

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS MANAGEMENT**

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**TITLE:** Policy for the Replacement or Restoration of Private Water Supplies.

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**AUTHORITY:** The 2012 Oil and Gas Act (58 Pa. C.S. §§ 3201–3274); The Clean Streams Law (35 P.S. §§ 691.1, *et seq.*); The Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act (35 P.S. §§ 6026.101, *et seq.*); Sections 1905-A, 1917-A and 1920-A of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. §§ 510-5, 510-17 and 510-20); regulations at 25 Pa. Code Chapter 78 (relating to conventional oil and gas wells) and 25 Pa. Code Chapter 78a (relating to unconventional wells).

**POLICY:** The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) will follow the guidance presented in this document to implement the requirements relating to the restoration or replacement of private water supplies adversely impacted by oil and gas operations with a water supply of adequate quantity and/or quality for the purposes served by impacted water supply source(s).

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this guidance is to inform Department staff, the regulated industry and the public how to comply with the water supply restoration and replacement requirements in the 2012 Oil and Gas Act, The Clean Streams Law, and 25 Pa. Code Chapters 78 and 78a.

**APPLICABILITY:** This document is the Department’s guidance for ensuring compliance with legal requirements related to restoration and replacement of private water supplies adversely impacted by oil and gas operations.

**DISCLAIMER:** The policies and procedures outlined in this guidance document are intended to supplement existing requirements. Nothing in the policies or procedures shall affect more stringent statutory or regulatory requirements.

The policies and procedures herein are not an adjudication or a regulation. There is no intent on the part of the Department to give this document that weight or deference. This document establishes the framework within which the Department will exercise its administrative discretion in the future. The Department reserves the discretion to deviate from this policy statement if circumstances warrant.

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## **BACKGROUND:**

Section 3218(a) of the 2012 Oil and Gas Act requires a well operator that adversely affects a public or private water supply by pollution or diminution to restore or replace the impacted supply with an alternate water source adequate in quantity and quality for the purpose served by the supply. Section 3218(a) and 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(2) and 78a.51(d)(2) provide that the quality of a restored or replaced water supply must meet the standards established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act (35 P.S. §§ 721.1–721.17) or is comparable to the quality of the water that existed prior to pollution if the water quality was better than these standards. *See* 58 Pa. C.S. § 3218(a); 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(2) and 78a.51(d)(2).

If a water supply user/owner, or an operator, contacts the Department with a complaint that a water supply may have been adversely impacted by oil and gas operations; the Department will conduct an investigation to determine whether the water supply has been affected by oil and gas operations. *See* 58 Pa. C.S. § 3218(b). If oil and gas operations are determined or presumed to have adversely impacted a water supply, the Department will take appropriate measures to require the responsible operator to restore or replace the supply. *See* 58 Pa. C.S. § 3218(b).

If the water supply user/owner or operator indicates or complains that human health is being affected as a result of oil and gas operations, the Department will provide the individuals with contact information for the Department of Health. If oil and gas operations are determined or presumed to have adversely impacted a water supply, the Department will also inform the Department of Health of this determination.

If a causal connection between oil and gas operations and the water supply impact cannot be established and the “rebuttable presumption” (see below) does not apply, the complainant will be notified that oil and gas operations did not impact the water supply or that there was insufficient evidence to determine that oil and gas operations caused the impacts to the water supply.

Section 3218(c) of the 2012 Oil and Gas Act creates a rebuttable presumption of liability on a well operator for the pollution of a water supply if the supply is located within a “rebuttable presumption area” and the pollution occurs within a defined period of time. *See* 58 Pa.C.S. §§ 3218(c). For a conventional oil or gas well, the rebuttable presumption applies if a water supply is within the rebuttable presumption area of 1,000 feet from an oil or gas well, and the pollution occurred within six months after completion of drilling or alteration of the well. *See* 58 Pa.C.S. §§ 3218(c)(i). For an unconventional gas well, a water supply is within the rebuttable presumption area if the water supply is within 2,500 feet of the vertical well bore and the pollution occurred within 12 months of the later of drilling, stimulation, well alteration or completion activities. *See* 58 Pa.C.S. §§ 3218(c)(ii).

