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Background and Rationale

Massachusetts Regulation 22.02 defines a public water system as a system serving an average of at least 25 people daily at least 60 days per year and/or having 15 or more service connections. This policy is adopted to provide a standard conversion for calculating residential population served when given information on number of bedrooms and/or service connections to determine whether a water system is a public water system.

Policy

It is the policy of the Division when determining whether or not a residential facility for collection, treatment, storage, or distribution of water constitutes a public water system as defined by 310 CMR 22.00, to calculate the number of persons served by either multiplying the number of bedrooms by 2, or by multiplying the number of service connections by 1.67. The PWS determination shall be based on the higher population if both numbers can be calculated.

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