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Oregon Health Division - Drinking Water Program
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DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

Re: Cross Connection Annual Summary Report

Dear Ms. Waybright,

As followup to the 1997 Cross Connection Report sent under separate cover on 2/27/98, I am forwarding our "policy" as requested.

As a Federal Agency, the "authority" to manage the administrative sites and all appurtanances is delegated by Congress to individual Forest Supervisors and District Rangers.

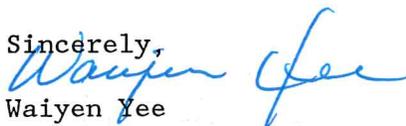
This policy pertains to the Public Water System #4101083 located at Chemult Ranger District, Winema National Forest.

It is the policy of the Winema National Forest to comply with all provisions of the OHD-Drinking Water Division's Cross Connection Control Program as defined in the Oregon Administrative Rules.

As owners, operators and users of the water and water system, the Winema National Forest recognizes the responsibility to provide safe drinking water to all users. It is also our intention to inspect, control and maintain the system in order to meet all state safety requirements. It is also our intention to inspect, control and/or prevent any possible cross connection source if found. We will continue to include inspections for cross connections as part of our periodic sanitary condition surveys. The "enabling authority" to discontinue water service to premises for failure to install an approved backflow assembly would not apply in our case since we would be both the providers and users of the water system. The District Ranger has the authority to insure the services provided be in compliance and also has the responsibility to correct any deficiencies.

Enclosed find the delegation of authority to the US Forest Service to operate water systems. If you have further questions or comments, please contact me at your convenience and I will be glad to assist you. You may contact me at 541-883-6813.

Sincerely,


Waiyen Yee

Facilities Engineer - Winema National Forest

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CHAPTER 7420 - DRINKING WATER

7420.1 - Authority.

1. Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) (42 U.S.C. 300f) and Amendments. This act and all applicable amendments provide for safe drinking water and direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish national drinking water regulations.
2. National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) (Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 141 (40 CFR Part 141)). Establishes primary drinking water regulations pursuant to section 1412 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Safe Drinking Water Act (Pub. L. 93-523 codified at 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.); and related regulations applicable to public water systems.
3. National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation (Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 142 (40 CFR Part 142)). Sets forth regulations, pursuant to sections 1413 through 1416, 1445, and 1450 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), for the implementation and enforcement of the national primary drinking water regulations contained in 40 CFR Part 141.
4. National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations (NSDWR) (Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 143 (40 CFR Part 143)). Establishes National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations pursuant to section 1412 or the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300g-1).
5. Executive Order 12088 issued October 12, 1978 (E.O. 12088) as amended by Executive Order 12580(10)(b) (EO 12580(10)(b)), Jan 23, 1987. The purpose of this order is to ensure that Federal agencies, in the design, construction, management, operation, and maintenance of Federal facilities and activities under agency control, take all necessary actions for the prevention, control, and abatement of environmental pollution, in full cooperation with State and local governments.

7420.2 - Objective. The objective of the Forest Service Drinking Water Program is to protect the health of the public and Forest Service personnel by ensuring that water provided by the Forest Service for human consumption at any administrative site or public-use area is both safe and protected.

7420.3 - Policy. Where objectives and standards cannot be met to the degree defined in this chapter, the Forest Service shall make such waters unavailable for human consumption. The Forest Service must comply with Federal and State regulations with respect to Federally owned public water systems. Where Federal or State regulations differ, the more stringent regulations shall apply, so long as the stricter requirements

provisions are not used to justify new classes of liability and responsibility, and such requirements are applied in the same manner and to the same extent as nongovernment water systems. Where stated in this chapter, Federally owned non-public water systems shall comply with Federal and State regulations for public water systems. In addition, the Forest Service shall employ current water saving technology to the greatest extent practicable in new construction and reconstruction of all water systems. Do not construe, either expressively or by implication, anything in this chapter as increasing or diminishing any Federal or State authorities, rights, responsibilities, privileges, or presumptions.

7420.4 - Responsibility.

7420.41 - Regional Foresters, Station Directors, and Northeastern Area and International Institute of Tropical Forestry Directors. It is the responsibility of each Regional Forester, Station Director, and the Area and Institute Directors to:

1. Ensure that responsibility for preparing engineering reports, engineering design, and operation and maintenance manuals for water supply and treatment systems is delegated to qualified engineers (FSM 7420.5).
2. Ensure review and interpretation of State legislative or administrative actions that affect the Drinking Water Program and provide for full awareness and understanding of the public health aspects and requirements of these actions throughout the Region.
3. Ensure that project criteria and engineering reports for all drinking water supply and treatment facilities are reviewed and approved before design of these facilities. This responsibility may be delegated to the appropriate staff director.
4. Ensure a close working contact is maintained with all State public health agencies.
5. Ensure that an adequate number of qualified personnel (FSM 7420.5) receive necessary training in water system design, construction inspection, and water system operation and maintenance.
6. Review and approve or disapprove design drawings and construction specifications for all construction, reconstruction, and modifications of drinking water systems and ensure coordination of State review and approval as necessary. This responsibility may be delegated to the appropriate staff director. Delegation of responsibility should occur only if the requirement for a qualified independent engineering review of design drawings and specifications can be met.
7. Provide for monitoring of water system construction activities to ensure competent performance for the duration of the project.

8. Ensure the review of monitoring schedules and results of microbiological, primary contaminant, secondary contaminant, regulated and unregulated organic and inorganic chemical, radiological, and other testing to ensure performance is consistent with the laws and regulations cited herein and with applicable State regulations.

Stations without qualified personnel shall obtain the necessary professional and technical expertise from Regional Offices to carry out these responsibilities.

7420.42 - Forest Supervisors and Project Leaders. It is the responsibility of each Forest Supervisor and Project Leader to:

1. Ensure that appropriate engineering and environmental reports for drinking water facilities are prepared.
2. Provide necessary field data for the complete planning and design of water supply and treatment systems.
3. Ensure that qualified engineers complete all required sanitary surveys and qualified personnel complete all condition surveys.
4. Maintain close contact and coordinate with all State and local public health agencies.
5. Obtain and maintain all permits that may be required by State or authorized health districts or counties for public water systems.
6. Provide qualified and certified personnel (FSM 7420.5) to adequately inspect and supervise project construction (FSM 7115).
7. Ensure that qualified personnel monitor, operate, and maintain all drinking water systems in accordance with legally applicable regulations and standards. Provide certified operators when legally required by State regulations.
8. Notify the applicable State or local agency of any changes in water system status such as opening date, closing date, permanent closure date, and so forth.
9. Delegate the responsibility for sampling, monitoring, record-keeping, and reporting to qualified and appropriate personnel.
10. Designate the location of the official permanent file for water systems. Maintain analysis results and submit records and reports as required by the NPDWR, NSDWR, State regulations, and FSM 7421.3.
11. Review corrective actions taken at the operating level to ascertain compliance with standards. Perform followup action, including documentation, for unsatisfactory test results.
12. Notify the public according to State and NPDWR notification procedures when Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) are exceeded.