Section 3218(d) of the 2012 Oil and Gas Act provides the well operator an opportunity to rebut the presumption of liability. There are five statutory defenses to the presumption of liability which are listed below. Any one of these defenses is sufficient to rebut the presumption.

1. The pollution existed prior to the drilling or alteration activity as determined by a pre-drilling or pre-alteration survey.

2. The landowner refused to allow the operator access to conduct a pre-drilling or pre-alteration survey. The operator should submit evidence to the Department demonstrating that the landowner was notified by certified mail or personal service that the refusal of access to conduct a pre-drill or pre-alteration survey could be used to rebut a presumption of liability.
3. The water supply is not within 1,000 feet of a conventional well or 2,500 feet of an unconventional well.
4. For conventional wells, the pollution occurred more than six months after completion of drilling or alteration activities for conventional wells. For unconventional wells, the pollution occurred more than 12 months after the later of completion, drilling, stimulation or alteration activities for unconventional wells.
5. The pollution occurred as a result of a cause other than drilling or alteration activity. Given the technical nature of this defense, a report documenting the cause should be prepared, signed and sealed by a geologist licensed in this Commonwealth or accompanied by an explanation of why a geologic analysis was unnecessary based on the facts.

The owner of the water supply may notify the Department if the owner of the water supply prefers not to be supplied temporary water or if the owner of the water supply prefers not to have the water supply restored or replaced. Any such notice should be provided to the Department in writing.

## **PROCEDURES**

### **A. Addressing Water Supply Pollution or Diminution.**

Generally, water supply related issues come to the attention of the Department in one of three ways: 1) a complaint by the water supply user, 2) notification by the operator, or 3) discovery of the problem by the Department while conducting an investigation in the area of the water supply.

All water supply concerns related to oil and gas operations should be referred to the appropriate Oil and Gas District Office; the contact information for those offices is provided in Appendix B. Oil and gas related complaints may also be directed to the state wide toll free number at 1-866-255-5158.

The procedure for how the Department conducts all water supply investigation requests related to oil and gas operations can be found in the Department's document titled, "Standards and Guidelines for Identifying, Tracking, and Resolving Oil and Gas Violations" (Document number 820-4000-001) (January 17, 2015).

Once the Department makes a positive determination that an oil and gas operator is responsible for adverse impacts to a water supply, the Oil and Gas District Offices should use the procedures outlined in this document as guidance to ensure adequate and timely replacement or restoration of an affected water supply. Oil and Gas District Offices should follow this guidance unless the circumstances of a specific case warrant a different approach to resolving the case, within the requirements of the law.

## **B. Providing Water to Users of an Impacted Water Supply.**

If the Department observes a potential impact (e.g., effervescence, turbidity, odor, sheen or other obvious contamination) to a water supply in which the rebuttable presumption applies, the Department will request that the operator takes measures to ensure delivery of water to the user within 24 hours and to provide the Department all information known to the operator that may support any of the statutory defenses to the rebuttable presumption of liability as soon as practicable.

The Department will notify the water supply user/owner that the rebuttable presumption applies to their specific case and provide a fact sheet explaining rebuttable presumption and their rights under the 2012 Oil and Gas Act.

If the Department determines that oil and gas operations have adversely impacted the water supply in which the rebuttable presumption does not apply, the Department will request that the responsible operator takes measures to ensure delivery of water to the user within 24 hours. The Department will also notify the water supply user/owner of the determination in writing.

### **1. Water for Immediate Needs:**

Upon notice by the Department for the need to provide water to the user, operators should take immediate measures within 24 hours to address the needs of those affected by the impacted water supply. The immediate response of providing potable water for human consumption should be at least one gallon per person per day or five gallons per household per day, whichever is greater. Additional water may be necessary for animals dependent on the impacted water supply, including pets and livestock.

If the operator fails to ensure delivery of potable water to address immediate water needs of the impacted party within 24 hours of the Department's notification, the Program Manager will issue an administrative order directing the operator to provide potable water immediately.

### **2. Temporary Water Supply:**

If the Department determines that the operator is responsible for the impact to the water supply and the statutory presumption does not apply, a temporary water supply of adequate quantity and quality for the purposes served by the impacted water supply must be established within 72 hours of the Department's notice. Temporary water replacement is only acceptable for a period approved by the Department and does not relieve the operator of the obligation to restore or replace the water supply. *See* 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(f) and 78a.51(f).

