

**Environmental Protection Agency**

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**TABLE C—LIST OF SMALL SYSTEMS COMPLIANCE TECHNOLOGIES FOR RADIONUCLIDES AND LIMITATIONS TO USE**

Unit technologies	Limitations (see footnotes)	Operator skill level required <sup>1</sup>	Raw water quality range and considerations. <sup>1</sup>
1. Ion exchange (IE) .....	(a)	Intermediate .....	All ground waters.
2. Point of use (POU) <sup>2</sup> IE .....	(b)	Basic .....	All ground waters.
3. Reverse osmosis (RO) .....	(c)	Advanced .....	Surface waters usually require pre-filtration.
4. POU <sup>2</sup> RO .....	(b)	Basic .....	Surface waters usually require pre-filtration.
5. Lime softening .....	(d)	Advanced .....	All waters.
6. Green sand filtration .....	(e)	Basic .....	All waters.
7. Co-precipitation with Barium sulfate .....	(f)	Intermediate to Advanced .....	Ground waters with suitable water quality.
8. Electrodialysis/electrodialysis reversal .....	.....	Basic to Intermediate .....	All ground waters.
9. Pre-formed hydrous Manganese oxide filtration .....	(g)	Intermediate .....	All ground waters.
10. Activated alumina .....	(a), (h)	Advanced .....	All ground waters; competing anion concentrations may affect regeneration frequency.
11. Enhanced coagulation/filtration .....	(i)	Advanced .....	Can treat a wide range of water qualities.

<sup>1</sup> National Research Council (NRC). Safe Water from Every Tap: Improving Water Service to Small Communities. National Academy Press. Washington, D.C. 1997.

<sup>2</sup> A POU, or "point-of-use" technology is a treatment device installed at a single tap used for the purpose of reducing contaminants in drinking water at that one tap. POU devices are typically installed at the kitchen tap. See the April 21, 2000 NODA for more details.

Limitations Footnotes: Technologies for Radionuclides:  
<sup>a</sup> The regeneration solution contains high concentrations of the contaminant ions. Disposal options should be carefully considered before choosing this technology.  
<sup>b</sup> When POU devices are used for compliance, programs for long-term operation, maintenance, and monitoring must be provided by water utility to ensure proper performance.  
<sup>c</sup> Reject water disposal options should be carefully considered before choosing this technology. See other RO limitations described in the SWTR Compliance Technologies Table.  
<sup>d</sup> The combination of variable source water quality and the complexity of the water chemistry involved may make this technology too complex for small surface water systems.  
<sup>e</sup> Removal efficiencies can vary depending on water quality.  
<sup>f</sup> This technology may be very limited in application to small systems. Since the process requires static mixing, detention basins, and filtration, it is most applicable to systems with sufficiently high sulfate levels that already have a suitable filtration treatment train in place.  
<sup>g</sup> This technology is most applicable to small systems that already have filtration in place.  
<sup>h</sup> Handling of chemicals required during regeneration and pH adjustment may be too difficult for small systems without an adequately trained operator.  
<sup>i</sup> Assumes modification to a coagulation/filtration process already in place.

**TABLE D—COMPLIANCE TECHNOLOGIES BY SYSTEM SIZE CATEGORY FOR RADIONUCLIDE NPDWR'S**

Contaminant	Compliance technologies <sup>1</sup> for system size categories (population served)		3,300–10,000
	25–500	501–3,300	
1. Combined radium-226 and radium-228 .....	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 .....	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 .....	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
2. Gross alpha particle activity .....	3, 4 .....	3, 4 .....	3, 4.
3. Beta particle activity and photon activity .....	1, 2, 3, 4 .....	1, 2, 3, 4 .....	1, 2, 3, 4.
4. Uranium .....	1, 2, 4, 10, 11 .....	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 .....	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11.

**Note:** <sup>1</sup> Numbers correspond to those technologies found listed in the table C of 141.66(h).

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**Subpart H—Filtration and Disinfection**

SOURCE: 54 FR 27527, June 29, 1989, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 141.70 General requirements.**

(a) The requirements of this subpart H constitute national primary drinking water regulations. These regulations establish criteria under which filtration is required as a treatment technique for public water systems supplied by a surface water source and public

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water systems supplied by a ground water source under the direct influence of surface water. In addition, these regulations establish treatment technique requirements in lieu of maximum contaminant levels for the following contaminants: *Giardia lamblia*, viruses, heterotrophic plate count bacteria, *Legionella*, and turbidity. Each public water system with a surface water source or a ground water source under the direct influence of surface water must provide treatment of that source water that complies with these treatment technique requirements. The treatment technique requirements consist of installing and properly operating water treatment processes which reliably achieve:

(1) At least 99.9 percent (3-log) removal and/or inactivation of *Giardia lamblia* cysts between a point where the raw water is not subject to recontamination by surface water runoff and a point downstream before or at the first customer; and

(2) At least 99.99 percent (4-log) removal and/or inactivation of viruses between a point where the raw water is not subject to recontamination by surface water runoff and a point downstream before or at the first customer.

(b) A public water system using a surface water source or a ground water source under the direct influence of surface water is considered to be in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section if:

(1) It meets the requirements for avoiding filtration in §141.71 and the disinfection requirements in §141.72(a); or

(2) It meets the filtration requirements in §141.73 and the disinfection requirements in §141.72(b).

(c) Each public water system using a surface water source or a ground water source under the direct influence of surface water must be operated by qualified personnel who meet the requirements specified by the State.

(d) *Additional requirements for systems serving at least 10,000 people.* In addition to complying with requirements in this subpart, systems serving at least 10,000 people must also comply with the requirements in subpart P of this part.

(e) *Additional requirements for systems serving fewer than 10,000 people.* In addi-

tion to complying with requirements in this subpart, systems serving fewer than 10,000 people must also comply with the requirements in subpart T of this part.

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### § 141.71 Criteria for avoiding filtration.

A public water system that uses a surface water source must meet all of the conditions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, and is subject to paragraph (c) of this section, beginning December 30, 1991, unless the State has determined, in writing pursuant to §1412(b)(7)(C)(iii), that filtration is required. A public water system that uses a ground water source under the direct influence of surface water must meet all of the conditions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section and is subject to paragraph (c) of this section, beginning 18 months after the State determines that it is under the direct influence of surface water, or December 30, 1991, whichever is later, unless the State has determined, in writing pursuant to §1412(b)(7)(C)(iii), that filtration is required. If the State determines in writing pursuant to §1412(b)(7)(C)(iii) before December 30, 1991, that filtration is required, the system must have installed filtration and meet the criteria for filtered systems specified in §§141.72(b) and 141.73 by June 29, 1993. Within 18 months of the failure of a system using surface water or a ground water source under the direct influence of surface water to meet any one of the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section or after June 29, 1993, whichever is later, the system must have installed filtration and meet the criteria for filtered systems specified in §§141.72(b) and 141.73.

(a) *Source water quality conditions.* (1) The fecal coliform concentration must be equal to or less than 20/100 ml, or the total coliform concentration must be equal to or less than 100/100 ml (measured as specified in §141.74 (a) (1) and (2) and (b)(1)), in representative samples of the source water immediately prior to the first or only point of disinfectant application in at least 90 percent of the measurements made for the