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Water Supply Facility Checklist for Chlorination Using Cl₂ Gas for Permit Review/Approval

Instructions to Applicant

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The purpose of this Drinking Water Program (DWP) Facility Checklist is to assist the public water systems to prepare drinking water program permit applications that comply with all MassDEP regulations, policies, and guidelines. Completion of this checklist will ensure that the applicant has considered all minimum permitting aspects identified by the MassDEP Drinking Water Program. MassDEP may require additional information as regulations, standards, or procedures are implemented or revised.

A Massachusetts registered professional engineer must complete the appropriate section(s) of the checklist for the permit requested (including any brief explanations), sign the certification statement, and submit this checklist, brief explanations (where noted), and certification with the permit application (BRP WS 23A, BRP WS 23B, BRP WS 23C, BRP WS 24, BRP WS 25, BRP WS 29, BRP WS 34 or other BRP WS permit application). The DWP staff will use these documents to expedite the review/approval of the permit application.

MassDEP Guidelines & Policies for Public Water Systems: http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/laws/policies.htm#dwguid

MassDEP Drinking Water Regulations 310 CMR 22.00: http://www.mass.gov/dep/service/regulations/310cmr22.pdf

For this particular checklist it is understood when the following words are used that the words "chemical", "disinfection", "chlorine", "feed", "pump", "chlorinator", and "feeder" shall mean Chlorine Gas (Cl₂).

If more than one chemical application, well, or treatment plant will be used, a separate checklist will be required.

N/A means "not applicable."

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Facility Information			
PWS Name			
City/Town		PWS ID #	Source(s) Code #
Treatment Facility			Permit Application #
Check form submitted:	☐ BRP WS 34	☐ BRP WS 29	☐ BRP WS 25
☐ BRP WS 24	☐ BRP WS 23C	☐ BRP WS 23B	☐ BRP WS 23A
other BRP WS		MassDEP Transmittal #	
This treatment is considered	ed (check all that apply):		
permanent tel	mporary 🗌 op	tional	□ N.A.
Check type of chlorine gas	addition to be used:	100# or 150 # cylinders	☐ Ton cylinders



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	Project Checklist	-4		
1.	Project description , including any waiver sought from MassDEP requireme	nts:		
2.	Treatment			
	Answer the following questions regarding treatment. Please note that the questions correspond with the standards contained in the Massachusetts Department of Protection Drinking Water Program's latest editions of Guidelines and Policie Systems.	of Enviro	onmental	
	Chapter 5.1. Treatment – General Information	Yes	No	N/A
	1. Pilot facility studies : Was a pilot study or in-plant demonstration, including the engineer's design recommendations, submitted to and approved by MassDEP prior to preparing plans and specifications?			
	2. Will the engineer submit a copy of these proposed chlorine gas plans and specifications in one hard copy and one electronic copy on a compact disk in PDF format for DEP approval?			
	3. Will an operation and maintenance manual be prepared in accordance with DWP Policy 93-02 after construction?			
	4. Will a calibration curve be provided for all chlorinators (after construction) for the operator?			
	5. Has a contact time (CT) tracer study been conducted?			
	6. Will the chlorine treatment system be overseen by a certified operator who has been properly trained in the operation and maintenance of each piece of equipment, and will records of such training, signed by both the trainer and the operator, be maintained?			
	Chapter 5.4. Disinfection			
	7. Will any disinfection byproduct maximum contaminant level (MCL)(s) and maximum residual level (MDRL)(s) not be exceeded under the Drinking Water Regulations, 310 CMR 22.00?			
	8. Is automatic changeover equipment to switch from one cylinder or bank of cylinders to another cylinder or bank of cylinders provided to ensure that unchlorinated water is not allowed into the distribution system?			
	9. Are visual and audio alarms must be provided for detection of chlorine gas leaks or overfeed?			
	10. Are gauges for measuring water pressure and vacuum at the inlet and outlet of each eductor provided?			
	11. Are the pipes carrying elemental liquid or dry gaseous chlorine under pressure Schedule 80 seamless steel tubing or other non-PVC materials,			

as recommended by the Chlorine Institute?