Temporary water must be adequate in quantity and quality for the purposes served by the impacted water supply. For sources used for human consumption and sanitary purposes, the temporary water meets this requirement when it is from a potable water supply that conforms to and is transported in a manner that meets the requirements in the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act (35 P. S. §§ 721.1—721.17) and Title 25 Pa. Code Chapter 109. Also, temporary water storage tanks and its associated plumbing accessories must be certified for conformance with ANSI/NSF Standard 61.

The temporary water supply for domestic use is adequate in quantity and quality if it is at least 75 gallons per person, per day of potable water, plumbed into the existing water supply system, unless specific needs require higher amounts (e.g. pets, livestock, plants and other domestic needs).

Temporary water supplies used in lieu of water supplies for agricultural, commercial, industrial or other legitimate beneficial uses is adequate in quantity and quality if it meets an acceptable standard in a necessary quantity, as determined by the Department, to allow the continuance of the uses that were dependent on the impacted water supply.

Temporary water must continue to be supplied, uninterrupted, by the operator to the users of the affected water supply until the Department determines that the need for a temporary water supply no longer exists.

### **C. Restoration or replacement of a private water supply requirements.**

If the Department determines that a private water supply must be restored or replaced due to pollution or diminution, within 30 days following a final positive determination, the Department should issue, as appropriate, a Notice of Violation or a Request for Corrective Action requesting, among other things, a water supply restoration or replacement plan with specified timeframes. *See* “Standards and Guidelines for Identifying, Tracking, and Resolving Oil and Gas Violations” (Document number 820-4000-001) (January 17, 2015).

#### 1. Short term water supply impacts:

The Department recognizes that some impacts to water supplies are temporal and may remedy themselves with time. Examples include increased turbidity, induced gasses and changes in color. An operator may submit a request to allow additional time to evaluate a water supply to demonstrate that the impact may be temporary. In lieu of a restoration or replacement plan, under these circumstances, an operator should submit a plan outlining the what measures will be taken by the operator to demonstrate that the quality and or quantity of the water supply is improving and the impact may be temporary, including water samples and other empirical measurements. This observation period should not exceed six months. After six months, the operator should provide the Department with evidence showing that the water supply has returned to its pre-impact condition or submit a plan for the permanent restoration or replacement of the water supply. The Department may issue an administrative order directing the operator to provide a permanent water supply restoration or replacement plan with specified timeframes after the approved six-month observation period has expired.

#### 2. Permanent Restoration of Replacement

The plan should state what measures will be taken by the operator to permanently restore or replace the impacted water supply and be prepared and signed by a qualified professional (e.g., P.E., P.G., consultant, plumber, etc.) with expertise on the subject matter in the proposal.

If the Department determines that the water supply must be permanently restored or replaced, the operator's restoration or replacement plan should propose, at a minimum, water treatment options, water supply servicing/rehabilitation measures, newly constructed well in the same aquifer, new water source, or connection to a public water system. Any combination of these options is also acceptable.

A sample plan to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed remedy should be included with the permanent water supply restoration or replacement plan.

A restored or replaced water supply should meet the following:

- a. Meet the quantity requirements for the purposes served by the impacted water supply and deliver the amount of water necessary to satisfy the water user's needs and the demands of reasonably foreseeable uses. See 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(3) and 78a.51(d)(3). With respect to agricultural water supplies, the term "reasonably foreseeable uses" includes the reasonable expansion of use where the water supply available prior to drilling exceeded the actual use. See 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(3)(iii) and 78a.51(d)(3)(iii). Quantity requirements may be met by using a combination of water source(s) yield and storage to deliver the amount of water necessary to satisfy the water user's water demands when needed.
- b. Be as reliable as the previous water supply. See 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(1)(i) and 78a.51(d)(1)(i).
- c. Be as permanent as the previous water supply. See 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(1)(ii) and 78a.51(d)(1)(ii).
- d. Not require excessive maintenance. See 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(1)(iii) and 78a.51(d)(1)(iii).
- e. Provide the water user with as much control and accessibility as exercised over the previous water supply, once ownership/responsibility of the restored or replaced water supply is conveyed to the owner. See 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(1)(iv) and 78a.51(d)(1)(iv). The connection to a public water supply as a replacement water supply is considered as providing the owner and the user adequate control and accessibility.
- f. Include provisions for all necessary plumbing, conveyance, pumping or auxiliary equipment and facilities necessary for the water user to utilize the water supply. See 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(4) and 78a.51(d)(4).
- g. Not result in increased costs to operate and maintain. If the operating and maintenance costs of the restored or replaced water supply are increased, the operator shall provide for permanent payment of the increased operating and maintenance costs. See 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(1)(v) and 78a.51(d)(1)(v). If necessary, the Department will use the Bureau of Mining Programs' "Cost Calculation Comparison for Existing and Replacement Supplies" (Document Number 5600-FM-BMP0451) as guidance for calculating increased operation and maintenance costs.

