

EPD Watershed Protection Branch

Notice of Drinking Water Program Permitting and Guidance updates

On August 28, 2020, the Drinking Water Program announced draft updates to two guidance documents, as well as draft rule amendments to Chapter 391-3-5, Rules for Safe Drinking Water. Based on public comments received, the Drinking Water Program finalized updates to the **Boil Water Advisory Guidance Manual** and issued a **Boil Water Advisory Notice Template** for systems to utilize in conjunction with this guidance on November 18, 2020. In addition, the DNR Board adopted amendments to the Rules for Safe Drinking Water on February 23, 2021 (see [this page](#) for more details on the rule amendments).

Based on public comments received, the Drinking Water Program has now also finalized updates to the **Minimum Standards for Public Water Systems** that are effective immediately. The Drinking Water Program has also prepared new checklists for those permitting surface water and ground water sources, as well as forms for high rate studies and tracer studies conducted pursuant to the Minimum Standards. Both guidance documents, along with the new check lists and forms, are now posted on EPD's [Drinking Water](#) website or on our [Drinking Water Forms](#) website.

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