittings containing more than 8% lead must not be used on service connections.

#### **8.6.2 Booster pumps**

Individual home booster pumps may not be considered or required for any individual residential service from the water supply mains unless specifically approved by the Department. Where permitted for multi story public building services, booster pumps must be designed in accordance with DEQ-1 Sections 6.4 through 6.4.4.

### **8.7 WATER MAIN ABANDONMENT**

Mains must be abandoned in a manner to prevent cross connections and must be entirely or partially removed to prevent future connection to the abandoned main.

## **CHAPTER 9 WASTE RESIDUALS**

Disposal of waste residuals must be provided in accordance with DEQ-1, Chapter 9.

## APPENDIX A

### A.1 General

In addition to the information required in the circular, information on management, operation, maintenance, and financing of the system must be submitted. The purpose of this information is to allow evaluation of a new system for proper system management, operation and maintenance (O&M), and financial planning that provides long term stability of the new system. The 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act provides for State development of strategies to ensure the managerial, technical, and financial capacity for new non-transient non-community water systems.

Capacity terms are defined as follows based on definitions in Title 36, Chapter 23, Sub Chapter 1, ARM:

Managerial capability (capacity) means the management structure of the water system, including, but not limited to, ownership accountability, staffing, and organization.

Technical capability (capacity) means the physical infrastructure of the water system, including but not limited to the source water adequacy, infrastructure adequacy, and technical knowledge based on information provided.

Financial capability (capacity) means the financial resources of the water system, including but not limited to the revenue sufficiency, credit worthiness, and fiscal controls.

The Department is granted the authority in 75-6-103(2)(f), MCA, to ensure financial viability of proposed public water supply systems (and public sewage systems) as necessary to ensure the capability of the system to meet the requirements of Title 75, Chapter 6, Part 1, MCA.

A separate application form with appropriate guidance is available from the Department to assist in providing information. All new non-transient non-community public water supplies and existing systems making modifications must submit a capacity development inventory and self-assessment form.

### A.2 Managerial Capacity

Provide the following information:

1. Name, address, and telephone number of the owner(s). If ownership is to change in the near future, provide a projected time line for change of ownership.
2. Administrative and management organizational charts define the functions and responsibilities of the organization and each administrative/managerial position. For example, if the organization has a secretary, provide a brief description of the secretary's responsibilities.
3. Plans for staffing the system with a certified operator and back-up operator. Provide the name of the operator if an operator has been selected. An operator should be available to operate the system even if the system has not yet become public. If the system is to be operated under contracted services, provide a copy of the contract.
4. A system or plan for maintaining records, plans and specifications for construction, as-built drawings, O&M manuals, and compliance information. Preferably, office space should be dedicated for storing all information that is readily accessible by the operator, manager(s), and owner(s) of the system.
5. Copies of the by-laws, articles of incorporation, or similar documents that provide information on meetings, dissemination of information to system users, voting, and other pertinent information regarding the system.

The managerial plan must allow for:

- a. — efficient operation of the system.
- b. — adequate control of and accountability for the system by the owner(s), manager(s), and operator(s).
- c. — adequate resources and accountability for regulatory compliance by the owner(s), manager(s) and operator(s).
- d. — dissemination of appropriate information to all customers and the regulatory agencies.

### A.3 Technical, Operational, and Maintenance Capacity

Provide the following information in the form of an O&M manual that will be available to the operator, owner(s), and manager(s):

1. — An explanation of startup and normal operation procedures. Startup should address operation of the system throughout system build out if applicable (i.e., a subdivision will experience varying demands as the subdivision develops and builds out).
2. — Will any equipment be leased or rented? Are easement or lease agreements necessary for any portion of the system? If applicable, provide pertinent information (i.e., a copy of the easement or lease agreement). Are changes in local zoning necessary to protect the proposed source(s)?
3. — Record keeping method and system for reporting to the Department.
4. — Sampling and analyses program to demonstrate compliance with drinking water standards (Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub Chapter 2, ARM) for all sources, entry points, treatment, and distribution systems.
5. — Staffing and training requirements to operate the system to maintain compliance with drinking water standards (Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub Chapter 2, ARM).
6. — Documentation of a safety program.
7. — Documentation of an emergency notification system in case of an emergency.
8. — Manufacturers' manuals for all equipment and contact names for service. A routine maintenance program and maintenance schedules must also be included. Forms for recording routine maintenance checks per manufacturers' guidelines should be provided, including frequency of maintenance and anticipated replacement dates for major equipment.

Items 1 through 5 must be submitted in the form of an O&M manual prior to approval of the system.

A letter from the applicant must be provided prior to the system being used stating that the system (or portion of the system that has been completed to date) was constructed per the approved plans and specifications.

As-builts for the system (or portion of the system that has been completed to date) must be provided within 90 days after the system has become operational. The as-builts must include an O&M manual addressing items 1 through 9 and that contains manufacturers' manuals and other pertinent information to complete the O&M manual.

The system must be operated in a manner to:

- a. maintain compliance with drinking water standards (Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub Chapter 2, ARM);
- b. allow effective operation of the system in accordance with the approved plans and specifications;
- c. supply adequate water, both quantity and quality, and
- d. be consistent with operating conditions presented in the engineer's report;

#### A.4 Financial Capacity

The following financial information must be submitted prior to receiving approval of the system:

1. The financial information in Table A-1 must be completed for a 5-year period.
2. O&M rates and capital improvement/replacement rates must be developed and based on information in Table A-1. Will a reserve fund be established to address future replacement of equipment?
3. Customers should be metered. If customers are metered, demonstrate rates account for metering (cost of meters, cost of operator to read/maintain meters, how rates correspond to meter readings).
4. Connection/system development fee and basis for fee, if applicable.
5. Does the owner(s) or responsible entity have access to financial capital?

The financial plan must demonstrate:

- a. revenues match or exceed expenses, and
- b. the 5-year cash flow presented in Table A-1 is sufficient to properly operate the system;

**TABLE A-1 SYSTEM BUDGET**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

5 Year Projections	Year 1 Projected	Year 2 Projected	Year 3 Projected	Year 4 Projected	Year 5 Projected
Enter Year:					
1. Beginning Cash on Hand					
2. Cash Receipts:					
a. Total Revenues					
b. Connection Fees					
c. Interest and Dividend Income					
d. Other Income					
e. Total Cash Revenues (2a thru 2d)					
f. Transfers in/Additional Rev Needed					
g. Loans, Grants or other Cash Injection					
h. other - please specify					
3. Total Cash Receipts (2e thru 2h)					
4. Total Cash Available (1 + 3)					
5. Operating Expenses					
a. Salaries and wages					
b. Employee Pensions and Benefits					
c. Purchased Water					
d. Purchased Power					
e. Fuel for Power Production					
f. Chemicals					
g. Materials and Supplies					
h. Contractual Services - Engineering					
i. Contractual Services - Other					
j. Rental of Equipment/Real Property					
k. Transportation Expenses					
l. Laboratory					
m. Insurance					
n. Regulatory Commission Expenses					
o. Advertising					
p. Miscellaneous					
q. Total Cash O & M Expenses (5a + 5p)					
r. Replacement Expenditures					
s. Total O M & R Expenditures (5q + 5r)					
t. Loan Principal/Capital Lease Payments					
u. Loan Interest Payments					
v. Transfers Out					
w. Capital Purchases (specify)					
x. Other					
6. Total Cash Paid out (5s thru 5x)					
7. Ending Cash Position (4 - 6)					
8. Number of Customer Accounts					

9. Average Annual User charge Account users:(2a/8)					
10. End of Year Reserves					
a. Debt Service Reserve					
b. Bond Retirement Reserve					
c. Capital Improvement Reserve					
d. Replacement Reserve					
e. Total Reserves (10a thru 10 d)					
11. End of Year Operating Cash (7 - 10e)					

## GLOSSARY

<u>Active Storage Volume:</u>	<u>The volume of water available in a hydropneumatic pressure tank between the ON-OFF pressure settings. The effective volume is limited to approximately 25 - 30% of the total volume of the tank. More accurate percentages can be obtained from tables utilizing pump ON-OFF settings and tank pre-charge. Manufacturers' information on captive air tanks give the effective volume for different operating pressure ranges and pre-charges.</u>
<u>Accessory Building</u>	<u>A subordinate building or structure on the same lot as the main building, which is under the same ownership as the main building and which is devoted exclusively to an accessory use such as a garage, workshop, art studio, guest house or church rectory.</u>
<u>Average-Day Demand:</u>	<u>Annual water consumption divided by 365 days in a year. Average-Day Demand normally includes the following components for design of new systems. Average-Day Demand from actual use records for existing systems that provide fire Protection may also include some Fire Demands that have occurred. However, separate Fire Demand must always be added to the components listed below for new systems or to the actual average use for existing systems when designing for fire storage.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>1. Domestic demand: Volume of water required by the average household for drinking, cooking, laundry, bathing and sanitation.</u></li><li><u>2. Commercial/Industrial: Volume of water required by users other than residential. Such as restaurants, offices, institutions, shops.</u></li></ol> <p>—<u>Irrigation Demand: Volume of water used to irrigate lawns and gardens. The total seasonal demand over 180 days is averaged for the entire year.</u></p>
<u>Current AWWA Standards:</u>	<u>Means those industry standards listed and adopted by reference in Appendix B of Circular DEQ-1, 2014 edition. Designers may also propose and the department may approve on a case-by-case basis generally accepted industry standards that have not yet been adopted by the Board of Environmental Review.</u>
<u>Design Pump Capacity:</u>	<u>Anticipated production rate based on pump selection from manufacturer's pump performance curves. Pump selections, within recommended efficiency ranges, are made using water system Total Dynamic Head (TDH) and desired production capacity.</u>
<u>Discharge piping:</u>	<u>Water line from the source to the pressure control assembly. Includes the piping to which the pressure control appurtenances are attached. Discharge piping would normally begin at a well pitless unit or adaptor.</u>
<u>Fire-flow Demand:</u>	<u>Volume of water required to fight structural fires, expressed as flow rate times duration. The proposed fire flows must be as recommended by the fire protection agency in which the water system is being developed, or in the absence of such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana. Fire flow demand must be added to the maximum day demand during the hours of peak demand when designing a system.</u>
<u>Hydraulic analysis:</u>	<u>An evaluation of the distribution system to determine if adequate pressure is maintained under all flow conditions in accordance with DEQ-1, Section 8.2.1. The analysis can be performed using a calibrated model or established empirical equations, such as Darcy-Weisbach or Hazen-Williams.</u>

<b>Maximum Day Demand:</b>	The highest volume of water consumed on any day in a year.
<b>Network analysis:</b>	The process of analyzing water distribution systems through the use of mathematical computer models.
<b>Peak Instantaneous Demand:</b>	The highest flow rate on the hydrographic curve. Expressed as a volume per unit of time. Calculated from a Fixture Unit analysis per the UPC, AWWA Fixture Value Method, or by applying a peaking factor to the Average Day Demand in gallons per minute, or other means acceptable to MDEQ.
<b>Service connection:</b>	A line that provides water service to a single building or main building with accessory buildings and that is designed to service line specifications.
<b>Storage Sizing Engineering Analysis:</b>	A detailed engineering study that includes diurnally peaked water usage demands during the maximum day and subsequent and preceding days, operational storage volume requirements, reserve standby storage requirements, dead storage volume, and extended time reservoir mass flow analysis for the maximum day demand with the required fire flow, when fire protection is provided, occurring during the hours of peak demand. The required design storage volume must be determined with the largest well, largest treatment train, or the largest booster pump out of service and must include provisions for auxiliary power.
<b>Water main:</b>	Any line providing water to multiple service connections, any line serving a water hydrant that is designed for fire fighting purposes, or any line that is designed to water main specifications.



## **CIRCULAR DEQ-10**

# **STANDARDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPRINGS FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS**

**2014 EDITION**

Springs occur where the natural flow of ground water rises to the surface. There are two basic requirements for developing a spring as a source of water, (1) selection of a spring with enough capacity to provide the required quantity and quality of water throughout the year, and (2) protection of the water from contamination. Development of the spring depends on the geological formations and hydrological characteristics of the water-bearing formation. The general geologic formations for each type of aquifer and spring are shown in Figure 1. The flow from a spring may vary considerably with changes in the water-table or artesian pressure. Some springs are very susceptible to contamination. Before developing a spring for a water supply, the owner should determine the nature of the water and the risk of contamination.

The design report, plans, and specifications for any spring source must be prepared and designed by a professional engineer licensed or otherwise authorized to practice engineering in Montana pursuant to Title 37, chapter 67, MCA.

Full time microbial treatment is required for a spring source and must provide 4-log virus inactivation and/or removal except for spring sources determined to be under the direct influence of surface water, which then must meet the additional requirements of the Surface Water Treatment Rule. A deviation from the microbial treatment requirement may be granted by MDEQ in accordance with the procedures in DEQ-1, Section 1.7, if the applicant shows there are no existing or approved sources of viral contamination within the 200-day time of travel zone of influence for the spring source and that new sources of contamination will not be introduced in the time of travel area. Additionally, the deviation would require that the applicant show the spring source was not vulnerable to significant sources of bacteriological contamination.

There are several types of springs. Gravity springs discharge from unconfined aquifers, which are water-bearing aquifers that rest on an impervious stratum and outcrop to the surface. Artesian springs discharge from confined aquifers, which are aquifers that have both an upper and lower layer of impermeable material that forms a barrier against contaminants. Seepage springs are where water flows or seeps out of sand, gravel, or other porous material.

When a spring is chosen for a water supply, the owner must determine that the water quality is acceptable, the quantity of water available is adequate to meet the needs of the water system, and the spring is protected from contamination. Seepage springs are very susceptible to contamination and should not be used as a water source. The quantity of water available from a spring can vary significantly due to changes in ground water storage. Depending on the type of spring, changes in ground water storage can come from seasonal variations such as dry periods and withdrawals of nearby wells.

Steps must be taken to prevent contamination of the spring during construction of the improvements necessary to supply the source water. If the spring is artesian, a vertical well is drilled or collection pipe is installed into the aquifer (either directly at the spring or near the spring). Water rises in the well or collects in the pipe due to the pressure of the artesian spring, so unlike ground water wells, a pump may not be needed to raise the water in the well or fill the collection pipe. However, pumps may be used to deliver the water to the storage tank or distribution system. If the spring is gravity driven, then a horizontal well (similar to an infiltration gallery) or collection pipe is constructed to collect the spring water before it exits at the surface. Since water from a gravity spring outcrops to the surface by gravity, pumps may only be needed to feed the water to a storage tank or distribution system.

Springs are susceptible to contamination by surface water and must be protected from surface runoff. Contamination sources include livestock, wildlife, crop fields, forestry activities, wastewater treatment systems, and fuel tanks located upgradient from the spring outlet. Changes in color, taste, odor, or flow rate indicate possible contamination by surface water. To protect the springs, the following steps must be taken:

1. Divert all surface water away from the spring and protect the spring from flooding by constructing a surface diversion ditch or berm upgradient of the spring to divert surface runoff away from the spring.
2. Fence the area at least 100 feet in all directions around the spring to prevent contamination by animals and people who are unaware of the spring's location,
3. Provide access to the spring box for maintenance, but prevent unauthorized entrance to the tank by installing locks.
4. Avoid vehicle traffic and storage of chemicals and fuels upgradient of the spring outlet.
5. Monitor the quality of the water regularly by checking for contamination. A noticeable increase in turbidity or change in flow after storms is an indication that surface runoff is reaching the spring and possibly contaminating the water.

The features of a spring box must include:

1. A watertight basin intercepting the source which extends to bedrock or a system of collection pipes and a storage tank.
2. The spring box must protect against entrance of surface water, debris, and animals or humans. The spring box must be equipped with an access hatch that will allow for cleaning and maintenance.
  - The access hatch must be elevated at least 24 inches above the sod.
  - The access hatch must be fitted with a solid watertight cover, which overlaps a framed opening and extends down around the frame at least two inches. The frame must be at least four inches high. The hatch must be hinged on one side and must have a locking device.
3. Provisions for cleaning out and draining the spring box.
4. Provisions for venting. The vent must open downward with the opening at least 24 inches above the roof of the spring box or sod and be covered with twenty-four mesh non-corrodible screen.
5. Provisions for overflow.
  - The overflow must discharge at an elevation between 12 and 24 inches above the ground surface and discharge over a drainage inlet structure or splash plate.
  - The overflow must be constructed in such a way as to prevent ponding of water near the spring box.
  - The overflow must be screened with four-mesh or smaller screen. A flapper gate or duckbill valve should also be installed on the discharge end of the overflow pipe.