- h. When an impacted water supply is permanently replaced with a public water supply regulated by the Department's Safe Drinking Water Program and provisions for the permanent payment of the increased operating and maintenance costs are made to the affected parties, but the property owner does not wish to be provided with any additional treatment measures to water from the public water supply, the Department will consider the remedy as having met the Department's requirement for the responsible operator to permanently restore or replace the affected supply.

As provided in §§ 78.51 and 78a.51, if the well operator and the water user are unable to reach agreement on the means for restoring or replacing the water supply, the Department or either party may request a conference under Section 3251 of the 2012 Oil and Gas Act (relating to conferences) to help facilitate the review and approval of the means for permanently restoring or replacing the water supply.

#### **D. Factors to be considered in permanent water supply restoration or replacement response selection.**

The Department will consider a number of factors when evaluating permanent the water supply restoration or replacement plan. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Effectiveness – The ability of the remedial response to mitigate the threats posed by the site specific contaminants. Restoration or replacement plans must provide responses that meet Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act standards or better. *See* 78.51(d)(2) and 78a.51(d)(2).
2. Time Frame of the Response – Providing a timely permanent water supply remediation to affected parties is the goal of the Department.
3. Reliability – Restored or replaced water supplies must be capable of consistently meeting all required health-based and performance-based standards in addition to quantity demands. If a restored or replaced water supply remediation response fails to meet both water quality and quantity requirements, the Department will require the responsible party to employ a more reliable solution.
4. Implementation – The feasibility of restoring versus replacing the water supply should be considered.
5. Cost – The capital costs of proposed water supply remedies that are capable of meeting the Department's requirements should be considered. Long term operation and maintenance costs will be considered in addition to the initial capital cost of replacing or restoring a water supply.

#### **E. Permanent Water Replacement/Restoration Planning.**

1. Preliminary Consultation:

The operator, water supply user/owner, consultant(s), and the Department should discuss what remedial action will be taken to restore or replace the impacted water supply. This will provide all parties involved with a better understanding of the Department's expectations for restoring/replacing the impacted water supply.

2. Plan for Restoration of a Water Supply with Treatment System(s):

If an operator is proposing to restore an impacted water supply with treatment system(s) and/or servicing/rehabilitation measures, the plans for the proposed treatment system(s) and/or servicing/rehabilitation measures must be provided to the Department prior to commencement of work. This includes the proposed treatment system(s) and/or servicing/rehabilitation measures drawings, specifications, manufacturer's literature and any additional information requested by the Department. New wells drilled in the same aquifer as the impacted water supply will be viewed as a restorative course of action and not as a new water source for replacement purposes.

Restoration of a private water supply with treatment system(s) should meet the following:

- a. Restore the water quality of the parameter(s) impacted by oil and gas operations quality and/or quantity to the predrilling or prealteration survey, with such restoration confirmed by comparisons to post-drilling analytical sampling results and surveys taken by qualified representatives of the Department, the operator, and/or the water supply user/owner. All post-drilling analytical samples and documentation must be performed in accordance with the affiliated Pennsylvania-accredited laboratory's approved sample collection, preservation and handling procedures and chain of custody.
  - (i) If prior to the impact of oil and gas operations, a water quality parameter was better than primary or secondary Maximum Contaminate Levels (MCL) standards established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, the restored parameter should be comparable to the pre-impact quality of the water.
  - (ii) If prior to the impact of oil and gas operations, an impacted water quality parameter was worse than the primary or secondary MCL standards established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, the restored parameter must meet or be better than the respective MCL established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act.
  - (iii) If a water quality parameter with no primary or secondary drinking water standard established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act is determined to be impacted by oil and gas operations, the concentration of the parameter in the restored water supply should be comparable to the pre-impact water quality.
  - (iv) If the predrilling or prealteration concentration of a PA Safe Drinking Water Act water quality parameter impacted by oil and gas operations is unknown, the restored parameter should meet or be better than the respective primary or secondary MCL standard established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act.

