

ALERT: RTCR RULEMAKING -TIMELINE

OCTOBER 3, 2015 - Proposed RTCR Rulemaking published in the PA BULLETIN – available at: www.woap.org

NOVEMBER 3, 2015 – PUBLIC HEARING – 1:00 p.m.

PA DEP New Stanton District Office

13 Broadview Road, New Stanton, PA 15672

NOVEMBER 5, 2015 – PUBLIC HEARING – 1:00 p.m.

PA DEP Southeast Regional Office

Schuylkill and Delaware River Conference Rooms

2 East Main Street, Norristown, PA 19401

If you intend to present testimony at a hearing, you must reserve a time by calling 717-787-4526 **at least one week in advance of the hearing**. Oral testimony is limited to 5 minutes per person. You must submit three written copies of your oral testimony to the hearing chairperson at the hearing.

RTCR RULEMAKING – COMMENT DEADLINE

DECEMBER 1, 2015– DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed RTCR rulemaking to the EQB. **Comments, suggestions or objections must be received by the EQB by December 1, 2015.**

In addition to the submission of comments, you may also submit a summary of your comments to the EQB. The summary may not exceed one page and length and must be received by the Board by December 1, 2015. The one page summary will be distributed to the EQB and available publicly prior to the meeting when the final-form rulemaking will be considered.

Comments may be submitted to the EQB by accessing eComment at <http://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/eComment> Comments may be submitted by e-mail at RegComments@pa.gov A subject heading of the proposed rulemaking and a return name and address must be included in each transmission.

RTCR RULEMAKING – COMMENT INFORMATION

Note: If an acknowledgement of comments submitted online or by e-mail is not received by the sender within 2 working days, the comments should be re-submitted to the Board to ensure receipt.

FAX Comments will not be accepted.

Written comments should be mailed to the Environmental Quality Board, P.O.Box 8477 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477.

Express Mail should be sent to the Environmental Quality Board, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 16th Floor, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2301.

WHEN SUBMITTING COMMENTS, FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS OUTLINED IN SECTION I *PUBLIC COMMENTS* in the Proposed Rulemaking in the PA BULLETIN.

RTCR – ALTERNATE CHECK SAMPLE LOCATIONS

- The Federal RTCR gives states the option to allow alternative sampling locations for repeat monitoring in lieu of the requirement to collect at least one repeat sample within five taps upstream or downstream of the original site. Under this provision, if alternative locations are allowed, a PWS may propose repeat monitoring locations to the state that the PWS believes represent a pathway for contamination to the distribution system.
 - The TAC Board recommended that DEP allow alternate check sample locations
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RTCR – EQB REQUESTING COMMENTS

REPEAT SAMPLING LOCATIONS

- Why alternative repeat monitoring locations should be allowed?
 - How a PWS would demonstrate that an alternative repeat monitoring location represents the pathway for contamination that led to the original coliform-positive sample in the distribution system?
 - Whether only fixed alternative repeat monitoring locations should be allowed or if a standard operating procedure for choosing locations may also be allowed and why?
 - Whether alternative repeat monitoring locations must be submitted under the signature of a certified operator?
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RTCR – EQB REQUESTED COMMENTS – continued

- Whether alternative repeat monitoring locations must be submitted under the seal of a professional engineer?
 - Whether alternative locations should only be allowed for systems serving greater than 9,999 people?
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