6. A connection to the distribution system or backup supply.
7. When more than one spring is piped to a common storage tank, each spring development needs valves and piping that can be isolated from the rest of the system.

The spring box is usually made of reinforced concrete. The spring box cover must be watertight to prevent undesirable water from entering. An overflow is needed to ensure that water pressure does not build up and damage the spring box. Spring boxes should have a drain to turn out the water in case the source water quality degrades. The end of the drain must have a screen to prevent entrance of animals. The intake to the water system from the tank and spring box must be located about 6 inches above the bottom and screened to minimize the amount of sludge that is drawn into the intake from the chamber. If the spring box also functions as a storage tank or is connected to a storage tank, the storage tank must meet the requirements for cisterns or storage tanks in Circular DEQ-18 or Circular DEQ-1.

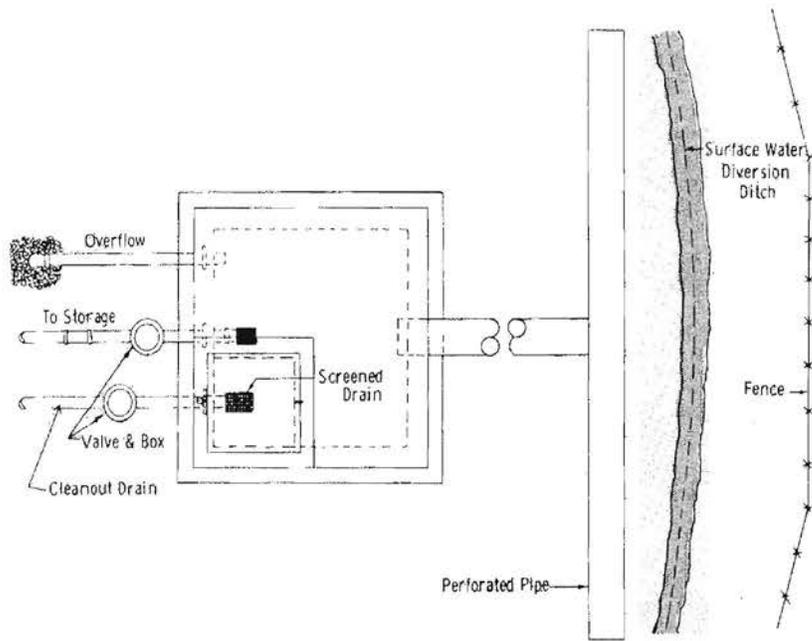
A diversion ditch around the uphill end of the spring area is needed to keep rainwater from flowing over the spring area and infiltrating the ground. An impervious barrier, such as clay or a plastic liner, over the spring area will help prevent potential contaminants from entering the collection facilities. Springs must meet the appropriate state requirements for setback distances from sanitary hazards.

### **Disinfection of Springs**

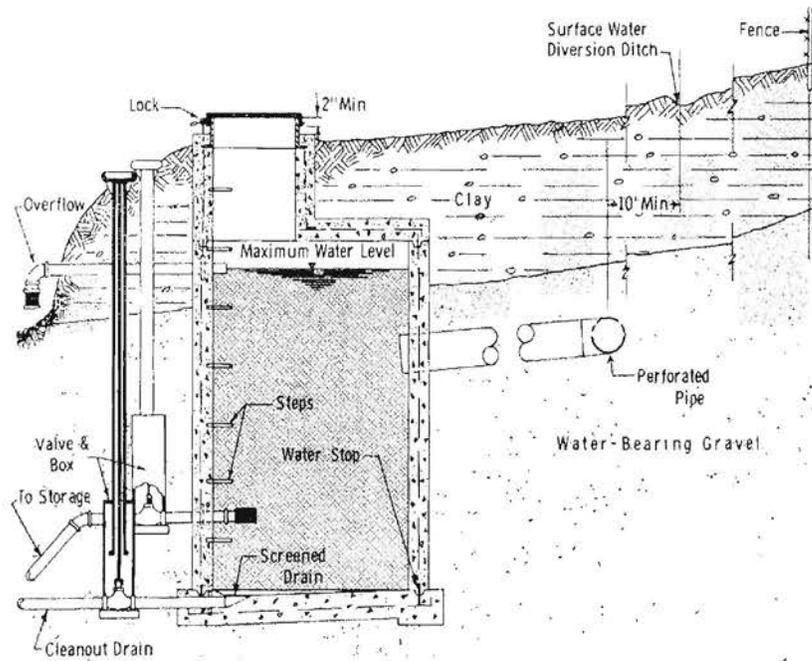
Springs are often contaminated with bacteria during construction or maintenance. All new and repaired water systems must be properly disinfected. Disinfection procedures must be clearly specified in the design. Typical methods used for storage tank or well disinfection can be used as a guide for spring disinfection procedures. **Full time disinfection with adequate contact time is required for spring sources receiving water from an aquifer with a water table that is within 25 feet of the ground surface. A deviation from this standard may be granted by MDEQ in accordance with the procedure in DEQ-1, Section 1.7, if adequate source water protection can be established.**

### **Physical, Chemical, and Radiological Quality**

1. Every new, modified or reconditioned groundwater source must be examined for applicable physical and chemical characteristics by tests of a representative sample in a laboratory certified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services, with the results reported to MDEQ.
2. For community and nontransient noncommunity systems, sample results for the constituents of ARM 17.38.216 must be submitted to MDEQ for review and approval to demonstrate compliance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM, prior to placing the spring into service.
3. For transient noncommunity systems, testing must include bacteriological, nitrate/nitrite, and total dissolved solids or conductivity at a minimum. Additional testing may be required for other parameters.
4. Field determinations of physical and chemical constituents or special sampling procedures may be required by MDEQ.



PLAN



ELEVATION

Figure 1. Spring Protection



## **CIRCULAR DEQ-16**

# **STANDARDS FOR HAULED WATER CISTERNS FOR NONCOMMUNITY PUBLIC SYSTEMS**

**2014 EDITION**

This circular can be used for designing cisterns for noncommunity public water systems. A cistern can be broadly defined as an artificial reservoir or tank for storing water. However, for the purposes of this circular, a cistern is a small tank for storing potable water that serves one structure or small number of connected structures. Normally the cistern is buried. For multiple user or community systems, refer to Circulars DEQ-1 and DEQ-3. Cisterns may be utilized only if a potable water source is available for hauling within a reasonable distance from the cistern and meets the requirements of ARM 17.36.336(5)(a). A licensed water hauler must supply the water and the water supply must be from a public water system. All water hauled must be disinfected in accordance with department regulations.

The purpose of this circular is to provide guidance to those locations having limited access to on-site water supplies such as springs and wells. Specifically, this circular is to be used to assist in the placement, construction, operation, maintenance, cleaning, filling, and disinfection of cisterns.

### **PLACEMENT**

The bottom of the cistern must be above the groundwater table.

If the cistern is located outside a building, the cistern must be located 10 feet from any building or structure foundation and must be located to avoid roof drainage. The cistern must have positive drainage away from it so as to prevent any surface water from contaminating the interior of the cistern or its water supply. The cistern is required to be 50 feet from wastewater treatment drainfields and 25 feet from septic tanks or sealed sewer components. Storm sewers, drains, standing water and similar sources of possible contamination must be kept at least fifty feet from the reservoir.

Precautions must be taken to assure that water cisterns and their accessories will not freeze during winter months. The top of the cistern (excluding the access lid(s)) must be installed deep enough to prevent freezing. In areas where no dependable snow cover is expected, the top of the cistern must be insulated with a high-density insulation board. One inch of high-density insulation board is approximately equal to one foot of earth in insulation value.

### **CONSTRUCTION**

Material: Water cisterns may be constructed of precast concrete, cast-in-place concrete, polyethylene or fiberglass. Cistern capacity, site topography, and the availability of the different types of cisterns will help determine the most economical type of water cistern for each application.

Usually, a local precast concrete company will manufacture each precast cistern “to order”, casting-in the appropriate size(s) of connection fittings, access(es), overflow(s) and vent(s). The cistern will then be shipped to and installed at its final location.

Cast-in-place concrete contractors will also build cisterns “to order”; however, the cistern will be built in-place. Generally, cast-in-place concrete cisterns are most cost effective in capacities greater than 5000 gallons.

Polyethylene water cisterns can be cost effective for small capacities (less than 1500 gallons) and for applications in remote areas. Polyethylene cisterns are usually purchased locally; however, they are not made “to order”.

Fiberglass cisterns are cost effective for large capacities (2000 gallon to 30,000 gallon) and can be made “to order”.

General Construction: Water cisterns must be watertight and must be made of materials suitable for potable water. A water tightness test must be performed on each water cistern before the cistern is put into service.

The access(es) to all cisterns must be a minimum of 24” diameter to permit an average-sized person to enter and exit, for cleaning and maintenance purposes. NO CISTERN SHOULD BE ENTERED UNTIL APPROPRIATE MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO INSURE THE CISTERN’S AIR QUALITY IS SAFE AS DIRECTED BY OSHA CONFINED SPACE RULES, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29-LABOR. NO CISTERN SHOULD BE ENTERED UNLESS THE PERSON ENTERING THE TANK HAS BEEN TRAINED IN CONFINED SPACE ENTRY AND FOLLOWS THE APPROPRIATE SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR ENTRY. For buried cisterns, the access lid must extend at least 24” above the ground surface to prevent surface water from entering the cistern. The access lid must be securely fastened to prohibit unauthorized entry and must be designed to prohibit surface water, precipitation and insects from entering the cistern. The access lid must be watertight, overlap a framed opening at least 4 inches high, and extend down around the frame at least two inches. The roof of concrete cisterns with earthen cover must be sloped to facilitate drainage away from the cistern.

All cisterns must be vented to allow the free flow of air into and out of the cistern as the water level inside the cistern changes. The vent must extend to the surface and at least 24 inches above the roof or sod. In areas of high snow, extend the vent above the expected snow level. The vent opening must be turned down and must be screened with twenty-four mesh non-corrodible screen to prevent the entry of insects, birds and other animals.

It is convenient to have a drainpipe and a “Direct-Bury” rated valve to empty the cistern, especially for cleaning. Such a drain can be installed if there is sufficient slope to the ground so the drainpipe daylight to the surface, as for instance on a hillside or bank of a nearby coulee or ravine. This pipe must slope slightly away from the cistern, and must be at least 2” in diameter. It must be set so the cistern will drain completely. The drain or overflow pipes should discharge over a drainage inlet or splash pad to prevent erosion and promote proper drainage away from the cistern. No drain or overflow may be connected directly to a sewer or a storm drain. All overflow pipes shall be located so that any discharge is visible. The overflow pipe shall open downward and be screened with 24-mesh non-corrodible screen to prevent entry by insects, birds, and other animals.

Precast concrete & cast-in-place concrete construction: All cisterns must be structurally sound and be capable of withstanding loads created by 6 feet of burial. Precast concrete cisterns must be manufactured to meet ASTM standard C 913 and must be installed in accordance with their manufacturer's recommendations. The walls and floor of precast concrete cisterns must be at least 3 inches thick if adequately reinforced with steel rebar and at least 6 inches thick if not reinforced with rebar. Cast-in-place cisterns must have a minimum wall thickness of at least 6" and must be reinforced with steel rebar. Concrete for cisterns must have a water/cement ratio less than 0.45, a 28-day compressive strength of at least 4,000 psi, and must be made with cement conforming to ASTM C-150, Types I, I-II, II, III, or V.

All concrete cisterns must be constructed from materials approved for potable water, including form oil, gaskets and joint sealant. Many commercially available form oils are not approved for nor intended for use on potable water systems. The cistern manufacturer must keep on file information showing these materials are approved by their manufacturers for potable water applications. The cistern manufacturer (or contractor for cast-in-place) must guard against the use or accidental exposure to any toxic materials or substances during all phases of manufacturing, curing, testing and delivery operations.

Pre-cast concrete roof structures must be made watertight. Consider installation of an impermeable membrane roof covering; also consider draping the membrane over the sides of the cistern to protect the seam between the roof and the wall. The connection between a pre-cast roof and the sidewalls must be watertight; the seal must be approved for use in potable water applications.

All joints, connections and other seams between component parts shall be sealed with nontoxic waterproof material that meets NSF standard 61 or equivalent to prevent the loss of stored water and the infiltration of surface or ground water. Fittings or couplings which extend through the walls or the cover of cisterns should be cast in place by the manufacturer.

Polyethylene and fiberglass cisterns: All polyethylene and fiberglass tanks used for cisterns must be specifically manufactured for potable water in accordance with NSF standards or other nationally recognized standards for potable water. Documentation from the manufacturer stating that the cisterns are approved for potable water must be available for inspection.

Polyethylene and fiberglass cistern must be installed according to their manufacturer's specific instructions. Particular attention must be paid to bedding material, backfill material, testing and operation.

Painting and cathode protection: Painting and cathodic protection will comply with Section 7.0.16 of Circular DEQ 1.

## **OPERATION and MAINTENANCE**

A hauled water cistern should be sized to provide a minimum of three days average 24-hour demand.

The cistern must be inspected periodically to insure that the lids and access hatch are operating properly and that no deterioration has occurred to any part of the cistern. Pumps, wiring, floats, and piping must also be checked periodically for indications of failure or leaking. Cisterns located within a flood plain must have inspection procedures which address hazards from flooding, buoyancy or other flood issues.

### **CLEANING and DISINFECTION**

After initial construction of the cistern (or placement if cistern is precast, polyethylene or fiberglass) or after any maintenance, the cistern must be flushed to remove any sediment and thoroughly disinfected. This includes pump or float replacement or any plumbing work that has occurred within the cistern.

Prior to filling and using a cistern, it must first be cleaned and disinfected. Cleaning, of all types of cisterns, requires sweeping and removing all debris, dirt and dust from the inside of the cistern. If this requires entering the cistern, every precaution must be taken to prevent suffocation and breathing toxic fumes. **NO CISTERN SHOULD BE ENTERED UNTIL APPROPRIATE MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE THE CISTERN'S AIR QUALITY IS SAFE AS DIRECTED BY OSHA CONFINED SPACE RULES, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29-LABOR. NO CISTERN SHOULD BE ENTERED UNLESS THE PERSON ENTERING THE TANK HAS BEEN TRAINED IN CONFINED SPACE ENTRY AND FOLLOWS THE APPROPRIATE SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR ENTRY.** It is also recommended that the interior be cleaned with a pressure cleaner.

Disinfection of a cistern can be accomplished by using a solution of household bleach at a concentration of between 100-200 ppm. Common household bleach containing approximately 5% chlorine by weight may be used. Approximately 4 oz. Chlorine per 5 gallons of water will provide the proper concentration. All inside surfaces must be brushed with this solution. Allow a contact time of 12 to 24 hours.

The cistern must then be filled with water from a potable water source. Faucets and water taps must be turned on in the dwelling. After the water has run for a few minutes, turn off all the faucets and taps and again let the water stand for 12 to 24 hours. This will disinfect all the water lines of the delivery system.

After the allotted time, the cistern must be emptied and the water lines drained. The chlorinated water used for disinfection must not be discharged to a stream, river or other waterway where damage to aquatic life may occur. The chlorinated water must not be drained to a sewer system. The cistern must now be filled a second time from a potable water source. This water should now be ready for use. If the cistern is constructed from concrete, it may be desirable to use at least 3 loads of water prior to drinking the water. The water may still have a "chalky" appearance and may also have a slight "cement taste".

Two or more successive samples taken at 24-hour intervals must indicate microbiologically satisfactory water before the facility is placed into operation. Other guidelines would be to drain, clean, and disinfect a cistern approximately every five years, especially if a water sample indicates contamination.

## **FILLING**

The water supply used to fill the cistern must be a potable source that is hauled in a container that is properly constructed and has been cleaned and disinfected. The cistern must be filled from potable water sources provided by public water supplies and hauled by either a licensed water hauler or the owner in accordance with the water hauling regulations. Hoses as well as the water hauling tanks used for filling the cistern need to be cleaned and disinfected periodically to insure the water hauled remains potable. The disinfection guidelines outlined above describe the process to clean and disinfect hoses and hauling tanks. These hauling tanks must only be used for hauling potable water and must never be used for the hauling of any toxic chemicals or poisons. If the tanks are used regularly, only occasional disinfection is necessary. If the tanks are used periodically, then disinfection prior to each use must occur. The hose to fill the cistern must never be placed inside the cistern where the hose can be submerged in the water causing possible contamination.

