

# Expansion of Wisconsin water treatment device review and approval program

Since 1985, the Safety and Buildings Division of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce has required the submittal of “residential water treatment devices” to the division for review. Division staff have defined “residential water treatment devices” as water treatment devices installed in one- or two-family dwellings, or devices installed serving two or fewer dwelling units in a multi-family dwelling (e.g. condominiums, apartments and duplexes).

As of July 1, 2009, S&B will expand the scope of the existing product review program described above, in order to further protect the health and safety of Wisconsin residents.

On July 1, 2009, division staff will begin to review water treatment devices prior to installation in three sets of private water systems (using state Department of Natural resources system definitions):

1. Non-transient non-community (NTNC) water systems serving at least 25 of the same people over six months of the year. Examples of NTNC systems include, but are not limited to, schools, daycares, factories, and businesses.
2. Transient non-community (TNC) water systems that serve at least 25 people at least 60 days of the year but do not serve the same 25 people over six months of the year. Examples of TNC systems include, but are not limited to, motels, restaurants, parks, taverns, and gas stations.
3. Other-than-municipal (OTM) water systems serving at least 25 people that are year round residents, or serves 15 service connections used by year-round residents (anything greater than six months is considered year-round). OTMs are owned by an entity that is not a municipality. Examples of OTM systems may include, but are not limited to, those serving mobile home parks, subdivisions, apartment buildings, and condominium associations.

While the additional categories of water supply systems are new, the forms and procedure for getting a device approved will be the same as S&B uses for other water treatment devices. Here is a link to the application form. Here is a link to a list of required information for device review. The review fee for a water treatment device is \$250.

S&B staff suggest that manufacturers and submitters not wait until the July 1, 2009, change to submit water treatment devices in these new categories of systems. Rather, required submittals be initiated as soon as possible.

S&B has an Internet list of water treatment devices, organized by approved performance claims:

[http://commerce.wi.gov/php/sb-ppalopp/contam\\_alpha\\_list.php](http://commerce.wi.gov/php/sb-ppalopp/contam_alpha_list.php)

Point-of-use device model numbers have the “POU” suffix, point-of entry device model number have the “POE” suffix. The newly added categories of devices will have the “COM” suffix denoting “commercial.”

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