(v) If a water quality parameter is impacted by oil and gas operations and that parameter has no primary or secondary drinking water standard established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act and the pre-impact concentration is unknown, the restored water supply should meet an applicable health-based criteria used by the Safe Drinking Water Program and/or the Statewide Health Standards for Groundwater used by the Department's Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields Program. These programs will be consulted to determine an acceptable level for restoration requirements.

(vi) Restored water supplies to be used for agricultural, commercial, industrial or other legitimate beneficial uses should meet an acceptable standard, determined by the Department, to allow those uses that were dependent on the impacted water supply to continue. If the restored water supply is to be used for animal husbandry uses, the restored parameter should meet or be better than the standards established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act (35 P.S. §§ 721.1–721.17) or is comparable to the quality of the water that existed prior to pollution if the water quality was better than these standards.

- b. The sample plan needs to demonstrate that the remedial actions for the water quality parameter(s) determined to be impacted by oil and gas operations meet, at a minimum, the drinking water MCL standards found in the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act and any other MCL standards for water quality parameter(s) or contaminant(s) of a concern required by the Department.

For restored water supplies utilizing only a treatment system or if multiple treatment systems are employed serially, post treatment water samples should be collected to ensure the effectiveness of the treatment system(s).

Any parameters deemed of a concern by the Department based on the Department's investigation and documentation submitted by the operator to the Department regarding the constituents of concern from the well site that are affecting the water supply should also be sampled and analyzed. If insufficient information is provided to identify the constituents of concern, the Department may request that the operator analyze samples to identify tentatively identified compounds ("TICs"). If the TICs may be reasonably associated with the operations at the well site, then the Department may require that the operator sample for those tentatively identified compounds to specify MCL standards, as set forth in paragraphs 2. a.(i-vi), above. Additional rounds of sampling to confirm the adequacy of the restoration may be required to continue following the initial phase of sampling results that meet the requirements of the law and/or an order of the Department.

3. Plan for Permanent Replacement of a Water Supply with a New Water Source:

If an operator is proposing to replace a water supply with a new water source, the proposed alternative source of water must be reviewed by the Department prior to connecting the new water supply to the affected property. Unregulated surface water sources or groundwater sources under the direct influence of surface water should not be used to replace the existing private water supply intended for human consumption unless a treatment system is installed to provide

continuous filtration and disinfection to ensure adequate treatment to reliably protect users from the adverse health effects of microbiological contaminants, including pathogenic bacteria, viruses and protozoan cysts.

Replacement of a private water supply with a new water source should meet the following:

- a. Ensure the new water supply meets all primary and secondary MCL standards established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act. *See* Appendix A.
  - (i) If prior to impact by oil and gas operations, a water quality parameter was better than the primary or secondary MCL standards established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, the water quality parameter in the replacement water supply should be comparable to the pre-impact quality of the water.
  - (ii) If a water quality parameter with no primary or secondary drinking water MCL standard established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act is determined to be impacted by oil and gas operations, the concentration of the parameter in the replacement water supply should be comparable to the pre-impact water quality.
  - (iii) New water supplies to be used for agricultural, commercial, industrial or other legitimate beneficial uses should meet an acceptable standard, determined by the Department, to allow the continuance of the uses that were dependent on the impacted water supply. If the new water supply is to be used for animal husbandry uses, the new water supply should meet or be better than the standards established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act (35 P.S. §§ 721.1–721.17) or is comparable to the quality of the water that existed prior to pollution if the water quality was better than these standards.
- b. Prevent any cross connection to the abandoned water supply.
- c. If polluted water well(s) are being abandoned, properly abandon the impacted groundwater supply in accordance with Act 610, the Water Well Drillers License Act. Guidance on water well abandonment procedures can be found in the Department’s document titled, “Groundwater Monitoring Guidance Manual” (Document number 383-3000-001) (December 1, 2001).
- d. Sample plan:

Include a sample plan to demonstrate that the new water source meets all primary and secondary MCL standards established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act and any other MCL standards for water quality parameter(s) or contaminant(s) of a concern required by the Department.