## Summary of Major Changes to DEQ-1 and DEQ-3

### DEQ-1 Policies

- Ultraviolet disinfection validation testing will now be based on criteria in the Environmental Protection Agency Ultraviolet Disinfection Guidance Manual. *This policy will be changed to refer to EPA guidance criteria for UV validation testing. This guidance manual was not available when DEQ-1 was last updated.*
- Point-of-use and point-of-entry treatment will no longer require pilot testing if similar technology has been used before with similar raw water quality. *Point-of-use and point-of-entry treatment is now quite common and DEQ believes automatic pilot testing is no longer necessary in many cases.*

### DEQ-1 Chapter 3 – Source Development

- Pump testing – allow either 24 hours at 1.5 times design pump capacity or 72 hours at 1.0 times design pump capacity. *We propose to change the pump testing standard to allow the option to match DNRC pump testing requirements so two different pump tests are not required – one for DEQ and one for DNRC.*
- Well grouting – 1.5” around casing, continuous feed grout no longer allowed. *We are proposing this change to match the grouting requirements in “Ten States Standards” and recommendations from the Nebraska Grout Task Force Study. Please see the Small Business Impact Analysis for further information on this subject.*
- Minimum grout depth to match the Board of Water Well Contractors (BWWC) Rules. *We propose this change to match the minimum grouting depth set by the BWWC in 2010.*
- Minimum microbial treatment for static water levels less than 25 feet is 4-log virus inactivation/removal. To demonstrate aquifer is confined, use the criteria in Non-degradation Guidance Manual Appendix M. A deviation to not disinfect may be granted if there are no sources of viral contamination within a 200 day time of travel. *This proposed change clarifies current DEQ policy for the minimum treatment required for shallow static water levels and gives criteria to support a request to not provide microbial treatment.*

### DEQ-1 Chapter 4 – Treatment

- Membrane Filtration: If used for compliance with the EPA Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR), the unit must be challenge tested for cryptosporidium removal and must have direct and indirect integrity testing on unit. This change is proposed to comply with the LT2ESWTR as required in 40 CFR 141.719 (b) and the EPA Membrane Filtration Guidance Manual.
- Bag/Cartridge Filters. If used for compliance with the LT2ESWTR, removal credits based on cryptosporidium. *As noted above for membrane filtration.*

- Chlorination: Continuous chlorine analyzers are required for groundwater systems serving more than 3,300, groundwater systems with recurrent confirmed pathogens (usually e. coli), and all SW systems. A sample tap required before and after disinfectant application so source samples can be collected. *We propose this change to comply with the requirements of the EPA Ground Water Rule for groundwater systems and Montana-specific Rules for surface water systems.*

#### DEQ-1 Chapter 6 – Pumping Facilities

- Redundant pump capacity only required for domestic flows, not fire flow. *We propose this change to reflect commonly approved deviations.*

#### DEQ-1 Chapter 7 – Finished Water Storage

- Two storage tank hatches no longer needed for tanks less than 20,000 gallons. *We propose this change to reflect commonly approved deviations.*

#### DEQ-1 Chapter 8 – Transmission Mains and Distribution System

- Deviations for water and sewer main crossings are not required if 6” separation provided, sleeving or flowable fill used, and low pressure air testing is specified. *We propose this change to reflect commonly approved deviations.*

#### DEQ-1, Appendix B

- Adopt American Water Works Standards by edition date. *We propose this change to comply with Montana Code Annotated 2-4-307, which does not allow a running adoption.*

#### DEQ-3 Chapter 3 Source Development

- For non-residential flows, peak instantaneous demand should be determined by using Uniform Plumbing Code Fixture Count Analysis, American Water Works Association Method M22 Fixture Count Analysis, or an appropriate Peaking Factor. *This proposed change clarifies current DEQ practice.*
- Pump testing, well grouting, minimum grout depth and microbial treatment changed to match DEQ-1 Standards. *See reasons listed under DEQ-1, Chapter 3.*

#### DEQ-3 Chapter 4 – Treatment

- Aesthetic treatment only reviewed for NSF compliance and cross connections. *We propose this change to clarify that DEQ review is not required for aesthetic treatment for non-community systems (like water softening) except to ensure that the installed treatment cannot introduce contamination to the system.*
- Abbreviated standard for chlorination of non-community systems. Eliminated component redundancy and alarms. Pellet chlorinators allowed but must provide means to purge and sample the source water. *We propose this change to reflect commonly approved deviations.*



PERMITTING & COMPLIANCE DIVISION

◆ *New Community Water Supply Well* ◆

EXPEDITED REVIEW CHECKLIST

October 200714

### **New Community Water Supply Well Expedited Review Checklist Instructions:**

This checklist procedure may be used to gain approval to drill new community water supply wells in lieu of a complete department review when the conditions listed below are met. Construction of a new well is unlawful until approval is granted by the department, typically issued in a letter to the design engineer submitting the plans and specifications. Normally, the Department will review complete submittals within 15 working days. Submittals that do not contain all of the required information are not considered complete.

#### **Conditions for use of the New Community Water Supply Well Checklist:**

1. New wells that require a deviation from the Standards of DEQ-1 are not eligible for checklist review.
2. Review and approval is limited to location and construction of the well. Appurtenances such as discharge piping, pitless adapters, well pumps and well houses are not covered. Storage, treatment and distribution are not covered.
3. Radial well collectors, infiltration lines, and dug wells are not eligible for checklist reviews.

**Required Documentation:** *Checklists submitted without all of the required documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be processed until all of the required information has been submitted.*

1. A completed New Community Water Supply Well Expedited Checklist Application.
2. An engineering report presenting, at a minimum, the information required in DEQ-1, Chapter 1.
3. Three sets of plans signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project.
4. Three sets of well specifications signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project.
5. Three copies of a PWS-6 "Source Water Protection Delineation" report. The report must meet the standards listed in Department Circular PWS-6.
6. Owner certification that a professional engineer will be retained for construction inspection and will certify completion in accordance with the approved plans and prepare as-builts for submittal to the Department within 90 days of project completion.
7. Review Fee as specified in ARM 17.38.106.

Completed checklist submittals may be mailed to: Department of Environmental Quality, Permitting & Compliance Division, Public Water and Subdivisions Bureau, Metcalf Building, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901; or for those systems served by the Kalispell Office: Department of Environmental Quality, Public Water Supply Section, 109 Cooperative Way, Suite 105, Kalispell, MT 59901; or for those systems served by the Billings Office: Department of Environmental Quality, Public Water and Subdivisions Bureau, Airport Business Park 1P-9, 1371 Rintop Drive, Billings, MT 59105-1978. Questions can be answered by writing the above address or calling (406) 444-4400 in Helena, (406) 755-8985 in Kalispell and (406) 247-4445 in Billings.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
NEW PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELL EXPEDITED REVIEW CHECKLIST**

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Public Supply Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Developer \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Engineer \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Will this well be connected to an existing system? If so, PWSID number of system: \_\_\_\_\_

Will this well be associated with a Subdivision? If so, Subdivision name: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:**

*Checklists submitted without all of the required documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be processed until all of the required information is submitted.*

**Included?**

**Y No**

- An engineering report presenting, at a minimum, all of the information listed below in ENGINEERING REPORT.
- Three sets of plans signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project. The plans must show all of the required information listed below under PLANS.
- Three sets of well specifications signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project. The specifications must meet all of the standards listed below under WELL SPECIFICATIONS.
- ~~Three~~ Two copies of a PWS-6 "Source Water Protection Delineation" report. The report must meet the standards listed in Department Circular PWS-6.
- Owner certification that a professional engineer will be retained for construction inspection and will certify completion in accordance with the approved plans and prepare as-builts for submittal to the Department within 90 days of project completion.
- Review Fee as specified in ARM 17.38.106.

*Every "Yes" answer must have the page number where the information can be found listed. Every "N/A" answer must be accompanied by a written explanation of the reason the standard is not applicable.*

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

**Included?**

**Y N/A Page**

**1.1.1 General information, including:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. description of any existing water works and sewerage facilities,
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. identification of the municipality or area served,
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. name and mailing address of the owner and developer, and official custodian.

**1.1.2 Extent of water works system, including**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. description of the nature and extent of the area to be served,
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. provisions for extending the water works system to include additional areas, and
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. appraisal of the future requirements for service, including existing and potential industrial, commercial, institutional, and other water supply needs.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **1.1.3 Alternate plans.** Where two or more solutions exist for providing public water supply facilities, each of which is feasible and practicable, discuss the alternate plans. Give reasons for selecting the one recommended, including financial considerations, and a comparison of the minimum classification of water works operator required for operation of each alternative facility.

**1.1.4 Site Conditions. Soil and groundwater conditions, including:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. a description of the character of soil through which water mains are to be laid,

- \_\_\_\_\_ b. foundation conditions prevailing at sites of proposed structures, and
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. the approximate elevation and flow direction of groundwater in relation to subsurface structures.

**1.1.5 Water use data, including:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. a description of the population trends as indicated by available records, and the estimated population which will be served by the proposed water supply system or expanded system, a minimum of 20 years in the future in five year intervals or over the useful life of the critical structures and equipment,
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. present water consumption and the projected average and maximum daily demands or peak instantaneous demand, where appropriate, including fire flow demand (see DEQ-1 Section 1.1.6),
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. present and/or estimated yield of the sources of supply, and
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. unusual occurrences.
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. current estimated percent of unaccounted water for the system and the estimated reduction of unaccounted for water after project completion if applicable, i.e., project is to replace aged water mains, leaking storage, or other improvements that will result in reduced water loss.

**1.1.6 Flow requirements, including:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. hydraulic analyses based on flow demands and pressure requirements (See Section 8.2.1), and
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. fire flows, when fire protection is provided, meeting the recommendations of the fire protection agency in which the water system is being developed, or in the absence of such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana. Documentation from the fire protection agency may be required if the flow requirements vary significantly from typical values.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **1.1.7 Sewage system available.** Describe the existing or proposed sewage collection system and sewage treatment works, with special reference to their relationship to existing or proposed water works structures which may affect the operation of the water supply system, or which may affect the quality of the supply.

**1.1.8.2 Groundwater sources of water supply.** Describe the proposed source or sources of water supply to be developed, the reasons for their selection, and provide information as follows:

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. sites considered,
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. advantages of the site selected,
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. elevations with respect to surroundings,
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. probable character of formations through which the source is to be developed through nearby well logs,
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. geologic conditions affecting the site, such as anticipated interference between proposed and existing wells,
- \_\_\_\_\_ f. summary of source exploration, test well depth, and method of construction; placement of liners or screen; test pumping rates and their duration; water levels and specific yield; water quality,
- \_\_\_\_\_ g. sources of possible contamination such as sewers and sewage treatment/disposal facilities, highways, railroads, landfills, outcroppings of consolidated water-bearing formations, chemical facilities, waste disposal wells, agricultural uses, etc

- \_\_\_\_\_ **1.1.9 Sewage system available.** Describe the existing or proposed sewage collection system and sewage treatment works, with special reference to their relationship to existing or proposed water works structures which may affect the operation of the water supply system, or which may affect the quality of the supply.

**1.1.12 Project sites, including:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. discussion of the various sites considered and advantages of the recommended ones, and
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. the proximity of residences, industries, and other establishments, and
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. any potential sources of pollution that may influence the quality of the supply or interfere with effective operation of the water works system, such as sewage absorption systems, septic tanks, privies, cesspools, sink holes, sanitary landfills, refuse and garbage dumps, etc.

**3.2.1.1 Source capacity**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. The total developed groundwater source capacity for systems utilizing gravity storage or pumped storage, unless otherwise specified by MDEQ must equal or exceed the design maximum day demand with the largest producing well out of service. Storage must comply with the requirements of Section 7.0.1.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. The total developed groundwater source capacity for systems utilizing hydropneumatic storage tanks as

the only storage facility must be sufficient to equal or exceed the peak instantaneous demand with the largest producing well out of service. For systems serving 50 or less equivalent dwelling units, MDEQ may allow a reduction in total required system capacity provided the system can maintain the minimum pressures required in section 8.2.1 with the largest producing well out of service.

\_\_\_\_\_ **3.2.1.2 Number of sources.** A minimum of two sources of groundwater must be provided. Consideration should be given to locating redundant sources in different aquifers or different locations of an aquifer.

\_\_\_\_\_ **3.2.3.1 Well location.** Wells must be located at least 100 feet from sewer lines, septic tanks, holding tanks, and any structure used to convey or retain industrial, storm or sanitary waste, and state or federal highway rights-of-way.

\_\_\_\_\_ **3.2.3.2 Continued protection.** Continued protection of the well site from potential sources of contamination must be provided either through ~~ownership deed notice~~, zoning, easements, leasing or other means acceptable to MDEQ. Such protection must extend for a radius of at least 100 feet around the well (continued protection zone). Also, separation distances between proposed wells and potential sources of contamination must be defined and justified by the design engineer in accordance with DEQ-1, Section 1.1.8.2. The ~~zone of influence~~ continued protection zone of a proposed or existing well must not be in a groundwater mixing zone as defined in ARM 17.30.517517 and also may not include easements that would conflict with the proposed use. Fencing of the site may be required.

**PLANS:**

Included?  
Y N/A Page

- 1.2.1 General layout, including:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ a. suitable title,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. name of municipality, or other entity or person responsible for the water supply,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. area or institution to be served,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. scale, in feet,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ e. north point,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ f. datum used,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ g. boundaries of the municipality or area to be served,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ h. date, and name of the designing engineer,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ i. ink imprint of registered professional engineer's seal and signature,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ j. location and size of existing water mains, and
  - \_\_\_\_\_ k. location and nature of any existing water works structures and appurtenances affecting the proposed improvements noted on one sheet.

**1.2.2 Detailed plans, including, where pertinent:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	c. location and size of the property to be used for the groundwater development with respect to known references such as roads, streams, section lines, or streets,
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	d. topography and arrangement of present or planned wells or structures, with contour intervals not greater than two feet,
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	e. elevations of the highest known flood level, floor of the structure, upper terminal of protective casings and outside surrounding grade, using United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, United States Geological Survey or equivalent elevations where applicable as reference,
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	f. plan and profile drawings of well construction, showing diameter and depth of drill holes, casing and liner diameters and depths, grouting depths, elevations and designation of geological formations, water levels and other details to describe the proposed well completely,
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	g. <u>location of all existing and potential sources of pollution, including easements, which may affect the water source or underground treated water storage facilities.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	gi. location, size and length of existing or proposed streets; water sources, including ponds, lakes and drains; storm, sanitary, combined and house sewers; septic tanks, disposal fields and cesspools; and abandoned wells.
			<b>3.2.3.1 and 3.2.3.2 Well location and continued protection zone</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Plans must identify the continued protection zone and all sewer lines, septic tanks, holding tanks, groundwater mixing zones and any structure used to convey or retain industrial, storm or sanitary waste

located within 100 feet of the proposed well.