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		Yes	No	N/A
	12. Are pipes and fittings carrying chlorine solution made of rubber, PVC, polyethylene or other materials recommended by the Chlorine Institute?			
	13. Are pipes, products, and fittings carrying chlorine solution made of non- nylon materials?			
	14. Does the water supply to each eductor have a separate shut-off valve?			
	15. Is there no master water supply shut-off valve to eductors?			
	16. Is the chlorine residual test equipment provided recognized in the latest edition of <i>Standards Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater</i> , and is equipment capable of measuring residuals to the nearest 0.1 milligrams per liter, and does equipment use an instrument employing the DPD colorimetric method with a digital readout, and does equipment have a self-contained light source?			
	17. Can chlorine be applied to raw water, settled water, filtered water, and water entering the distribution system for those systems using surface water filters?			
	18. If only one chemical discharge line is run from chlorinator to point of injection, is an extra (labeled) corporation cock and injection nozzle installed for emergency use?			
	19. For permanent and temporary use, is the chemical equipment designed to ensure that no unchlorinated water is allowed into the distribution system?			
	20. Is chemical system emergency or standby power available?			
	21. Is the chlorinator capacity such that a free chlorine residual of at least 2 mg/l can be attained in the water after contact time of at least 30 minutes when maximum flow rates coincide with anticipated maximum chlorine demands?			
3.	Chemical Application			
	Answer the following questions regarding chemical application. Please note chapters correspond with the standards contained in the Massachusetts Dep Environmental Protection Drinking Water Program Guidelines and Policies for	artment	of	
	Chapter 6.0 Chemical Application	Yes	No	N/A
	Plans & Specifications			
	1. Are descriptions of feed equipment, including maximum, average, and non-zero minimum feed ranges (expressed in daily/monthly use and gallons/volume/weight per hour), provided?			
	2. Are the locations of feeders, piping layout, and points of application shown?			



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3. Are descriptions of storage and handling facilities provided?			
4. Are specifications provided for the chemicals to be used?			
5. Are there operating and control procedures, including proposed application rates?			
6. Are descriptions of testing equipment and procedures provided?			
7. Do the plans include a chemical schematic of all chlorine equipment and piping including sampling and monitoring equipment?			
8. Are chemicals applied at points and by means to assure maximum treatment efficiency?			
9. Are chemicals applied at points and by means to provide maximum safety to consumers?			
10. Are chemicals applied at points and by means to provide maximum safety to operators?			
11. Are chemicals applied at points and by means to assure satisfactory mixing of the chemicals with the water?			
12. Are chemicals applied at points and by means to provide maximum flexibility of operation through various points of application?			
13. Are chemicals applied at points and by means to prevent backflow, prevent back-siphonage, prevent bypassing of treatment units, and eliminate multiple points of feed through common manifolds?			
14. Is completed chemical injection point into a pipeline that uses an injection nozzle with corporation stop, ball check (to prevent backflow), and safety chain/cable, or uses a diffuser pipe into a basin?			
General Equipment Design			
15. Will the chlorinator(s) be able to supply, at all times, the necessary amounts of chlorine at an accurate rate, throughout the range of feed?			
16. Can a minimum free chlorine residual of 0.2 mg/L after a 10-minute contact time be maintained in the water entering the distribution system?			
17. Are the chlorine-contact materials and surfaces resistant to the aggressiveness of the chlorine solution?			
18. Are chlorine chemicals introduced in such a manner as to minimize potential for corrosion?			
19. Are chemicals that are incompatible not fed, stored or handled together?			
20. Are all chemicals conducted from the chlorinator to the point of application in separate conduits?			
21. Are chlorinators located as near as practical to the feed point?			
22. Is chlorinator sized in specifications such that pump will not operate at a point no lower than 10% of feed range dial at any time for greater chlorinator accuracy?			



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		Yes	No	N/A
	23. Is chlorinator sized in specifications such that chlorinator will not deliver more than 2,000 % of the optimal chemical dosage in mg/l to help prevent potential overfeeds?			
	Section 6.1 Facility Design			
	Feeders and Metering Pumps			
	24. Does the chemical feed system include a minimum of two chlorinators, of which the standby unit or a combination of units is of sufficient capacity to replace the largest unit during shutdown?			
	25. Is a separate feeder system used for each chemical applied?			
	26. Are spare parts available for all chlorinators to replace parts that are subject to wear and damage, such as gaskets, flexible connections, etc.?			
	Control of Feeders and Metering Pumps			
	27. Are chlorinators manually or automatically controlled in setting dosage, with automatic controls designed so as to allow override by manual controls?			
	28. Are chlorinator feed rates proportioned or automatically flow paced to water flow?			
	29. Is a means to measure treated water flow (in gpm and total gallons) provided?			
	30. Are chlorinator(s) synchronized to start and stop (electrically interlocked with appropriate upstream water pump motor or thermal type flow switch) with the flow of water being treated as the primary electrical interlock?			
	31. Will the chlorinator interlock system be hard wired with pilot light "on or energized" indicator to help prevent overfeeds?			
	32. Will the controls be configured such that the chlorinator(s) are restarted only at the water treatment facility following an alarm initiated shutdown?			
	33. Are scales present to measure the net weight of chlorine fed daily, and accurate to measure 0.5% of the load in pounds?			
	Liquid Chemical Feeders - Siphon Control			
	34. Does chlorinator provide discharge at a point of positive pressure?			
	Cross-Connection Control			
	35. Is cross connection control in this permit provided in accordance with regulations of the MassDEP Drinking Water Regulations (310 CMR 22.22), and any filtered water feed points and un-filtered water feed points are not cross connected via the chlorinator?			



