Purpose
The purpose of these rules is to provide a basis for implementing the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act of 1981, enacted to assure safe drinking water at all water systems which serve the public, and to promote coordination between the programs for supervising water systems which are conducted by the Authority and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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Stats. Implemented: ORS 448.123 & 448.273

Scope

(1) These rules apply to all public water systems providing piped water for human consumption as defined by the Act.

(2) These rules also apply to all public water systems providing water for human consumption through constructed conveyances other than pipes to at least 15 service connections or that regularly serves at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days of the year. A water system which meets any of the following "service connection" exclusion criteria and thereby reduces the number of service connections to fewer than 15 and serving fewer than 25 individuals is not a public water system:
   (a) Water provided by the supplier to the connection is not used for human consumption;
   (b) Alternative water (that is, bottled water, hauled water, or some other source) meeting State and Federal water quality standards, as prescribed in OAR 333-061-0030 or 21CFR165, is provided by the supplier to the connection for drinking and cooking;
   (c) Treated water meeting State standards, as prescribed in OAR 333-061-0030, applied centrally or at point-of-entry is provided by the supplier, pass-through entity or user to the connection for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene.

(3) These rules do not apply to:
   (a) A public water system that:
      (A) Consists only of distribution and storage facilities and does not have any source or treatment facilities installed to comply with the MCLs covered by these rules; and
      (B) Obtains all of its water from, but is not owned or operated by, a public water system to which these rules apply; and
      (C) Does not sell water directly to any person; and
      (D) Is not a carrier which conveys passengers in interstate commerce.
   (b) An irrigation district in existence prior to May 18, 1994, that provides primarily agricultural service through a piped water system to at least 15 service connections or serving at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days of the year with only incidental residential or similar use, and where all of the connections
comply with the alternative or treated water exclusions prescribed in subsections (2)(b) or (c) of this rule.

(c) A public water system that distributes water through submeters, where submeter means a water meter by which a property owner (or association of property owners) meters individual water use after the water passes through a master meter, if that water system:

(A) Receives all of its water from, but is not owned by, another public water system; and

(B) Consists only of distribution and storage facilities and where all such facilities and all submeters are located on a single parcel of property, and the water system does not have any source or treatment facilities installed to comply with the MCLs covered by these rules.

(C) For the purposes of this rule, submetering does not constitute applying a direct charge for water or directly selling water to a person.

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Adoption by Reference

All standards, listings and publications referred to in these rules are, by those references, made a part of these rules as though fully set forth. Copies are available from the Authority.

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