**WELL SPECIFICATIONS:**

**Included?**

**Y N/A Page**

- |                          |                          |       |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | <b>3.2 Groundwater</b> All wells must be constructed by a licensed water well contractor in accordance with Title 37, Chapter 43, MCA and Title 36, Chapter 21, ARM, current edition, (Water Well Contractor rules) with the following additional requirements.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | <b>3.2.2.1 Microbiological quality</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | a. Disinfection of every new, modified or reconditioned groundwater source must be provided in accordance with ARM 36.21.662(4) prior to placement of permanent pumping equipment, and (2) must be provided after placement of permanent pumping equipment.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | b. More than 72 hours after disinfection, two or more water samples must be submitted to a laboratory certified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services for microbiological analysis with satisfactory results reported to MDEQ prior to placing the well into service.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | <b>3.2.2.2 Physical, chemical, and radiological quality</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | a. Every new, modified or reconditioned groundwater source must be examined for applicable physical and chemical characteristics by tests of a representative sample in a laboratory certified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services, with the results reported to MDEQ.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | b. Samples must be collected <u>and analyzed</u> at the conclusion of the test pumping procedure prior to disinfection <del>and examined as soon as practical</del> . Sample results for the constituents of ARM 17.38.216 must be submitted to MDEQ for review and approval to demonstrate compliance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM, prior to placing the well into service.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | <b>3.2.4.1 Yield and drawdown tests <del>must:</del></b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | a. <u>A test must be performed</u> on every production well after construction or subsequent treatment and prior to placement of the permanent pump,   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | b. <del>have</del> <u>The test methods must be</u> clearly indicated in the project specifications,  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | c. <u>The test pump must have a test pump capacity</u> , at maximum anticipated drawdown, at least <u>equal to 1.5 times the quantity anticipated required under 3.2.4.1.d</u> , and   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | d. <u>The test must provide for continuous constant rate pumping at either 1.5 times the design pump capacity for at least 24 hours or 1.0 times the design pump capacity for 72 hours</u> . Data collection must begin at time zero. The test may be terminated if stabilized drawdown occurs for at least <del>six</del> <u>eight</u> hours during the test. <u>If the design pumping rate is 35 gpm or greater, the minimum stabilized drawdown period must be at least eight hours</u> . <u>Stabilized drawdown is defined as a water level that does not fluctuate plus or minus 0.5 feet for every 100 feet of drawdown at the design pumping rate</u> .   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | e. <del>provide</del> <u>The following data must be submitted to DEQ: 1- static water level, depth of test pump setting, 2- time of starting and ending each test cycle, 3. pumping rate, 4. test pump capacity-head characteristics, 5- depth of test pump setting, 6- maximum drawdown, 7. pumping water levels taken so as to provide at least 10 evenly spaced data points per log cycle of time (in minutes) on a time-drawdown plot, and 8. water recovery levels taken so as to provide at least 10 evenly spaced data points per log cycle of time (in minutes) on a time drawdown plot.</u>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | f. <u>A report must be submitted which provides recordings and graphic evaluation of the following at one hour intervals or less as required by DEQ: pumping rate, maximum drawdown, pumping water levels taken so as to provide at least 10 evenly spaced data points per log cycle of time (in minutes) on a time-drawdown plot, and water recovery levels taken so as to provide at least 10 evenly spaced data points per log cycle of time (in minutes) on a time-drawdown plot. To demonstrate adequate water quantity, MDEQ will require that pump test results be submitted for review and approval prior to construction of the remainder of the water system. The information must be submitted on Aquifer test data Form 633.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | <b>3.2.4.2 Plumbness and alignment requirements</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | a. Every well must be tested for plumbness and alignment in accordance with AWWA A100.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | b. The test method and allowable tolerance must be clearly stated in the specifications.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | c. If the well fails to meet these requirements, it may be accepted by the engineer if it does not interfere with the installation or operation of the pump or uniform placement of grout.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | <b>3.2.4.3 Geological data must</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | a. be determined in accordance with ARM 36.21.667 except that samples must be collected at intervals of five feet or less. Upon completion, a copy of the well log must be submitted to MDEQ, and  |

- \_\_\_\_\_ b. be supplemented with a driller's log, and accurate geological location such as latitude and longitude or GIS coordinates as determined by GPS to an accuracy of +/- 25 feet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3.2.5.1 Drilling fluids and additives** must be approved by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) or a similar ANSI accredited laboratory/organization.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3.2.5.2 Minimum protected depths**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Minimum protected depths of drilled wells must provide watertight construction to such depth as may be required by MDEQ, to exclude contamination, and seal off (zones) that are, or may be, contaminated or yield undesirable water.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Wells must have unperforated casing to a minimum depth of 25 feet or ~~continuous disinfection with chlorine~~ full-time microbial treatment must be provided.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Full time disinfection with chlorine microbial treatment is required where the water source is an aquifer with a seasonal high water level water table that is within 25 feet of the ground surface.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. Microbial treatment required under b. or c. must provide 4-log inactivation and/or removal of viruses. A deviation of this standard may be granted by MDEQ in accordance with the procedures of Section 1.7 if the applicant shows there are no existing or approved sources of viral contamination within the 200-day time of travel zone of influence for the well and that new sources of contamination will not be introduced for this area.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ e. If the water source is from a confined aquifer, microbial treatment is not required. The applicant must demonstrate an aquifer is confined using the methods outlined in the Nondegradation Guidance Manual, Appendix M.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3.2.5.3 Permanent steel casing pipe must:**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. be in accordance with ARM 36.21.640,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. when driven, be equipped with a drive shoe in accordance with ARM 36.21.644, and
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. have joints in accordance with ARM 36.21.642.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3.2.5.4 Nonferrous casing materials.** Plastic well casing must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.645 and ARM 36.21.646.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3.2.5.5 Packers.** Packers must be of material that will not impart taste, odor, toxic substance or bacterial contamination to the well water. Lead packers must not be used.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3.2.5.6 Screens must:**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. be constructed of materials resistant to damage by chemical action of groundwater or cleaning operations,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. have size of openings based on sieve analysis of formation and/or gravel pack materials,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. have sufficient length and diameter to provide adequate specific capacity and low aperture entrance velocity. The entrance velocity must not exceed 0.1 feet per second,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. be installed so that the pumping water level remains above the screen under all operating conditions,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ e. where applicable, be designed and installed to permit removal or replacement without adversely affecting water-tight construction of the well, and
  - \_\_\_\_\_ f. be provided with a bottom plate or washdown bottom fitting of the same material as the screen.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3.2.5.7 Grouting requirements**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. All permanent well casing must be sealed in accordance with ARM 36.21.654 through ARM 36.21.660 surrounded by a minimum of 1 ½ inches of grout around the outside of the casing. The grout must extend to at least 25 feet below ground surface or as specified in Standard 3.2.6 for special aquifer types. The casing must be provided with centralizers in accordance with ARM 36.21.649.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. The casing must be provided with centralizers in accordance with ARM 36.21.649. Grout may be cement/sand, bentonite chips or pellets, or neat cement. Grout may be applied by gravity into an annular space where chips or pellets are used, or by tremie pipe or other conductor from the bottom up. Bentonite must be applied per the manufacturer's instructions. In no case will gravity placement of bentonite be allowed through water to achieve the minimum depth required.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Application. Sufficient annular opening must be provided to permit a minimum of 1 ½ inches of grout around permanent casings, including couplings. Prior to grouting through creviced or fractured formations, bentonite or similar materials may be added to the annular opening, in the manner indicated for grouting. After cement grouting is applied, work on the well must be discontinued until the cement or concrete grout has properly set. Grout placement must be sufficient to achieve proper density or percent solids throughout the annular space. The type of grout, quantity, and method of placement must

be reported on the well log. In no case will grout placement using drill and drive methods be approved for grout sealing of the upper 25 feet of well casing.

### **3.2.5.8 Upper terminal well construction**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Permanent casing for all groundwater sources must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.647.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Sites subject to flooding must be provided with an earth mound surrounding the casing and terminating at an elevation at least two feet above the 100 year flood level or highest known flood elevation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. The top of the well casing at sites subject to flooding must terminate at least three feet above the 100 year flood level or the highest known flood elevation, whichever is higher.
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. Protection from physical damage must be provided.
- \_\_\_\_\_ f. The upper terminal must be constructed to prevent contamination from entering the well.
- \_\_\_\_\_ g. Where well appurtenances protrude through the upper terminal, the connections to the upper terminus must be mechanical or welded connections that are water tight.

### **3.2.5.9 Development**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Every well must be developed in accordance with ARM 36.21.653.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Where chemical conditioning is required, the specifications must include provisions for the method, equipment, chemicals, testing for residual chemicals, and disposal of waste and inhibitors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Where blasting procedures may be used, the specifications must include the provisions for blasting and cleaning. Special attention must be given to assure that the grouting and casing are not damaged by the blasting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. The method of well development must be described on the well log.

**3.2.5.10 Capping requirements.** Temporary capping must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.661

### **3.2.6.1 Sand or gravel wells**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. ~~If clay or hard pan is encountered above the water bearing formation, the well must be constructed in accordance with ARM 36.21.657.~~
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. ~~If a sand or gravel aquifer is overlaid only by permeable soils, the well must be constructed in accordance with ARM 36.21.656.~~

**3.2.6.1 Consolidated Formations.** In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer either within a consolidated or confining formation, sealing of the casing must conform with one of the following procedures:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. an upper drill hole, at least three inches greater in diameter than the nominal size of the permanent well casing, must extend from land surface to at least three feet into sound, consolidated formation. In no instance must said upper drill hole extend less than 25 feet below land surface; and
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. unperforated permanent casing must be installed to extend to this same depth, and the lower part of the casing must be sealed into the rock formation with cement grout. The remainder of the annular space to land surface must be filled with an appropriate sealing material.
- b. If temporary surface casing is used in either of the above procedures, this casing must be of sufficient diameter to conform to the upper drill hole specifications. Withdrawal of the temporary casing must take place simultaneously with proper sealing of the annular space to land surface.

### **3.2.6.2 Unconsolidated Formations without significant clay beds**

- a. In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer overlain by unconsolidated formations such as sand and gravel without significant clay beds, an unperforated well casing must extend to at least one foot below the known seasonal low water table. An upper drill hole having a diameter at least three inches greater than the nominal size of the permanent casing must extend to at least 25 feet below land surface.
- b. The annular space between the upper drill hole and the well casing must be kept at least one-half full with bentonite slurry throughout the driving of the permanent casing into the aquifer. After the permanent casing is set in its final position, the remaining annular space must be filled to land surface with appropriate sealing material.
- c. If the oversized drill hole is extended to the same depth as the permanent casing, a suitable bridge must be installed between the casing and the drill hole at a position directly above the production aquifer. The remaining annular space must be completely filled and sealed to land surface with appropriate sealing material.
- d. A suitable bridge is one that prevents the sealing material from dropping into the producing formations and reducing the output of the well.
- e. If temporary casing is used to maintain the oversized drill hole, the annular space must be kept full with appropriate sealing material as the temporary casing is being withdrawn.

**3.2.6.3 Unconsolidated Formations with clay beds.** In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer overlain by clay or other unconsolidated deposits such as sand and gravel in which significant (at least 6 feet thick) interbeds of clay are present, the well casing must be terminated in such clay strata, provided that the casing be sealed in substantially the same manner as is required in the case of consolidated formations.

**3.2.6.4. Flowing Wells.** When flowing water is encountered in the well, an unperforated well casing must extend into the confining stratum overlying the artesian zone. The casing must be adequately sealed into the confining stratum so as to prevent surface and subsurface leakage from the artesian zone. If the well flows at land surface, it must be equipped with a control valve so that the flow can be completely stopped. The well must be completed with packers or appropriate sealing material that will eliminate leakage around the well casing.

**3.2.6.25 Gravel pack wells**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Gravel pack must be well rounded particles, 95 per cent siliceous material, that are smooth and uniform, free of foreign material, properly sized, washed and then disinfected immediately prior to or during placement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Gravel pack must be placed in one uniform continuous operation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Gravel refill pipes, when used, must be Schedule 40 steel pipe incorporated within the pump foundation and terminated with screwed or welded caps at least 12 inches above the pump house floor or concrete apron.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. Gravel refill pipes located in the grouted annular opening must be surrounded by a minimum of 1 1/2 inches of grout.
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. Protection from leakage of grout into the gravel pack or screen must be provided.
- \_\_\_\_\_ f. Permanent inner and outer casings must meet requirements of Sections 3.2.5.3 and 3.2.5.4.

\_\_\_\_\_ ~~**3.2.6.6 Consolidated formation wells.** Drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer either within or overlain by a consolidated formation must be grouted in accordance with ARM 36.21.655.~~

\_\_\_\_\_ **3.2.6.7 Naturally flowing wells** must be sealed in accordance with ARM 36.21.658.

*Additional Comments:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the plans, specifications, certified checklist and supporting documentation and attachments to be in compliance with all of the applicable standards of the Department of Environmental Quality Circular DEQ 1.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Professional Engineer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

PE Stamp

## Final Source Approval

Approval to drill a new community well will be conditioned on compliance with applicable DEQ-1 requirements. In order to obtain final source approval to use the new well, the following items need to be submitted to DEQ for approval once the well has been completed:

- ~~1.~~ Documentation that an application for water rights has been filed with the Department of Natural Resources when quantities exceed 35 gpm. (DEQ-1, Standard 1.1.8.2.g).
- ~~2.~~1. A final assessment for proposed groundwater sources that may be under the direct influence of surface water, prepared in accordance with PWS-5, "Assessment of Groundwater Sources Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water" (DEQ-1, Standard 1.1.8.2.h).
- ~~3.~~2. A final Source Water Protection Plan prepared in accordance with PWS-6 if field results differ substantially from that predicted in the preliminary Source Water Protection Plan, (DEQ-1, Standard 1.1.8.2.i).
- ~~4.~~3. A description of any wellhead protection measures being considered. (DEQ-1, Standard 1.1.8.2.j)
- ~~5.~~4. Documentation that the continued protection zone has been provided through ownership, zoning, easements or leasing. Easements must be filed with the County Clerk and Records Office. (DEQ-1, Standard 3.2.3.2)
- ~~6.~~5. Test Pump results demonstrating compliance with DEQ-1, Standard 3.2.4.1.
- ~~7.~~6. Water quality sample results demonstrating compliance with DEQ-1, Standard 3.2.2.1 Microbiological quality, and DEQ-1, Standard 3.2.2.2 Physical, chemical and radiological quality.
- ~~8.~~7. A copy of the completed well log. (DEQ-1, Standard 3.2.4.3)
- ~~9.~~8. A discussion of the maximum, ~~and~~ average day and peak instantaneous demand in relation to developed source capacity to demonstrate compliance with DEQ-1 Standard 3.2.1.1.
- ~~10.~~9. \_\_\_\_\_ A discussion of the static water level of the well and compliance with DEQ-1, Standard 3.2.5.2.

*Please note that source approval is limited to location and construction of the well. Plans and specifications for approval of well appurtenances (source sample taps, auxiliary power, discharge piping, pitless adapters, well pumps) must be submitted separately and will not be reviewed under an expedited process. If required, plans and specifications for storage, treatment, distribution, and Appendix A information must also be submitted separately and will not be reviewed under an expedited process.*



## **PERMITTING & COMPLIANCE DIVISION**

◆ *New Non-Community Water Supply Well* ◆

## **EXPEDITED REVIEW CHECKLIST**

October-2007  
2014 EDITION

### **New Non-Community Water Supply Well Expedited Review Checklist Instructions:**

This checklist procedure may be used to gain approval to drill new non community water supply wells when the conditions listed below are met. Construction of a new well is unlawful until approval is granted by the department, typically issued in a letter to the design engineer submitting the plans and specifications. Normally, the Department will review complete submittals within 15 working days. Submittals that do not contain all of the required information are not considered complete.

### **Conditions for use of the New Non-Community Water Supply Well Checklist:**

1. New wells that require a deviation from the Standards of DEQ-3 are not eligible for checklist review.
2. Review and approval is limited to location and construction of the well. Appurtenances such as discharge piping, pitless adapters, well pumps and well houses are not covered. Storage, treatment and distribution are not covered.
3. Radial well collectors, infiltration lines, and dug wells are not eligible for checklist reviews.
4. The checklist must be signed by a professional engineer.

**Required Documentation:** *Checklists submitted without all of the required documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be processed until all of the required information has been submitted.*

1. A completed New Non-Community Water Supply Well Expedited Checklist Application.
2. An engineering report presenting, at a minimum, the information required in DEQ-3, Chapter 1.
3. Three sets of plans signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project.
4. Three sets of well specifications signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project.
5. Three copies of a PWS-6 "Source Water Protection Delineation" report. The report must meet the standards listed in Department Circular PWS-6.
6. Owner certification that a professional engineer will be retained for construction inspection and will certify completion in accordance with the approved plans and prepare as-builts for submittal to the Department within 90 days of project completion.
7. Review Fee as specified in ARM 17.38.106.

Completed checklist submittals may be mailed to: Department of Environmental Quality, Permitting & Compliance Division, Public Water and Subdivisions Bureau, Metcalf Building, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901; or for those systems served by the Kalispell Office: Department of Environmental Quality, Public Water Supply Section, 109 Cooperative Way, Suite 105, Kalispell, MT 59901; or for those systems served by the Billings Office: Department of Environmental Quality, Public Water and Subdivisions Bureau, Airport Business Park 1P-9, 1371 Rimtop Drive, Billings, MT 59105-1978. Questions can be answered by writing the above address or calling (406) 444-4400 in Helena, (406) 755-8985 in Kalispell and (406) 247-4445 in Billings.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
NEW PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELL EXPEDITED REVIEW CHECKLIST**

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Public Supply Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Developer \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Engineer \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Will this well be connected to an existing system? If so, PWSID number of system: \_\_\_\_\_

Will this well be associated with a Subdivision? If so, Subdivision name: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:**

*Checklists submitted without all of the required documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be processed until all of the required information is submitted.*

**Included?**

**Y No**

- An engineering report presenting, at a minimum, all of the information listed below in ENGINEERING REPORT.
- Three sets of plans signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project. The plans must show all of the required information listed below under PLANS.
- Three sets of well specifications signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project. The specifications must meet all of the standards listed below under WELL SPECIFICATIONS.
- ~~Three~~ Two copies of a PWS-6 "Source Water Protection Delineation" report. The report must meet the standards listed in Department Circular PWS-6.
- Owner certification that a professional engineer will be retained for construction inspection and will certify completion in accordance with the approved plans and prepare as-builts for submittal to the Department within 90 days of project completion.
- Review Fee as specified in ARM 17.38.106.

