

Bristol Town Administrator

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Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:42 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Revisions to the Vermont Water Supply Rule for PFAS

You are receiving this because you are listed as an administrative contact, designated operator, or owner of a public Community or Non-Transient Non-Community drinking water system. This email is to inform you that revisions to the VT Water Supply Rule (the rule that regulates public water systems in Vermont) to include a PFAS MCL have successfully made it through the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules (ICAR). This has been done as a first step to meeting the requirements of Act 21 for the Agency of Natural Resources to file by February 1, 2020 a final proposed rule with the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR) and the Secretary of State.

Provided below are links to the clean copy of the proposed Water Supply Rule, an annotated version of the proposed rule to more quickly identify the changes, and the ICAR filing forms.

Clean copy of the proposed Water Supply rule:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/dwgwp/wqmonitoring/pdf/Water-Supply-Rule-Clean.pdf>

Annotated copy of the proposed Water Supply Rule:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/dwgwp/wqmonitoring/pdf/Water-Supply-Rule-Annotated.pdf>

ICAR filing forms:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/dwgwp/wqmonitoring/pdf/APA-filing-forms-and-ICAR-minutes.pdf>

Below is a brief summary of the changes to the Water Supply Rule:

1. Changes to Subchapter 6 to set requirements for PFAS monitoring for public water systems. They are more prescriptive compared to other contaminants because there are no federal requirements to incorporate by reference.
2. Report, Recordkeeping and public notice requirements that mirror federal Safe Drinking Water Act approaches.
3. Required health language to be used when performing public notice when contamination is present (essentially, Department of Health's language regarding PFAS health effects).
4. Clarification that providers of bottled water for sale in Vermont also test for PFAS.
5. Enhanced Granular Activated Carbon requirements in the technical parts of the Rule (Part 4 of Appendix A).

This is not a comprehensive list of changes, but does address the most important points.

There will be three public hearings on the Water Supply Rule revisions. **Public Hearings on the Water Supply Rule revisions are scheduled for:**

Berlin, VT	Rutland, VT	Essex Junction
Date: 11/6/2019 Time: 09:00 AM Street Address: Agency of Natural Resource Annex	Date: 11/7/2019 Time: 07:00 PM Street Address: Rutland Free Library, Fox Room, 10 Court	Date: 11/12/2019 Time: 07:00 PM Street Address: Department of Environmental Conservation,

Building, 190 Junction Road, Berlin, VT Zip Code: 05602	Street, Rutland, VT Zip Code: 05701	Essex Regional Office, Act 250 Room, 111 West Street, Essex Junction, VT Zip Code: 05452
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Date for comments to be submitted: **November 25, 2019**
They must be submitted to ellen.parrdoering@vermont.gov
Put **"PFAS Water Supply Rule Revisions"** in Subject line.

This, and other information, can be found at <https://dec.vermont.gov/water/drinking-water/public-drinking-water-systems/guidance-practices-procedures> and <https://dec.vermont.gov/water/drinking-water/water-quality-monitoring/pfas>

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