If a treatment system(s) is also required for the new water source, post-treatment samples should be collected.

Additional rounds of sampling to confirm the adequacy of the new water source may be required to continue following the initial round of sampling results that meet the requirements of the law and/or an order of the Department.

- e. Additional measures to be taken when proposing drilled water well(s) as remedy for water replacement, whereas total withdrawal or withdrawal use from one or more points of withdrawal within a watershed operated as a system either concurrently or sequentially exceeds an average rate of 10,000 gallons a day in a 30-day period.***

For helpful information related to water well construction, refer to the Hydrogeologic Report requirements in the “PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY MANUAL” (Document Number 383-2125-108); the “AQUIFER TESTING GUIDANCE FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS” (Document Number 349-2125-001; and the well abandonment procedures of the “GROUNDWATER MONITORING GUIDANCE” (Document Number 383-3000-001).

(i) Well Siting:

A professional geologist licensed in this Commonwealth must be responsible for siting the proposed private water supply well at an appropriate location and should make reasonable efforts to obtain the highest quality groundwater sources available. It is important that the hydrogeologic setting be considered during the well siting phase of a project.

The location of the water well should be adequate to protect the groundwater source from foreseeable sources of contamination, and reasonable measures should be taken to prevent diminution of source water quality. The well should be located so that it is protected against flooding and surface water influence.

If groundwater withdrawal has potential to impact a special protection water (High Quality or Exceptional Value) based on designated use classification per 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93, the operator should work with the Department in creating a plan that satisfies the guidelines outlined in the Department’s guidance, *Water Quality Antidegradation Implementation Guidance*, DEP ID: 391-0300-002.

(ii) Site Survey:

After the well is sited, locational data (latitude and longitude) should be provided to the Department. The Department may conduct a site survey and evaluate the well location to survey and document the physical surroundings of the well and its proximity to any potential sources of contamination.

(iii) Well Drilling Plan:

After the site survey is conducted, the professional geologist should prepare and submit a well drilling plan to the appropriate Oil and Gas District Office. See Appendix B. The plan should establish a preliminary hydrogeologic understanding of the project site, a monitoring plan for aquifer testing (quality and quantity) and the proposed well

construction design of the water well(s). Well drilling should not commence until the well drilling plan is reviewed by a Department Professional Geologist. For existing wells being proposed as a source of replacement water supply, a plan should still be submitted to the Department establishing a preliminary hydrogeologic understanding of the project site, a monitoring plan for aquifer testing (quality and quantity) and any available information on the existing water well(s), such as well driller logs and field tests.

Water well(s) should be drilled by a registered well driller licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Department should be provided with dates and times of all water well drilling and testing activities.

Erosion and sediment control measures must be followed for all earth moving activities. See 25 Pa. Code Chapter 102 and the Department's guidance document, *Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Manual*, DEP ID: 363-2134-008 for further information.

(iv) Drilling Plan Modifications:

After well drilling, the professional geologist should provide the Department with any modifications to the drilling plan as an addendum to the drilling plan.

(v) Aquifer Testing:

When proposing drilled water well(s), with potential to exceed demands of an average rate of 10,000 gallons a day in a 30-day period, the Department may require a constant rate pump test to be conducted on the well(s) being proposed as a new source in order to adequately define the hydraulic characteristics of the aquifer and well(s). The duration of the pump test will be based upon the required yield of the new source to meet the quantity requirements for the purposes previously served by the replaced water supply. The proposed duration of the pump test should be shared with the Department prior to commencement of the pump test. The yield must also deliver an amount of water necessary to satisfy the water user's needs and the demands of any reasonably foreseeable uses. Data from the test are subject to appropriate analysis to demonstrate the suitability of the well as a long-term water supply source including, when necessary, the evaluation of significant potential impacts from the groundwater withdrawal on other water resources. The results derived from properly conducted and analyzed aquifer tests will also provide oil and gas operators with the data necessary to support their claim that the water supply has been properly replaced to meet the requirements outlined in the 2012 Oil and Gas Act (58 Pa. C.S. §§ 3201, *et seq.*) and Title 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51-52 or 78a.51-52. All data and analysis derived from the aquifer test should be submitted to the Department for review.