*Every "Yes" answer must have the page number where the information can be found listed. Every "N/A" answer must be accompanied by a written explanation of the reason the standard is not applicable.*

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

**Included?**

**Y N/A Page**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> _____</li> </ul> | <p><b>1.1.1 General information, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. description of any existing water works and sewerage facilities,</li> <li>b. identification of the municipality or area served, <u>and</u></li> <li>c. <u>name and mailing address of the owner and developer, and the official custodian.</u></li> </ul> <p><b>1.1.2 Extent of water works system, including</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. description of the nature and extent of the area to be served,</li> <li>b. provisions for extending the water works system to include additional areas, and</li> <li>c. <u>appraisal of the future requirements for service, including existing and potential water supply needs.</u></li> </ul> <p><b>1.1.3 Alternate plans.</b> Where two or more solutions exist for providing public water supply facilities, each of which is feasible and practicable, discuss the alternate plans. Give reasons for selecting the one</p> |
|---|--|

recommended, including financial considerations, and a comparison of the minimum classification of water works operator required for operation of each alternative facility.

**1.1.4 Water use data, including:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. The estimated population which will be served by the proposed water supply system or expanded system
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. present water consumption and the projected average and maximum daily demands or peak instantaneous demand, where appropriate, including fire flow demand
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. present and/or estimated yield of the sources of supply.

**1.1.5 Sewage system available.** Describe the existing or proposed sewage collection system and sewage treatment works, with special reference to their relationship to existing or proposed water works structures which may affect the operation of the water supply system, or which may affect the quality of the supply.

**1.1.5, Flow requirements, including**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. hydraulic analyses based on flow demands and pressure requirements, and
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. fire flows, when fire protection is provided, meeting the recommendations of the fire protection agency in which the water system is being developed, or in the absence of such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana. Documentation from the fire protection agency may be required if the flow requirements vary significantly from typical values.

**1.1.6 Groundwater sources of water supply.** Describe the proposed source or sources of water supply to be developed, including:

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. sites considered,
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. advantages of the site selected,
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. elevations with respect to surroundings,
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. sources of possible contamination such as sewers and sewage treatment/disposal facilities, highways, railroads, landfills, outcroppings of consolidated water-bearing formations, storm water facilities, chemical facilities, waste disposal wells, agricultural uses, etc.

**1.1.7 Sewage System Available.** Describe the existing or proposed sewage collection system and sewage treatment works, with special reference to their relationship to existing or proposed water works structures which may affect the operation of the water supply system, or which may affect the quality of the supply

**3.2.1.1 Quantity.** The total developed groundwater source capacity must equal or exceed the design maximum day demand. Adequate storage per DEQ-1 Section 7.0.1 will be required if source capacity is inadequate to meet peak instantaneous demand.

**3.2.1.2 Water use estimates for design purposes**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Domestic use - 100 gpcd must be provided for average domestic use unless the designer has sufficient data, acceptable to MDEQ, to show a lesser quantity to be adequate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Commercial/Industrial use – for non-residential public water systems, the system must be capable of meeting peak demands. This is typically calculated from a Fixture Unit analysis per the UPC, AWWA Fixture Value Method, or by applying a peaking factor to the Average Day Demand in gallons per minute, or other means acceptable to MDEQ
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Irrigation - when irrigation water is provided, information must be submitted to show that adequate water will be available. Such information must include: the area to be irrigated in acres or square feet, water requirements in inches/week, proposed methods for controlling irrigation beyond the capacity of the system.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. Fire flows - fire flows must meet the recommendations of the agency in which the water system is being developed, or in the absence of such a recommendation, the fire code adopted by the State of Montana.

**3.2.3.1 Well location.** Wells must be located at least 100 feet from sewer lines, septic tanks, holding tanks, and any structure used to convey or retain industrial, storm or sanitary waste and state or federal highway rights-of-way.

**3.2.3.2 Continued protection.** Continued protection of the well site from potential sources of contamination must be provided either through ownership, zoning, easements, ~~leasing~~, deed notices or other means acceptable to MDEQ. Easements and deed notices must be filed with the County Clerk and Records Office. Such protection must extend for a radius of at least 100 feet around the well (continued protection zone). ~~Also~~In addition, separation distances between proposed wells and potential sources of contamination must be defined and justified by the applicant in accordance with Section 1.1.6. The ~~zone~~ of

influence-continued protection zone of a proposed or existing well must not be in a groundwater mixing zone as defined in ARM 17.30.517 and also may not include easements that would conflict with the proposed use. Fencing of the site may be required by MDEQ.

**PLANS:**

Included?  
Y N/A Page

**1.2.1 General layout, including:**

- |                          |                          |       |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | a. suitable title,  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | b. name of entity or person responsible for the water supply, |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | c. <u>area or facility to be served,</u>                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | d. scale, in feet,  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | e. north point,   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | f. date, and name of the designing engineer,                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | g. location and size of existing water facilities, if any.    |

**1.2.2 Detailed plans, including, where pertinent:**

- |                          |                          |       |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | a. arrangement of present or planned wells or structures.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | b. plan and profile drawings of well construction, showing diameter and depth of drill holes, casing and liner diameters and depths, grouting depths, elevations and designation of geological formations, water levels and other details to describe the proposed well completely, |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | c. <u>location of all existing and potential sources of pollution which may affect the water source or underground treated water storage facilities</u>   |

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	d. <u>location, size and length of existing or proposed streets; water sources, including ponds, lakes and drains; storm, sanitary, combined and house sewers; septic tanks, disposal fields and cesspools; and abandoned wells.</u>
--------------------------	--------------------------	-------	--

**3.2.3.1 and 3.2.3.2 Well location and continued protection zone**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Plans must identify the continued protection zone and all sewer lines, septic tanks, holding tanks, groundwater mixing zones and any structure used to convey or retain industrial, storm or sanitary waste <u>and state or federal highway rights-of-way</u> located within 100 feet of the proposed well.
--------------------------	--------------------------	-------	---

**WELL SPECIFICATIONS:**

Included?  
Y N/A Page

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<b>3.2 GROUNDWATER</b> All wells must be constructed by a licensed water well contractor in accordance with Title 37, Chapter 43, MCA and Title 36, Chapter 21, ARM, current edition, (Water Well Contractor rules) with the following additional requirements.
--------------------------	--------------------------	-------	---

**3.2.2.1 Microbiological quality**

- |                          |                          |       |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | a. Disinfection of every new, modified or reconditioned groundwater source must be provided in accordance with ARM 36.21.662(1) prior to placement of permanent pumping equipment, <del>and (2) must be provided after placement of permanent pumping equipment.</del>                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | b. More than 72 hours after disinfection, two or more water samples must be submitted to a laboratory certified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services for microbiological analysis with satisfactory results reported to MDEQ prior to placing the well into service. |

**3.2.2.2 Physical and chemical quality**

- |                          |                          |       |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | a. Every new, modified or reconditioned groundwater source must be examined for applicable physical and chemical characteristics by tests of a representative sample in a laboratory certified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services, with the results reported to MDEQ.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | 1. Testing must include nitrate/nitrite and total dissolved solids or conductivity as a minimum for <u>individual multiple user systems</u> and transient non-community, public water systems. Additional testing may be required for other parameters where MDEQ has information suggesting they may be present in harmful quantities or where additional regulatory requirements apply. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | 2. Testing must include the constituents of ARM 17.38.216 for non-transient, non-community public water systems.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | b. <u>Samples must be collected and analyzed at the conclusion of the test pumping procedure prior to disinfection, and examined as soon as practical.</u> MDEQ may require sample results to be submitted to the Department for review and approval to demonstrate compliance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-  |

			Chapter 2, ARM, prior to use of a new source or construction of a new system.
			<b>3.2.4.1 Yield and drawdown tests must:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	a. A test must be performed on every production well after construction or subsequent treatment and prior to placement of the permanent pump,
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<del>b.</del> <del>b. have</del> The test methods clearly indicated in the project specifications. <del>;</del> The test pump must have a capacity, at maximum anticipated drawdown, at least equal to the quantity required under 3.2.4.1.d and the test must provide for continuous constant rate pumping at either 1.5 times the design pump capacity for at least 24 hours, or 1.0 times the design pump capacity for at least 72 hours.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	ee. provide data of the following at one-hour intervals or less as may be required by MDEQ: 1. Pumping rate, 2. pumping water levels, 3. static water level, 4. water recovery rate and levels, and 5. time of starting and ending each test cycle,
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	f. <del>d.</del> Provide for continuous constant rate pumping at 1.5 times the design pump capacity for at least 24 hours. Data collection must begin at time zero. The test may be terminated if stabilized drawdown occurs for at least <del>six</del> <u>eight</u> hours during the test. If the design pumping rate is 35 gpm or greater, the minimum stabilized drawdown period must be at least eight hours. Stabilized drawdown is defined as a water level that does not fluctuate plus or minus 0.5 feet for every 100 feet of drawdown at the design pumping rate. When sufficient historical information is available, a step drawdown test, test may be approved by MDEQ. The maximum test pumping rate may be reduced to the capacity of the design pump for both the step drawdown test and constant rate test for wells sized to provide peak instantaneous demand.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<b>3.2.4.2 Results</b> must be reported to MDEQ on Aquifer test data form 633.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<b>3.2.4.3 Geological data</b> must be determined in accordance with ARM 36.21.667. Upon completion, a copy of the well log must be submitted to MDEQ. For public water supply systems, an accurate geological location such as latitude and longitude or GIS coordinates as determined by GPS to an accuracy of +/- 25 feet must be provided.
			<b>3.2.5.1 Minimum protected depths for public water systems</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	a. Minimum protected depths of drilled wells must provide watertight construction to such depth as may be required by MDEQ to exclude contamination and seal off zones that are or may be contaminated or yield undesirable water.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	ab. Wells must have unperforated casing to a minimum depth of 25 feet or continuous disinfection full-time microbial treatment must be provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	bc. Full time disinfection microbial treatment with chlorine is required where the water source is an aquifer with a seasonal high static water table level that is within 25 feet of the ground surface.
			<b>3.2.5.2 Permanent steel casing pipe must:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	a. be in accordance with ARM 36.21.640,
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	b. when driven, be equipped with a drive shoe; and
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	c. have joints in accordance with ARM 36.21.642.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<b>3.2.5.3 Nonferrous casing materials.</b> Plastic well casing must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.645 and ARM 36.21.646.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<b>3.2.5.4 Packers.</b> Packers must be of material that will not impart taste, odor, toxic substance or bacterial contamination to the well water. Lead packers must not be used.
			<b>3.2.5.5 Grouting requirements</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	b.1. All permanent well casing must be sealed in accordance with ARM 36.21.654 through ARM 36.21.660 surrounded by a minimum of 1 ½ inches of grout around the outside of the casing. The grout must extend to at least 25 feet below ground surface or as specified in Standard 3.2.6 for special aquifer types. Grout may be cement/sand, bentonite chips or pellets, or neat cement. Grout may be applied by gravity into an annular space where chips or pellets are used, or by tremie pipe or other conductor from the bottom up. Bentonite must be applied per the manufacturer's instructions. Where casing centralizers preclude the use of chips a high-solids bentonite-sand slurry, cement, or neat cement should be used.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	b.2 Application Sufficient annular opening must be provided to permit a minimum of 1 ½ inches of grout around permanent casings, including couplings. Prior to grouting through creviced or fractured

			formations, bentonite or similar materials may be added to the annular opening, in the manner indicated for grouting. After cement grouting is applied, work on the well must be discontinued until the cement or concrete grout has properly set. Grout placement must be sufficient to achieve proper density or percent solids throughout the annular space. The type of grout, quantity, and method of placement must be reported on the well log. In no case will grout placement using drill and drive methods be approved for grout sealing of the upper 25 feet of well casing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		c. The casing must be provided with centralizers in accordance with ARM 36.21.649.
			<b>3.2.5.6 Upper terminal well construction</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		a. Permanent casing for all groundwater sources must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.647.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		c. Sites subject to flooding must be provided with an earth mound surrounding the casing and terminating at an elevation at least two feet above the 100 year flood level or highest known flood elevation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		d. The top of the well casing at sites subject to flooding must terminate at least three feet above the 100 year flood level or the highest known flood elevation, whichever is higher.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		e. Protection from physical damage must be provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		f. The upper terminal must be constructed to prevent contamination from entering the well.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		g. Where well appurtenances protrude through the upper terminal, the connections to the upper terminus must be mechanical or welded connections that are water tight.
			<b>3.2.6.1 Consolidated Formations.</b> In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer either within a consolidated or confining formation, sealing of the casing must conform with one of the following procedures:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		1. an upper drill hole, at least three inches greater in diameter than the nominal size of the permanent well casing, must extend from land surface to at least three feet into sound, consolidated formation. In no instance must said upper drill hole extend less than 25 feet below land surface; and
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		2. unperforated permanent casing must be installed to extend to this same depth, and the lower part of the casing must be sealed into the rock formation with cement grout. The remainder of the annular space to land surface must be filled with an appropriate sealing material.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		b. If temporary surface casing is used in either of the above procedures, this casing must be of sufficient diameter to conform to the upper drill hole specifications. Withdrawal of the temporary casing must take place simultaneously with proper sealing of the annular space to land surface.
			<b>3.2.6.2 Unconsolidated Formations without significant clay beds</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		a. In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer overlain by unconsolidated formations such as sand and gravel without significant clay beds, an unperforated well casing must extend to at least one foot below the known seasonal low water table. An upper drill hole having a diameter at least three inches greater than the nominal size of the permanent casing must extend to at least 25 feet below land surface.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		b. The annular space between the upper drill hole and the well casing must be kept at least one-half full with bentonite slurry throughout the driving of the permanent casing into the aquifer. After the permanent casing is set in its final position, the remaining annular space must be filled to land surface with appropriate sealing material.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		c. If the oversized drill hole is extended to the same depth as the permanent casing, a suitable bridge must be installed between the casing and the drill hole at a position directly above the production aquifer. The remaining annular space must be completely filled and sealed to land surface with appropriate sealing material.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		d. A suitable bridge is one that prevents the sealing material from dropping into the producing formations and reducing the output of the well.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		e. If temporary casing is used to maintain the oversized drill hole, the annular space must be kept full with appropriate sealing material as the temporary casing is being withdrawn.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<b>3.2.6.3 Unconsolidated Formations with clay beds.</b> In drilled wells that penetrate an aquifer overlain by clay or other unconsolidated deposits such as sand and gravel in which significant (at least 6 feet thick) interbeds of clay are present, the well casing must be terminated in such clay strata, provided that the casing be sealed in substantially the same manner as is required in the case of consolidated formations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<b>3.2.6.4. Flowing Wells.</b> When flowing water is encountered in the well, an unperforated well casing must extend into the confining stratum overlying the artesian zone. The casing must be adequately sealed into the confining stratum so as to prevent surface and subsurface leakage from the artesian zone. If the well flows at land surface, it must be equipped with a control valve so that the flow can be completely stopped. The well must be completed with packers or appropriate sealing material that will eliminate leakage around the well casing.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<b>3.2.5.7 Development.</b> Every well must be developed in accordance with ARM 36.21.653. <u>The method of well development must be described on the well log.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<b>3.2.5.8 Capping requirements.</b> Temporary capping must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.661

*Additional Comments:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the plans, specifications, certified checklist and supporting documentation and attachments to be in compliance with all of the applicable standards of the Department of Environmental Quality Circular DEQ 1.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Professional Engineer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date Signed)

*PE Stamp*

## **Final Source Approval**

Approval to drill a new non-community well will be conditioned on compliance with applicable DEQ-3 requirements. In order to obtain final source approval to use the new well, the following items need to be submitted to DEQ for approval once the well has been completed:

- ~~1.~~ Documentation that an application for water rights has been filed with the Department of Natural Resources when quantities exceed 35 gpm. (DEQ-3, Standard 1.1.6.d).
- ~~2.~~
  1. A final assessment for proposed groundwater sources that may be under the direct influence of surface water, prepared in accordance with PWS-5, "Assessment of Groundwater Sources Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water" (DEQ-3, Standard 1.1.6.e).
  2. A final Source Water Protection Plan prepared in accordance with PWS-6 if field results differ substantially from that predicted in the preliminary Source Water Protection Plan, (DEQ-3, ~~Standard and Standard~~ 1.1.6.f).
- ~~4.~~
  3. Documentation that the continued protection zone has been provided through ownership, zoning, easements or ~~leasing deed notice~~. Easements must be filed with the County Clerk and Recorders Office. (DEQ-3, Standard 3.2.3.2)
- ~~5.~~
  4. Test Pump results demonstrating compliance with DEQ-3, Standard 3.2.4.1.
- ~~6.~~
  5. Water quality sample results demonstrating compliance with DEQ-3, Standard 3.2.2.1 Microbiological quality, and DEQ-3, Standard 3.2.2.2 Physical, chemical and radiological quality.
- ~~7.~~
  6. A copy of the completed well log. (DEQ-3, Standard 3.2.4.3), including latitude and longitude coordinates.
- ~~8.~~
  7. A discussion of the maximum and peak instantaneous demand in relation to developed source capacity to demonstrate compliance with DEQ-3 Standard 3.2.1.1.
- ~~9.~~
  8. A discussion of the static water level of the well and compliance with DEQ-3, Standard 3.2.5.1.

