
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for testing by the office of public health for secondary water contaminants in privately operated community water systems.

Present law requires the office of public health (OPH) to perform all inspections, tests, or procedures on public water supplies as may be authorized by the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law defines "community water system" as a public water system that serves year-round residents within a residential setting. Provides that examples of community water systems include systems serving municipalities, water districts, subdivisions, and mobile home parks. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law defines "secondary contaminant", for purposes of proposed law, as a substance for which secondary maximum contaminant levels are established in the National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations of the EPA.

Proposed law provides that in addition to the requirements of present law relative to testing of water supplies, OPH shall, at least once per calendar year, perform tests for secondary contaminants in water supplied by each privately operated community water system in La. at no cost to the water system or to any municipality or parish governing authority that contracts with the water system.

Effective Jan. 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 40:5.6.2)