f. ***Additional measures to be taken when proposing to connect to a public water supply regulated by the Department's Safe Drinking Water Program as remedy:***

(i) Approval from public water purveyor/water authority:

An operator should consult with the public water supply/water authority on the feasibility of connecting new customers to their water supply. Many factors should be considered by the public water supply including:

- Available capacity to add additional consumers to public water supply,
- Federal, State, and Local approvals and permit requirements,
- Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission requirements (if applicable),
- Logistics and property easements.

(ii) Water quality:

Section 3218(a) of the 2012 Oil and Gas Act and 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(2) and 78a.51(d)(2) provide that the quality of a restored or replaced water must meet the standards established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act (35 P.S. §§ 721.1–721.17) or is comparable to the quality of the water that existed prior to pollution if the water quality was better than these standards. *See* 58 Pa.C.S. § 3218(a); 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(2) and 78a.51(d)(2).

If deemed necessary by the water supply owner or the Department, additional treatment of the public drinking water supply may be required to meet these conditions.

(iii) Capital costs and long term cost:

In addition to the cost of connecting an affected property to a public water supply, the operator shall provide for permanent payment of the increased cost for the service provided by the public water supply, compared to the historic operation and maintenance costs of the replaced water supply. *See* 25 Pa. Code §§ 78.51(d)(1)(v) and 78a.51(d)(1)(v).

(iv) Notification to the Department:

Both the Department's Oil & Gas Management Program and Safe Drinking Water Program should be notified of the intent to connect users to a public water supply.

(v) Include a sample plan based sampling requirements will be contingent on the public water system's classification as follows:

- Community Water Supply – Total Coliform, E. Coli and Heterotrophic Plate Count samples should be collected at a sample point after the connection to the public water system.
- Non-transient Water Supply - Total Coliform, E. Coli and Heterotrophic Plate Count samples should be collected at a sample point after the connection to the public water system.
- Transient Water Supply - All parameters required under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act should be sampled at a sample point after the connection to the public water system.

If a treatment system is installed onto the distribution system being served by the public water supply; post treatment samples should be collected. Any water quality parameters deemed a concern by the Department for which the treatment system is targeting; those parameters should also be sampled for in addition to those required in this section for public water supplies.

#### **F. Laboratory Analysis.**

All analyses of samples should be performed by a laboratory that is certified by the DEP under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 252. The samples should be submitted to the laboratory in laboratory-issued bottle ware, with appropriate chain-of-custody documentation and within the required holding times.

Additionally, all volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) to be submitted to a laboratory for VOC analysis should be collected by a person properly trained to collect such samples.

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## Appendix A

The following tables list the sampling requirements for new water sources required to be sampled and analyzed for all primary and secondary MCL standards established under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act. The Department may require monitoring of any other contaminant(s) as determined necessary to adequately evaluate the quality of the replaced/restored water supply.

<b>VOLATILE ORGANIC CHEMICALS (VOCs):</b>		
BENZENE CARBON TETRACHLORIDE o-DICHLOROBENZENE para-DICHLOROBENZENE 1,2-DICHLOROETHANE 1,1-DICHLOROETHYLENE cis-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE	trans-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE DICHLOROMETHANE 1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE ETHYLBENZENE MONOCHLOROBENZENE STYRENE TETRACHLOROETHYLENE	TOLUENE 1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE 1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE 1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE TRICHLOROETHYLENE VINYL CHLORIDE (See NOTE) XYLENES (Total)
NOTE: Monitoring for vinyl chloride is only required when one or more of the following two-carbon compounds are detected: trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene, trans-1,2-dichloroethylene, cis-1,2-dichloroethylene, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethylene, 1,1,1-trichloroethane.		