*Please note that source approval is limited to location and construction of the well. Plans and specifications for approval of well appurtenances (discharge piping, pitless adapters, ~~well and well~~ pumps) must be submitted separately and will not be reviewed under an expedited process. If required, plans and specifications for storage, treatment, distribution, and Appendix information must also be submitted separately and will not be reviewed under an expedited process.*





## PERMITTING & COMPLIANCE DIVISION

### ◆ *Sewer Main* Extension and Replacement ◆

## CERTIFIED CHECKLIST

February 24, 2006-2014 Edition

## CHECKLIST SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS:

This checklist procedure may be used when the conditions listed below are met. Checklist submittals can only be used for gravity sewer main extensions or replacements subject to review under DEQ-2, Chapter 30. Lift stations, force mains and alternative collection systems are not eligible for checklist review. Construction is unlawful until approval of the checklist is granted by the department, normally issued in a letter to the design engineer submitting the plans and specifications. Use of the main is unlawful until the department receives ~~as-builts or a~~ certifying letter in accordance with ARM 17.38.101. The department must approve any deviation requests. Normally, complete submittals will be reviewed by the Department within 10 working days. Deviation requests may result in slower turn-around.

**Required Documentation:** *Checklists submitted without all of the required documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be processed until all of the required information has been submitted.*

1. A certified checklist form signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project. All sections of the certified checklist must be completed.
2. Three sets of plans and specifications stamped and signed by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project.
3. An engineering report addressing the design capacity and flow requirements in Section 32 of Circular DEQ 2. The engineering report must include all applicable analysis and supporting assumptions.
4. A map showing the location of the proposed sewer main in relation to the rest of the sewer collection system the water distribution system.
5. Owner certification that a professional engineer will be retained for construction inspection and will certify completion in accordance with the approved plans and prepare as-builts for submittal to the department within 90 days of project completion.
6. An approval letter from a professional engineer (other than the design engineer) who is employed directly or retained by the owner of the public wastewater system providing service to the proposed sewer main. The letter must state the system approves of the extension and the system has adequate capacity to accommodate the extension. Signature on the Municipal Facilities Exclusion checklist does not fulfill this requirement. This approval letter is not required if:
  - a. The proposed sewer main extension is part of a wastewater utility master plan previously approved by the department within the past ten years, and the department concurs the master plan appropriately covers the extension. A copy of the applicable portion of this master plan must be submitted with the checklist; or
  - b. The sewer main replaces an exiting main and is equal to or greater than the existing pipe. An approval letter from the owner of the system providing service must be submitted with the checklist.

The fee for processing main extensions can be found in ARM 17.38.106.

Completed checklist submittals may be mailed to: Department of Environmental Quality, Permitting & Compliance Division, Community Services Bureau, Metcalf Building, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901; or for those systems served by the Kalispell Office: Department of Environmental Quality, Public Water Supply Section, 109 Cooperative Way, Suite 105, Kalispell, MT 59901 or for those systems served by the Billings Office: Department of Environmental Quality, Community Services Bureau, Airport Business Park 1P-9, 1371 Rimtop Drive, Billings, MT 59105-1978. Questions can be answered by writing the above address or calling (406) 444-4400 in Helena, (406) 755-8971 in Kalispell and (406) 247-4445 in Billings.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
SEWER MAIN CERTIFIED CHECKLIST**

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Public Supply Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Developer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Engineer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Will this project trigger a Sanitation Act review under MCA 76-4?  Yes  No

If so, has a Municipal Facilities Exclusion form been filed?  Yes  No

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:**

*Checklists submitted without all of the required documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be processed until all of the required information has been submitted.*

**Included?**

Y No

- Three sets of plans and specifications stamped and signed by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project.
- An engineering report presenting, at a minimum, the design capacity and flow requirements in Section 32 of Circular DEQ 2. The engineering report must include all applicable analysis and supporting assumptions.
- A map showing the location of the proposed sewer main in relation to the rest of the collection system and the water distribution system.
- Owner certification that a professional engineer will be retained for construction inspection and will certify completion in accordance with the approved plans and prepare as-builts for submittal to the Department within 90 days of project completion.
- Review Fee as specified in ARM 17.38.106.
- Capacity Certification (one of the following is required):
  - This is a sewer main extension that is part of a wastewater utility master plan approved by the department within the past ten years. A copy of the applicable portion of this master plan is included; or
  - This is a sewer main replacement of an existing pipe and the pipe diameter is equal to or greater than the existing pipe. An approval letter from the owner of the system providing service is included; or
  - All other extensions: An approval letter from a professional engineer (other than the design engineer) who is employed directly or retained by the owner of the public wastewater system providing service to the proposed sewer main is included. The letter must state the system approves of the extension and the system has adequate capacity to accommodate the extension. Signature on the Municipal Facilities Exclusion checklist does not fulfill this requirement.

**DESIGN STANDARDS**

*Check "yes" when all the requirements of the section are satisfied. Check "N/A" when the section is not applicable and explain why the section is not applicable.*

<b>Section 31</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.1</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.2</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.3</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.41</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.42</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.43</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.44</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.45</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.46</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.5</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.6</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.7</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.81</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.82</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.83</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)

<b>Section 33.84</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.85</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.91</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.92</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.93</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 33.9410</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<del><b>Section 33.95</b> If N/A, Explain _____</del>	<del><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</del>	<del><input type="checkbox"/> N/A</del>	<del><input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)</del>
<b>Section 34.1</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 34.2</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 34.3</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 34.4</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 34.5</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 34.6</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 34.7</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 34.8</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 34.9</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 35</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)

<b>Section 36.11</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 36.12</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 36.13</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 36.14</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 36.21</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 36.22</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 37</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 38.1</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 38.2</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 38.31</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 38.32</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 39.4</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)

***CERTIFYING STATEMENT***

I certify that I have examined the above checklist and supporting documentation and attachments and find this information to be correct, true and complete. I find the plans and specifications for this project to be in compliance with the Department of Environmental Quality Circular DEQ-2 as specified above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Professional Engineer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

Montana P.E. Number \_\_\_\_\_

*PE Stamp*



## PERMITTING & COMPLIANCE DIVISION

### ◆ *Water Main Extension and Replacement* ◆

## CERTIFIED CHECKLIST

October 2007  
2014 Edition

## CHECKLIST SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS:

This checklist procedure may be used when the conditions listed below are met. Checklist submittals can only be used for water main extensions or replacements subject to review under DEQ-1, Chapter 8. Construction is unlawful until approval of the checklist is granted by the department, normally issued in a letter to the design engineer submitting the plans and specifications. Use of the main is unlawful until the department receives ~~as-builts or~~ a certifying letter in accordance with ARM 17.38.101. The department must approve any deviation requests. Normally, complete submittals will be reviewed by the Department within 10 working days. Deviation requests may result in slower turn-around.

**Required Documentation:** *Checklists submitted without all of the required documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be processed until all of the required information has been submitted.*

1. A certified checklist form signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project. All sections of the certified checklist must be completed.
2. Three sets of plans and specifications stamped and signed by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project.
3. An engineering report presenting, at a minimum, the information required in section 1.1.1 through 1.1.14. of DEQ-1. The engineering report must include all applicable analysis and supporting assumptions, such as fire flows, etc.
4. A map showing the location of the proposed water main in relation to the rest of the distribution system and the sewer collection system.
5. Owner certification that a professional engineer will be retained for construction inspection and will certify completion in accordance with the approved plans and prepare as-builts for submittal to the department within 90 days of project completion.
6. An approval letter from a professional engineer (other than the design engineer) who is employed directly or retained by the owner of the public water system providing service to the proposed water main. The letter must state the system approves of the extension and the system has adequate capacity and pressure to accommodate the extension. Signature on the Municipal Facilities Exclusion checklist does not fulfill this requirement. This approval letter is not required if:
  - a. The proposed water main extension is part of a water utility master plan previously approved by the department within the past ten years, and the department concurs the master plan appropriately covers the extension. A copy of the applicable portion of this master plan must be submitted with the checklist; or
  - b. The water main replaces an existing main and is equal to or greater than the existing pipe. An approval letter from the owner of the system providing service must be submitted with the checklist.

The fee for processing main extensions can be found in ARM 17.38.106.

Completed checklist submittals may be mailed to: Department of Environmental Quality, Permitting & Compliance Division, Public Water and Subdivisions Bureau, Metcalf Building, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901; or for those systems served by the Kalispell Office: Department of Environmental Quality, Public Water Supply Section, 109 Cooperative Way, Suite 105, Kalispell, MT 59901; or for those systems served by the Billings Office: Department of Environmental Quality, Public Water and Subdivisions Bureau, Airport Business Park 1P-9, 1371 Rimtop Drive, Billings, MT 59105-1978. Questions can be answered by writing the above address or calling (406) 444-4400 in Helena, (406) 755-898571 in Kalispell and (406) 247-44455 in Billings.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
WATER MAIN CERTIFIED CHECKLIST**

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Public Supply Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Developer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Engineer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Is ~~Will~~ this project ~~trigger a Sanitation Act review under associated with a subdivision of land~~ MCA 76-4?

\_\_\_  Yes \_\_\_  No

If so, ~~Has~~ a Municipal Facilities Exclusion form been filed?

\_\_\_  Yes \_\_\_  No

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:**

*Checklists submitted without all of the required documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be processed until all of the required information has been submitted.*

**Included?**

Y No

- Three sets of plans and specifications stamped and signed by the professional engineer responsible for the design of the project.
- An engineering report presenting, at a minimum, the information required in section 1.1.1 through 1.1.14. of DEQ-1. The engineering report must include all applicable analysis and supporting assumptions, such as fire flows, etc.
- A map showing the location of the proposed water main in relation to the rest of the distribution system and the sewer collection system.
- Owner certification that a professional engineer will be retained for construction inspection and will certify completion in accordance with the approved plans and prepare as-builts for submittal to the Department within 90 days of project completion.
- Review Fee as specified in ARM 17.38.106.
- Capacity Certification (one of the following is required):
  - This is a water main extension that is part of a water utility master plan approved by the department within the past ten years. A copy of the applicable portion of this master plan is included; or
  - This is a water main replacement of an existing pipe and the pipe diameter is equal to or greater than the existing pipe. An approval letter from the owner of the system providing service is included; or
  - All other extensions: An approval letter from a professional engineer (other than the design engineer) who is employed directly or retained by the owner of the public water system providing service to the proposed water main is included. The letter must state the system approves of the extension and the system has adequate capacity and pressure to accommodate the extension. Signature on the Municipal Facilities Exclusion checklist does not fulfill this requirement.

## *DESIGN STANDARDS*

*Check "yes" when all the requirements of the section are satisfied. Check "N/A" when the section is not applicable and explain why the section is not applicable.*

<b>Section 8.1.1</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.1.2</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.1.3</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.1.4</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.2.1</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.2.2</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.2.3</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.2.4</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.3</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.4.1</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.4.2</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.4.3</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.4.4</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.5.1</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.5.2</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>
<b>Section 8.6</b> If N/A, Explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Deviation (include Deviation Form)</b>

<b>Section 8.7.1</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.7.2</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.7.3</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.7.4</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.7.5</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.7.6</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.7.7</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.7.8</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.7.9</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.8.2</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.8.3</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.8.54</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.8.65</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.8.76</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.9.1</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.9.2</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)
<b>Section 8.10.1</b> If N/A, Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Deviation (include Deviation Form)

Section 8.10.2       Yes       N/A       Deviation (include Deviation Form)  
If N/A, Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Section 8.10.3       Yes       N/A       Deviation (include Deviation Form)  
If N/A, Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Section 8.11.1       Yes       N/A       Deviation (include Deviation Form)  
If N/A, Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Section 8.11.2       Yes       N/A       Deviation (include Deviation Form)  
If N/A, Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Section 8.13       Yes       N/A       Deviation (include Deviation Form)  
If N/A, Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Section 8.14       Yes       N/A       Deviation (include Deviation Form)  
If N/A, Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Section 8.15       Yes       N/A       Deviation (include Deviation Form)  
If N/A, Explain \_\_\_\_\_

***CERTIFYING STATEMENT***

I certify that I have examined the above checklist and supporting documentation and attachments and find this information to be correct, true and complete. I find the plans and specifications for the above reference project to be in compliance with the Department of Environmental Quality Circular DEQ 1 as specified above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Professional Engineer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

Montana P.E. Number \_\_\_\_\_

*PE Stamp*

**BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
AGENDA ITEM  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENT**

**Agenda Item # III.A.4.**

**Agenda Item Summary** – The Department requests that the Board initiate rulemaking to extend the expiration date of the temporary standards for Daisy Creek, the Stillwater River, and Fisher Creek.

**List of Affected Board Rules** – ARM 17.30.630

**Affected Parties Summary** – The U.S. Forest Service is cleaning up contamination resulting from historic mining activities in the vicinity of Daisy Creek, the Stillwater River, and Fisher Creek. The Forest Service is the primary party affected by the temporary standards.

**Scope of Proposed Proceeding** – The Department requests that the Board initiate rulemaking and schedule a public hearing to take comment on the proposed amendment to ARM 17.30.630.

**Background** – The U.S. Forest Service has conducted remediation in the vicinity of Daisy Creek, the Stillwater River, and Fisher Creek over the past 15 years to clean up contamination from historic mining. The Board set temporary standards for the streams in 1999 to allow the Forest Service to conduct remediation without incurring penalties for the existing contamination in the streams. The temporary standards expire June 4, 2014.

An evaluation of data collected from 2003 to 2012 shows that water quality has improved significantly, but that several contaminants in the stream are still well above DEQ-7 water quality criteria. According to 75-5-312, MCA, temporary standards are allowed for a maximum of 20 years. If the temporary standards expire in 2014, the much more stringent DEQ-7 water quality criteria will apply, and several water quality criteria will be exceeded.

The Department recommends extending the expiration date to June 4, 2019, completing the 20-year maximum allowance for temporary standards. This will provide additional time to allow natural processes to occur and water quality to improve. The Department will return to the Board with recommendations at that time if additional action is necessary.

**Hearing Information** – The Department recommends that the Board appoint a hearing examiner and conduct a public hearing to take comment on the proposed amendment to ARM 17.30.630.

**Board Options** – The Board may:

1. Initiate rulemaking and issue the attached Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment;
2. Determine that amendment of the rules is not appropriate and decline to initiate rulemaking; or
3. Modify the notice and initiate rulemaking.

**DEQ Recommendation** – The Department recommends the Board initiate rulemaking and appoint a hearing examiner.

**Enclosures** –

1. Draft Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ARM )  
17.30.630 pertaining to temporary water )  
quality standards )  
)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
  
(WATER QUALITY)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, at \_\_:\_\_.m., the Board of Environmental Review will hold a public hearing [in/at address], Montana, to consider the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules.

2. The board will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this public hearing or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact Elois Johnson, Paralegal, no later than 5:00 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Elois Johnson at Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone (406) 444-2630; fax (406) 444-4386; or e-mail [ejohnson@mt.gov](mailto:ejohnson@mt.gov).

3. The rule proposed to be amended provides as follows, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

17.30.630 TEMPORARY WATER QUALITY STANDARDS (1) Following are the temporary water quality standards and related provisions for New World Mining District:

(a) and (b) remain the same.

(c) Temporary water quality standards for Daisy Creek, from its headwaters to its confluence with the Stillwater River in the Yellowstone River Drainage, are as follows. No increase from existing conditions (no decrease for pH) is allowed at any point in Daisy Creek for any of the following parameters. These standards are in effect until June 4, 2014 2019. Metals standards are in terms of micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/liter}$ ) total recoverable concentrations and pH standards are in standard units (su).

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>In Daisy Creek at its confluence with the Stillwater River, the following standards shall not be exceeded more than 3% of the time.</u>
	<u><math>\mu\text{g/liter}</math></u>
Aluminum	9,510.
Cadmium	4.
Copper	3,530.
Iron	6,830.
Manganese	1,710.
Zinc	540.

pH must be maintained above 4.6 su.

(d) Temporary water quality standards for a headwater portion of the Stillwater River, a tributary of the Yellowstone River, from Daisy Creek to the Absaroka-Beartooth wilderness boundary, are as follows. No increase from existing conditions (no decrease for pH) is allowed at any point in this reach of the Stillwater River for any of the following parameters. These standards are in effect until June 4, 2014 2019. Metals standards are in terms of micrograms per liter (µg/liter) total recoverable concentrations and pH standards are in standard units (su).

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>In the Stillwater River at the Absaroka-Beartooth wilderness boundary, the following standards shall not be exceeded more than 3% of the time.</u>
	<u>µg/liter</u>
Aluminum	670.
Copper	200.
Iron	1,320.
Lead	13.
Manganese	86.
Zinc	49.
pH	must be maintained above 5.5 su.

(e) Temporary water quality standards for Fisher Creek, from its headwaters to its confluence with Lady of the Lake Creek, the headwaters of the Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone River, are as follows. No increase from existing conditions (no decrease for pH) is allowed at any point in Fisher Creek for any of the following parameters. These standards are in effect until June 4, 2014 2019. Metals standards are in terms of micrograms per liter (µg/liter) total recoverable concentrations and pH standards are in standard units (su).

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>In Fisher Creek at its confluence with the Lady of the Lake Creek, the following standards shall not be exceeded more than 3% of the time.</u>
	<u>µg/liter</u>
Aluminum	470.
Copper	110.
Iron	750.
Lead	2.
Manganese	82.
Zinc	44.
pH	must be maintained above 5.7 su.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-312, MCA  
IMP: 75-5-312, MCA

REASON: The U.S. Forest Service has conducted remediation in the vicinity of Daisy Creek, the Stillwater River, and Fisher Creek over the past 15 years to mitigate contamination from historic mining. The board set temporary standards for

these streams effective June 4, 1999 to allow the Forest Service to conduct remediation for the existing contamination in the streams. The temporary standards expire June 4, 2014.

An evaluation of data collected from 2003 to 2012 shows that water quality has improved significantly, but that several contaminants in the streams are still well above DEQ-7 water quality criteria. If the temporary standards expire in 2014, the much more stringent DEQ-7 water quality criteria will apply and several water quality criteria will be exceeded.

According to 75-5-312, MCA, temporary standards are allowed for a maximum of 20 years. The board proposes to extend the expiration date to June 4, 2019, completing the 20-year maximum allowance for temporary standards. This will provide additional time to allow natural processes to occur and water quality to improve.

4. Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing, at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to Elois Johnson, Paralegal, Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; faxed to (406) 444-4386; or e-mailed to [ejohnson@mt.gov](mailto:ejohnson@mt.gov), no later than 5:00 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_, 2014. To be guaranteed consideration, mailed comments must be postmarked on or before that date.

5. Katherine Orr, attorney for the board, or another attorney for the Agency Legal Services Bureau, has been designated to preside over and conduct the hearing.

6. The board maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this agency. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request that includes the name, e-mail, and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies that the person wishes to receive notices regarding: air quality; hazardous waste/waste oil; asbestos control; water/wastewater treatment plant operator certification; solid waste; junk vehicles; infectious waste; public water supply; public sewage systems regulation; hard rock (metal) mine reclamation; major facility siting; opencut mine reclamation; strip mine reclamation; subdivisions; renewable energy grants/loans; wastewater treatment or safe drinking water revolving grants and loans; water quality; CECRA; underground/above ground storage tanks; MEPA; or general procedural rules other than MEPA. Notices will be sent by e-mail unless a mailing preference is noted in the request. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to Elois Johnson, Paralegal, Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, faxed to the office at (406) 444-4386, e-mailed to Elois Johnson at [ejohnson@mt.gov](mailto:ejohnson@mt.gov), or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the board.

7. The bill sponsor contact requirements of 2-4-302, MCA, do not apply.

8. With regard to the requirements of 2-4-111, MCA, the department has determined that the adoption of the above-referenced rules will not significantly and directly impact small businesses.

Reviewed by:

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN F. NORTH  
Rule Reviewer

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBIN SHROPSHIRE  
Chairman

Certified to the Secretary of State, \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ARM )  
17.30.201, 17.30.507, 17.30.516, )  
17.30.602, 17.30.619, 17.30.622, )  
17.30.623, 17.30.624, 17.30.625, )  
17.30.626, 17.30.627, 17.30.628, )  
17.30.629, 17.30.635, 17.30.702, and )  
17.30.715 pertaining to permit )  
application, degradation authorization, )  
and annual permit fees, specific )  
restrictions for surface water mixing )  
zones, standard mixing zones for )  
surface water, definitions, incorporations )  
by reference, A-1 classification )  
standards, B-1 classification standards, )  
B-2 classification standards, B-3 )  
classification standards, C-1 )  
classification standards, C-2 )  
classification standards, I classification )  
standards, C-3 classification standards, )  
general treatment standards, definitions, )  
and criteria for determining )  
nonsignificant changes in water quality )

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(WATER QUALITY)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, at \_\_\_\_\_.m., the Board of Environmental Review will hold a public hearing [in/at address], Montana, to consider the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules.

2. The board will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this public hearing or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact Elois Johnson, Paralegal, no later than 5:00 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Elois Johnson at Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone (406) 444-2630; fax (406) 444-4386; or e-mail [ejohnson@mt.gov](mailto:ejohnson@mt.gov).

3. The board is proposing to adopt new Department Circular DEQ-12A (DEQ-12A), which contains base numeric nutrient standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus, and to incorporate new DEQ-12A into the surface water quality classifications and the nondegradation rules. The board is also proposing rule amendments pertaining to definitions and a low flow for base numeric nutrient standards appropriate for the design of disposal systems.

The department has documented that various forms of nitrogen and

phosphorus rank as the 4th, 8th, 10th, and 12th most common types of pollution in Montana's flowing waters. In fact, excess nitrogen and phosphorus levels account for 17 percent of all stream miles impaired by all forms of water pollution in Montana. The intent of the proposed nutrient standards is to control the undesirable effects of eutrophication. Eutrophication is the enrichment of a waterbody (e.g., a stream or lake) by nitrogen and phosphorus, which leads to increased plant and algae growth and decay and all the consequential changes to the water quality that occur as a result. At present Montana does not have numeric water quality standards for controlling eutrophication, except on the Clark Fork River. Therefore, in most cases, permit limits, including waste load allocations determined in Total Maximum Daily Loads (i.e. TMDLs), are based upon the narrative water quality standard. The narrative standard prohibits substances in water that "create conditions which produce undesirable aquatic life" (ARM 17.30.637(1)(e)). Translating the narrative standard into enforceable permit limits on a case-by-case basis is time-consuming, dependent upon judgment which invites controversy, and may result in inconsistent or differing permit limits due to various interpretations among permit or TMDL writers. Numeric nutrient criteria will resolve this.

The effects of excess nitrogen and phosphorus in streams and rivers go well beyond the undesirable aquatic life referred to in the narrative standard. Excess nitrogen and phosphorus affect other water quality parameters for which Montana already has standards (dissolved oxygen, pH). The state of the science is such that linkages can clearly be made between nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations and these other, already-adopted standards. Thus, the numeric nutrient criteria will also assure protection and attainment of Montana's dissolved oxygen and pH standards which are, in and of themselves, critical to the protection of fish and aquatic life.

State law requires that waterbodies support multiple beneficial uses (e.g., agriculture, fish and associated aquatic life, recreation). In turn, a water quality criterion for a given pollutant is established at a concentration that protects the most sensitive of the beneficial uses from the impacts caused by the pollutant. Numeric criteria for nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations are contained in DEQ-12A and vary geographically across the state. For streams and small rivers of western Montana, the numeric nutrient criteria have generally been established at concentrations that will prevent nuisance levels of bottom-attached algae and assure that dissolved oxygen levels are maintained at standards already established by the state. The nuisance threshold for attached algae was determined via scientific polling of Montana citizens and river and stream users, and is, therefore, associated with the recreation use. Dissolved oxygen standards, in contrast, are associated with the fish and aquatic life beneficial use. In western Montana, the fish and aquatic life use and the recreation use have broadly similar sensitivities to nitrogen and phosphorus pollution.

In eastern Montana, the criteria are established at levels that will protect the indigenous fish populations and will generally assure that dissolved oxygen levels do not decline below state standards. The attached algae threshold was not used to derive nutrient criteria for eastern Montana streams and small rivers because (a) the department's scientific poll did not address the types of streams typical of eastern Montana, and (b) attached algae levels higher than the nuisance threshold have been periodically observed in reference streams of the region. Nitrogen and phosphorus

criteria concentrations are substantially higher in eastern Montana and this is due, in part, to the higher natural turbidity of those streams. Nutrient criteria for large rivers are mostly still under development. However, they have been completed for a large river segment (the lower Yellowstone), which is included in DEQ-12A. In the lower Yellowstone River, the nutrient criteria are set at concentrations that will prevent nuisance bottom-attached algae and extreme variations in pH (the latter of which impacts fish). The scientific bases for the criteria are laid out in more detail in the following documents: Scientific and Technical Basis of the Numeric Nutrient Criteria for Montana's Wadeable Streams and Rivers (2008) and Scientific and Technical Basis of the Numeric Nutrient Criteria for Montana's Wadeable Streams and Rivers: Update 1 (2013). These documents may be viewed on the department's web site at <http://www.deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/standards/NumericNutrientCriteria.mcp>. They may also be obtained from the department at the address or phone number listed in paragraph 5 of this notice.

The nutrient criteria concentrations being proposed for adoption as standards are generally low, particularly in the western region of Montana. In many cases, the concentrations are below the limits of current wastewater treatment technology, particularly for nitrogen. Therefore, when little or no stream dilution is available, dischargers will find it difficult or impossible to meet the standards. Senate Bill 95 (2009 Legislature) and Senate Bill 367 (2011 Legislature), now codified at 75-5-313, MCA, addressed the high cost and technological difficulties associated with meeting the nutrient standards in the short term. Section 75-5-313, MCA, allows dischargers to be granted variances from numeric nutrient standards, once the criteria have been adopted as standards, in those cases where meeting the standards today would be an unreasonable economic burden or technologically infeasible. Variances from the standards may be granted for up to twenty years. Thus, 75-5-313, MCA, allows for the nutrient standards to be met in a staged manner, over time, as alternative effluent management methods are considered, nutrient removal technologies become more cost-effective and efficient, and nonpoint sources of nutrients are addressed. Rules implementing 75-5-313, MCA, are within the rulemaking authority of the Department of Environmental Quality, not the Board of Environmental Review. Concurrent with the board's rulemaking process initiated by this notice, the department has proposed rulemaking to implement the variance process. See MAR Notice 17-\_\_\_\_. The department will hold a separate hearing on those rules. Comments regarding the variance process must be submitted to the Department as indicated in MAR Notice No. 17-\_\_\_\_.

4. The rules proposed to be amended provide as follows, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

17.30.201 PERMIT APPLICATION, DEGRADATION AUTHORIZATION, AND ANNUAL PERMIT FEES (1) through (5) remain the same.

(6) The fee schedules for new or renewal applications for, or modifications of, a Montana pollutant discharge elimination system permit under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 11 or 13, a Montana ground water pollution control system permit under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 10, or any other authorization under 75-5-201, 75-5-301, or 75-5-401, MCA, or rules promulgated under these

MAR Notice No. 17-\_\_\_\_

authorities, are set forth below as Schedules I.A, I.B, I.C, and I.D. Fees must be paid in full at the time of submission of the application. For new applications under Schedule I.A, the annual fee from Schedule III.A for the first year must also be paid at the time of application. For new applications under Schedule I.B and I.C, the annual fee is included in the new permit amount and covers the annual fee for the calendar year in which the permit coverage becomes effective.

(a) through (e) remain the same.

(f) Applications for new permits or permit renewals for sources that constitute a new or increased source, as defined in ARM 17.30.702(18) (17), must pay a significance determination fee for each outfall in addition to the application fee.

(g) through (11)(b) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-516, MCA

IMP: 75-5-516, MCA

REASON: The amendment to ARM 17.30.201(6)(f) modifies a cross-reference to ARM 17.30.702 because the numbering in that rule is proposed to be changed in this notice.

17.30.507 SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS FOR SURFACE WATER MIXING ZONES (1) Mixing zones for surface waters are to comply with subject to the following water quality standards:

(a) narrative water quality standards, standards for harmful substances, numeric acute and chronic standards for aquatic life, standards in Department Circular DEQ-12A; and standards based on human health must not be exceeded beyond the boundaries of the surface water mixing zone;

(b) through (3) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.516 STANDARD MIXING ZONES FOR SURFACE WATER (1) and (2) remain the same.

(3) Facilities that meet the terms and conditions in (a) through ~~(d)~~ (e) qualify for a standard mixing zone as follows:

(a) through (d) remain the same.

(e) Facilities that discharge the parameters found in Department Circular DEQ-12A to surface water. Discharge limitations must be based on dilution with the entire seasonal 14-day, five-year (seasonal 14Q5) low flow of the receiving water without the discharge.

(4) The length of a standard mixing zone for flowing surface water, other than a nearly instantaneous mixing zone, must not extend downstream more than the one-half mixing width distance or extend downstream more than ~~40~~ ten times the stream width, whichever is more restrictive. For purposes of making this determination, the stream width as well as the discharge limitations are considered at the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5 low flow. The seasonal 14Q5 low flow may be used only in conjunction with base numeric nutrient standards in Department Circular

DEQ-12A. The recommended calculation to be used to determine the one-half mixing width distance downstream from a stream bank discharge is described below.

- (a)  $A_{1/2} = [0.4(W/2)^2V]/L$ , where:
- (i) remains the same.
  - (ii)  $W$  = width in feet at the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5;
  - (iii)  $V$  = velocity of the stream at the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5 downstream of the discharge (in ft/second);
  - (iv)  $L$  = lateral dispersion coefficient for the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5 downstream of the discharge (in ft<sup>2</sup>/second), where:
- (b)  $L = CDU$ , where:
- (i) through (i)(E) remain the same.
  - (ii)  $D$  = average water depth at the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5 downstream of the discharge (in feet);
  - (iii) remains the same.
- (c)  $U = (32.2DS)^{1/2}$ , where:
- (i) remains the same.
  - (ii)  $D$  = average water depth at the 7Q10 or seasonal 14Q5 downstream of the discharge (in feet); and
  - (iii) through (6) remains the same.

AUTH: 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, MCA

REASON: The manner in which nutrients affect and impact beneficial uses in streams and rivers is different from toxic and harmful compounds found in Department Circular DEQ-7 (DEQ-7), and it is necessary to develop an appropriate low flow design flow (the seasonal 14Q5) specifically for permitting nutrient discharges. Derivation of the seasonal 14Q5 is discussed in the proposed changes to ARM 17.30.635. Here, the rule amendments incorporate the seasonal 14Q5 flow into the calculations used to determine the length of a standard mixing zone. ARM 17.30.516 is proposed to be amended to provide that the full volume of a seasonal 14Q5, as opposed to some fraction of it, is to be used for dilution calculations for nutrients in DEQ-12A. This allowance reflects the non-toxic nature of nutrients at the concentrations found in DEQ-12A.

17.30.602 DEFINITIONS In this subchapter the following terms have the meanings indicated below and are supplemental to the definitions given in 75-5-103, MCA:

(1) through (32) remain the same.

(33) "Total nitrogen" means the ~~total nitrogen concentration (as N) of unfiltered water. This may be determined by direct methods, or derived as the sum of the soluble (as N) and non-soluble (as N) nitrogen fractions. The filter used to separate the soluble and non-soluble fractions must be 0.45 µm~~ sum of all nitrate, nitrite, ammonia, and organic nitrogen, as N, in an unfiltered water sample. Total nitrogen in a sample may also be determined by the persulfate digestion or as the sum of total kjeldahl nitrogen plus nitrate plus nitrite.

MAR Notice No. 17-\_\_\_\_

(34) "~~Total phosphorus~~" means the ~~total phosphorus concentration (as P) of unfiltered water~~ sum of orthophosphates, polyphosphates, and organically bound phosphates, as P, in an unfiltered water sample. Total phosphorus may also be determined directly by persulfate digestion.

(35) through (38) remain the same.

(39) "DEQ-7" means the department circular that is adopted and incorporated by reference in ARM 17.30.619 and is entitled "Montana Numeric Water Quality Standards." This circular establishes water quality standards for toxic, carcinogenic, ~~bioconcentration~~ bioconcentrating, ~~nutrient~~, radioactive, and harmful parameters, and also establishes human health-based water quality standards for the following specific nutrients with toxic effects:

(a) nitrate;

(b) nitrate + nitrite;

(c) and nitrite.

(40) "DEQ-12A" means the department circular that is adopted and incorporated by reference in ARM 17.30.619 and is entitled "Montana Base Numeric Nutrient Standards." This circular contains numeric water quality standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus in surface waters.