<b>SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICALS (SOCs):</b>		
ALACHLOR ATRAZINE BENZO(A)PYRENE CARBOFURAN CHLORDANE DALAPON DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) ADIPATE DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE DIBROMOCHLOROPROPANE (DBCP) DINOSEB	DIQUAT ENDOTHALL ETHYLENE DIBROMIDE (EDB) ENDRIN GLYPHOSATE HEPTACHLOR HEPTACHLOR EPOXIDE HEXACHLOROBENZENE HEXACHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE LINDANE	METHOXYCHLOR OXAMYL (VYDATE) PCBs <sup>1</sup> PENTACHLOROPHENOL PICLORAM SIMAZINE TOXAPHENE 2, 3, 7, 8-TCDD (DIOXIN) <sup>1</sup> 2, 4-D 2, 4, 5-TP (SILVEX)
1. Monitoring for PCBs and/or dioxin is required when there is a contamination source within 1,000 feet of the new groundwater source. Provide details of the assessment in Public Water Supply Module 3A, Part U to support a finding of no sources of contamination.		

<b>INORGANIC CHEMICALS (IOCs):</b>		
ANTIMONY ARSENIC ASBESTOS (See NOTE) BARIUM BERYLLIUM CADMIUM	CHROMIUM COPPER CYANIDE (as free cyanide) FLUORIDE LEAD MERCURY	NICKEL NITRATE (as Nitrogen) NITRITE (as Nitrogen) SELENIUM THALLIUM
NOTE: Monitoring for asbestos is required when DEP has reason to believe the source is vulnerable to contamination.		

<b>RADIONUCLIDES:</b>	
GROSS ALPHA	GROSS BETA (See NOTE)
RADIUM-226, RADIUM-228	URANIUM
NOTE: If the Gross Beta exceeds 50 pCi/L, analyze the same or equivalent sample to identify the major radioactive constituents present.	

<b>MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS:</b>	
TOTAL COLIFORMS CONCENTRATION	<p>Three (3) separate samples obtained at 15-minute intervals immediately prior to the conclusion of the constant rate aquifer test.</p> <p>For each Total Coliform positive sample, analyze the same or equivalent sample for <i>E. coli</i> concentration.</p>

<b>SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS AND OTHERS:</b>		
ALKALINITY ALUMINUM CHLORIDE COLOR FOAMING AGENTS	HARDNESS IRON MANGANESE pH (See NOTE) SILVER SODIUM	SULFATE TEMPERATURE (See NOTE) TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON TURBIDITY (NTU) ZINC
NOTE: Temperature and pH measurements may be obtained in the field with a calibrated water quality meter within 15 minutes of sample collection.		
(If applicable) <b>MICROSCOPIC PARTICULATE ANALYSIS (MPA)</b>	MPA sampling should be conducted by a qualified person for all new groundwater sources to be used for human consumption which fall within the criteria of the <i>Guidance for Surface Water Identification Protocol</i> , DEP ID: 383-3500-106, available on DEP's website at <a href="http://www.dep.state.pa.us">www.dep.state.pa.us</a> .	

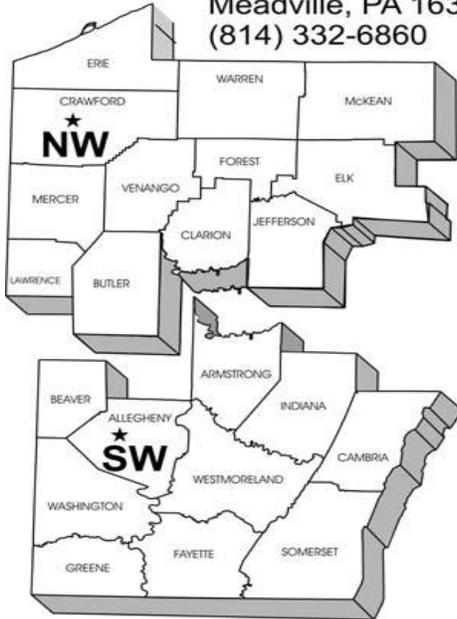
<b>OTHER CONTAMINANTS:</b>
The Department may require monitoring of any other contaminant(s) as determined necessary to adequately evaluate the quality of the source. Testing for additional contaminates will be determined based upon known current and historical impacts to the aquifer, known potential sources for contamination and geology.

# Appendix B

## Oil and Gas Regions

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