(41) "DEQ-12B" means the department circular that is adopted and that is entitled "Montana Base Numeric Nutrient Standards Variances." This circular describes procedures for receiving a variance from the standards and will document recipients of individual variances.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.602 provide modification of existing definitions and a new definition in order to implement the nutrient standards. The modified definition of "total nitrogen," at (33), provides a more technically accurate description compared to the old definition. The same is true for "total phosphorus," at (34). In the definition for "DEQ-7," at (39), "nutrient" has been removed because base numeric nutrient standards will now be housed in a new department circular, DEQ-12A. Some nitrogen compounds (nitrate, nitrate + nitrite, and nitrite) have toxic effects at relatively high concentrations and standards for them already exist and are intended to protect human health. By definition at 75-5-103(2)(b), MCA, these compounds are not considered part of the base numeric nutrients standards. Therefore, they will remain in DEQ-7 and are now listed under the DEQ-7 definition for better clarity. The new definition at (40), "DEQ-12A," defines the new department circular where base numeric nutrient standards are found. In addition to the criteria concentrations, the circular includes instructions on how to develop permits for base numeric nutrient standards. In MAR Notice No. 17-\_\_\_\_, the department is proposing to adopt new department Circular DEQ-12B. It contains the procedures for receiving a variance from the standards and will document recipients of individual variances. The board anticipates that DEQ-12B will be adopted before or at the same time DEQ-12A is adopted.

17.30.619 INCORPORATIONS BY REFERENCE (1) The board adopts and

MAR Notice No. 17-\_\_\_\_

incorporates by reference the following state and federal requirements and procedures as part of Montana's surface water quality standards:

(a) Department Circular DEQ-7, entitled "Montana Numeric Water Quality Standards" (October 2012 edition), which establishes water quality standards for toxic, carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, ~~nutrient~~, radioactive, and harmful parameters and also establishes human health-based water quality standards for the following specific nutrients with toxic effects:

- (i) nitrate;
- (ii) nitrate + nitrite; and
- (iii) nitrite;

(b) remains the same.

(c) 40 CFR Part 136 (July 1, 2011), which establishes guidelines and procedures for the analysis of pollutants; ~~and~~

(d) 40 CFR 131.10(g), (h) and (j) (2000), which establishes criteria and guidelines for conducting a use attainability analysis; ~~and~~

(e) Department Circular DEQ-12A, entitled "Montana Base Numeric Nutrient Standards" (December 2013 edition), which establishes numeric water quality standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus in surface waters.

(2) If a court of competent jurisdiction declares 75-5-313, MCA, or any portion of that statute invalid, or if the United States Environmental Protection Agency disapproves 75-5-313, MCA, or any portion of that statute, under 30 CFR 131.21, or if rules adopted pursuant to 75-5-313(6) or (7), MCA, expire and general variances are not available, then (1)(e) and all references to DEQ-12A, base numeric nutrient standards and nutrient standards variances in ARM 17.30.201, 17.30.507, 17.30.516, 17.30.602, 17.30.622 through 17.30.629, 17.30.635, 17.30.702, and 17.30.715 are void, and the narrative water quality standards contained in ARM 17.30.637 are the standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus in surface water, except for the Clark Fork River, for which the standards are the numeric standards in ARM 17.30.631.

(2) remains the same, but is renumbered (4).

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

REASON: The amendments to the definitions for DEQ-7, in (1)(a), correspond to those already discussed above for definitions (ARM 17.30.602). Proposed new (2) is a non-severability clause. Essentially, if the statute that defines the nutrient standards variance process is rendered invalid, or if general variance rules expire and general variances are not available, then the base numeric nutrient standards would no longer be contained in the rules. The Legislature intended that variances be available to permittees once base numeric nutrient standards were adopted and both pieces (base numeric standards and variances) must remain together as a package.

17.30.622 A-1 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) and (2) remain the same.

(3) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for

waters classified A-1:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards set forth in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards contained in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.623 B-1 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified B-1:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards set forth in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.624 B-2 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified B-2:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards set forth in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable

standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.625 B-3 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified B-3:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards set forth in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.626 C-1 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified C-1:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

17.30.627 C-2 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified C-2:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular WQB DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.622 through 17.30.627 are necessary to incorporate DEQ-12A standards and nutrient standards variance limits into the surface water classes.

17.30.628 I CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified I:

(a) through (i) remain the same.

(j) Beneficial uses are considered supported when the concentrations of toxic, carcinogenic, nutrient, or harmful parameters in these waters do not exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2) or, alternatively, for aquatic life when site-specific criteria are adopted using the procedures given in 75-5-310, MCA. The limits shall be used as water quality standards for the affected waters and as the basis for permit limits instead of the applicable standards in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7.

(k) Limits for toxic, carcinogenic, or harmful parameters in new discharge permits issued pursuant to the MPDES rules (ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13) are the larger of either the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A, site-specific standards, or one-half of the mean in-stream concentrations immediately upstream of the discharge point.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendment to ARM 17.30.628 is necessary to incorporate DEQ-12A and the nutrient standards variance limits into the I surface

water class. I Class waterbodies are those which had severe human-caused pollution problems at the time the surface water class system was adopted in the 1970s, and it is the board's intent that these waterbodies will eventually support beneficial uses typical for ecologically-similar unimpacted waterbodies.

17.30.629 C-3 CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS (1) remains the same.

(2) No person may violate the following specific water quality standards for waters classified C-3:

(a) through (g) remain the same.

(h) Concentrations of carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, toxic, radioactive, nutrient, or harmful parameters may not exceed the applicable standards set forth in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A.

(i) Dischargers issued permits under ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 13, shall conform with ARM Title 17, chapter 30, subchapter 7, the nondegradation rules, and may not cause receiving water concentrations to exceed the applicable standards specified in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7 and, unless a nutrient standards variance has been granted, Department Circular DEQ-12A when stream flows equal or exceed the design flows specified in ARM 17.30.635(4) (2).

(j) and (k) remain the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, 75-5-313, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.629 are necessary to incorporate DEQ-12A standards and nutrient variance limits into the C-3 surface water class.

17.30.635 GENERAL TREATMENT STANDARDS (1) through (1)(e) remain the same.

(2) For design of disposal systems, stream flow dilution requirements must be based on the minimum consecutive seven-day average flow which may be expected to occur on the average of once in ten years. When dilution flows are less than the above design flow at a point discharge, the discharge is to be governed by the permit conditions developed for the discharge through the waste discharge permit program. If the flow records on an affected surface water are insufficient to calculate a ten-year seven-day low flow, the department shall determine an acceptable stream flow for disposal system design. ~~The department shall determine the acceptable stream flow for disposal system design for controlling nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations.~~ For total nitrogen and total phosphorus, the stream flow dilution requirements must be based on the seasonal 14Q5, which is the lowest average 14 consecutive day low flow, occurring from July through October, with an average recurrence frequency of once in five years.

(3) remains the same.

AUTH: 75-5-201, 75-5-301, MCA

IMP: 75-5-301, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.635 will provide a low flow for the design of disposal systems specific to eutrophication-based nutrient standards. Work by the department and others shows that nuisance benthic algae can develop in about 15-20 days once nutrient concentrations exceed the proposed standards. In many streams, these algae levels can ultimately lead to dissolved oxygen impacts. The use of the seasonal 14Q5 flow for the design of disposal systems is appropriate because this flow should not allow excess algae levels to develop more often than about once in five summers, on average. This frequency of exceedence is within the acceptable recommendations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the protection of aquatic life. Unlike the 7Q10 flow, which will continue to be used for parameters in DEQ-7 and which was derived from year-round flow data, the seasonal 14Q5 flow is derived from July through October data and is, therefore, in alignment with the proposed nutrient standards' periods of application. The seasonal 14Q5 is routinely calculated and reported by the U.S. Geological Survey.

17.30.702 DEFINITIONS The following definitions, in addition to those in 75-5-103, MCA, apply throughout this subchapter (Note: 75-5-103, MCA, includes definitions for "base numeric nutrient standards," "degradation," "existing uses," "high quality waters," "mixing zone," and "parameter"):

(1) through (16) remain the same.

~~(17) "Nutrients" means total inorganic phosphorus and total inorganic nitrogen.~~

(18) through (21) remain the same, but are renumbered (17) through (20).

~~(22)~~ (21) "Reporting values (RRV)" means the detection level that must be achieved in reporting surface water or ground water monitoring or compliance data to the department unless otherwise specified in a permit, approval, or authorization issued by the department. The RRV is the department's board's best determination of a level of analysis that can be achieved by the majority of commercial, university, or governmental laboratories using EPA approved methods or methods approved by the department. The RRV is listed in Department Circular DEQ-7, Department Circular DEQ-12A, and in the definition of "total inorganic phosphorus."

(23) remains the same, but is renumbered (22).

(23) "Total nitrogen" means the sum of all nitrate, nitrite, ammonia, and organic nitrogen, as N, in an unfiltered water sample. Total nitrogen in a sample may also be determined by persulfate digestion, or as the sum of total kjeldahl nitrogen plus nitrate plus nitrite.

(24) "Total phosphorus" means the sum of orthophosphates, polyphosphates, and organically bound phosphates, as P, in an unfiltered water sample. Total phosphorus may also be determined directly by persulfate digestion.

(24) and (25) remain as proposed, but are renumbered (25) and (26).

~~(26)~~ (27) The board adopts and incorporates by reference:

(a) Department Circular DEQ-7, entitled "Montana Numeric Water Quality Standards" (October 2012 edition), which establishes water quality standards for toxic, carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, ~~nutrient~~, radioactive, and harmful parameters and also establishes human health-based water quality standards for the following specific nutrients with toxic effects:

- (i) nitrate;
- (ii) nitrate + nitrite; and
- (iii) nitrite;

(b) Department Circular DEQ-12A, entitled "Montana Base Numeric Nutrient Standards" (December 2013 edition), which establishes numeric water quality standards for total nitrogen and total phosphorus in surface waters;

(b) through (d) remain the same, but are renumbered (c) through (e).

AUTH: 75-5-301, 75-5-303, MCA  
IMP: 75-5-303, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.702 will modify current definitions in the nondegradation rules and will add new definitions necessary for the implementation of base numeric nutrient standards. "Base numeric nutrients standards" have been added to the list of definitions from 75-5-103, MCA, that are incorporated by reference. The current definition of "nutrients," at (17), is being repealed, because it is not consistent with the use of the term in DEQ-12A, which contains standards for total nutrients. Further, the definition of "nutrients" added no clear value to the nondegradation rules, because, where needed, specific nutrient compounds or forms (e.g., TKN, nitrate as N) are named or referenced in the nondegradation rules. The proposed definitions of "total nitrogen," at (24), and "total phosphorus," at (25), correspond to those discussed above for amendments to ARM 17.30.602. The definition of "DEQ-7," in (28)(b), has been amended for the same reasons described above for ARM 17.30.602.

17.30.715 CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING NONSIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN WATER QUALITY (1) The following criteria will be used to determine whether certain activities or classes of activities will result in nonsignificant changes in existing water quality due to their low potential to affect human health or the environment. These criteria consider the quantity and strength of the pollutant, the length of time the changes will occur, and the character of the pollutant. Except as provided in (2), changes in existing surface or ground water quality resulting from the activities that meet all the criteria listed below are nonsignificant, and are not required to undergo review under 75-5-303, MCA:

(a) and (b) remain the same.

(c) discharges containing toxic parameters, inorganic nitrogen, or inorganic phosphorus or nutrients, except as specified in (1)(d) and (e), which will not cause changes that equal or exceed the trigger values in dDepartment Circular DEQ-7. Whenever the change exceeds the trigger value, the change is not significant if the resulting concentration outside of a mixing zone designated by the department does not exceed 15% of the lowest applicable standard;

(d) through (e) remain the same.

(f) changes in the quality of water for any harmful parameter, including parameters listed in Department Circular DEQ-12A, for which water quality standards have been adopted other than nitrogen, phosphorous, and carcinogenic, bioconcentrating, or toxic parameters, in either surface or ground water, if the changes outside of a mixing zone designated by the department are less than 10%

of the applicable standard and the existing water quality level is less than 40% of the standard;

(g) through (3) remain the same.

(4) If a court of competent jurisdiction declares 75-5-313, MCA, or any portion of that statute invalid or if the United States Environmental Protection Agency disapproves 75-5-313, MCA, or any portion of that statute under 30 CFR 131.21, then the significance criteria contained in (1)(g) are the significance criteria for total nitrogen and total phosphorus in surface water.

AUTH: 75-5-301, 75-5-303, MCA

IMP: 75-5-303, MCA

REASON: The proposed amendments to ARM 17.30.715 will allow the department to calculate nonsignificant changes in water quality for the base numeric nutrient standards in DEQ-12A. If adopted by the board, base numeric nutrient standards will preclude the need to use the narrative standards at ARM 17.30.637(1)(e) to interpret eutrophication-based water quality impacts from nutrients. Base numeric nutrient standards are intended to control eutrophication and, at the concentrations found in DEQ-12A, the board considers base numeric nutrient standards to be harmful parameters. Therefore, DEQ-12A is incorporated into (1)(f), the section of the nondegradation rules addressing nonsignificance specific to harmful parameters. Nitrogen compounds at concentrations that are toxic, e.g. nitrate at ten mg/L, will remain in DEQ-7, as discussed earlier, and toxics-based nonsignificance criteria applicable to such compounds will continue to be applied to them. The proposed deletion of "or nutrients," in (1)(c), corresponds with the retaining of toxic-level nitrogen compounds in DEQ-7 and the relocation of eutrophication-based nitrogen and phosphorus standards to DEQ-12A. In addition, the term "or nutrients" in (1)(c) has been replaced with "or total inorganic phosphorus or total inorganic nitrogen," for the specific purpose of providing a nonsignificance threshold for nondegradation review of new dischargers, which are commonly subdivisions. This change allows the department to continue to carry out these reviews in the same manner as currently practiced, because DEQ-7 provides a trigger value for both of these inorganic compounds. ARM 17.30.715(1)(c) also provides: "Whenever the change exceeds the trigger value, the change is not significant if the resulting concentration outside of a mixing zone designated by the department does not exceed 15% of the lowest applicable standard." When these provisions become applicable, the "lowest applicable standard" would be the narrative standard contained in ARM 17.30.637(1)(e). Significance would then be determined under ARM 17.30.715(1)(g). Proposed new (4) is a non-severability clause. If the statute that defines the nutrient standards variance process is rendered invalid, then the numeric nutrient standards in DEQ-12A are void and the narrative standard for nutrients at ARM 17.30.637(1)(e) applies. As a result, the part of the nondegradation rules at ARM 17.30.715(1)(g) that relate to the narrative standards would apply. The Legislature intended that both major pieces of the numeric nutrient standards rules (base numeric nutrient standards and nutrient standards variances) remain together as a package.

5. The proposed new circular may be viewed at and copied from the department's web site at . Also, copies may be obtained by contacting Carrie Greeley at Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901; by phone at (406) 444-6749; or by e-mail at CGreeley@mt.gov.

6. Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing, at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to Elois Johnson, Paralegal, Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; faxed to (406) 444-4386; or e-mailed to ejohnson@mt.gov, no later than 5:00 p.m., \_\_\_\_\_, 2014. To be guaranteed consideration, mailed comments must be postmarked on or before that date.

7. Katherine Orr, attorney for the board, or another attorney for the Agency Legal Services Bureau, has been designated to preside over and conduct the hearing.

8. The board maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this agency. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request that includes the name, e-mail, and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies that the person wishes to receive notices regarding: air quality; hazardous waste/waste oil; asbestos control; water/wastewater treatment plant operator certification; solid waste; junk vehicles; infectious waste; public water supply; public sewage systems regulation; hard rock (metal) mine reclamation; major facility siting; opencut mine reclamation; strip mine reclamation; subdivisions; renewable energy grants/loans; wastewater treatment or safe drinking water revolving grants and loans; water quality; CECRA; underground/above ground storage tanks; MEPA; or general procedural rules other than MEPA. Notices will be sent by e-mail unless a mailing preference is noted in the request. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to Elois Johnson, Paralegal, Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, faxed to the office at (406) 444-4386, e-mailed to Elois Johnson at ejohnson@mt.gov, or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the board.

9. The bill sponsor contact requirements of 2-4-302, MCA, do not apply.

10. With regard to the requirements of 2-4-111, MCA, the department has determined that the adoption of the above-referenced rules will significantly and directly impact small businesses.

Reviewed by:

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN F. NORTH  
Rule Reviewer

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBIN SHROPSHIRE  
Chairman

Certified to the Secretary of State, \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.