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46. Are any outside underground secondary containment of feed lines

sloped to a location where any leaks are visually noticeable?



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		Yes	No	N/A
	Handling			
	47. Are hand truck(s) with safety chain for cylinders, or lifting beam(s) with hoist/monorail for containers or other appropriate means provided for chlorine handling by operators?			
	Housing			
	48. Are floor surfaces smooth, impervious, slip-proof and well drained?			
	49. Do vents from feeders, storage facilities and equipment exhaust discharge to the outside atmosphere above grade and remote from air intakes, doors, windows, and parked vehicles?			
	Chapter 6.2 Chemicals			
	Shipping Containers			
	50. Do specs state that chlorine cylinders shall be fully labeled to include chemical name, purity, concentration, supplier name, and address?			
	Specifications			
	51. Do specs state that chemicals shall meet (latest issue) ANSI / AWWA B301-04 (AWWA Standard for Liquid Chlorine) and NSF 60 specifications as referenced in standard operating procedure (SOP)?			
	Section 6.3 Operator Safety			
	52. Are a pair of rubber gloves, an apron or other protective clothing, splash goggles, and facemask provided for each operator per Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and OSHA 29CFR1910?			
	53. Will a standard operating procedure (SOP) for chlorine gas be posted in a protective shop envelope on the wall for the operator, and will the chlorine gas MSDS be available on site?			
	54. Does respiratory protection equipment:			
	a. meet the requirements of the NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) available where chlorine gas is handled and stored at a convenient location but not inside any room where chlorine is used or stored?			
	b. use compressed air?			
	c. have at least a 30-minute capacity?			
	d. have compatibility with or is exactly the same as units used by the fire department responsible for the plant?			



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	Will a small bottle of ammonium hydroxide, 56 percent ammonia ution, be available outside the chlorine room for chlorine leak detection?			
56.	If 100-150 pound cylinders are used, is a leak repair kit (type A for 100 to 150 pound cylinders) approved by the Chlorine Institute provided?			
57.	If ton containers are used, is a leak repair kit (type B for one ton nders) approved by the Chlorine Institute provided?			
58.	Will a sufficient amount of chlorine gas water solution spill absorbent be red on-site for emergency use and uncontrolled discharge?			
Ch	apter 6.4 Chlorine Gas			
	Is the chlorine gas feed and storage enclosed and separated from er operating areas?			
60.	is the installation as vandal-proof as possible?			
61.	Is the chlorine room:			
	a. Provided with a shatter resistant inspection window installed in an interior wall?			
	b. Constructed in such a manner that all openings between the chlorine room and the remainder of the plant are sealed?			
	c. Provided with doors with panic type hardware assuring ready means of exit and opening only to the building exterior?			
62.	Will full and empty cylinders of chlorine gas be:			
	a. Isolated from operating areas?			
	b. Restrained in position to prevent upset?			
	c. Stored in locked and secured rooms separate from ammonia and acid storage?			
	d. Stored in locked and secured areas not in direct sunlight or exposed to excessive heat?			
63.	Is chlorine room(s) constructed to provide the following:			
	a. Does each room have a ventilating fan with a capacity which provides at least 60 complete air changes per hour when the room is occupied?			
	b. Does the ventilating fan take suction near the floor as far as practical from the door and air inlet, with the point of discharge so located as not to contaminate air inlets to any rooms or structures?			
	c. Are air inlets through corrosion resistant louvers near the ceiling?			
	d. Do louvers for chlorine room intake and exhaust facilitate airtight closure?			



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		Yes	No	N/A
	e. Floor drains are discouraged. Where provided, are the floor drains not connected to other internal or external drainage systems? See Guidelines Chapter 5.10 titled: Waste Handling and Disposal.			
	f. Are switches for fans and lights outside of the room, at the entrance, and protected from vandalism and is a signal light indicating fan operation provided at each entrance when the fan can be controlled from more than one point?			
	g. Do vents from feeders and storage discharge to the outside atmosphere, above grade?			
	64. Are chlorinator rooms heated to 60 degrees F and protected from excessive heat?			
	65. Is every non-pressurized chlorine gas line protected from temperatures below 60 degrees F and excessive heat?			
	66. Will pressurized chlorine feed lines not carry chlorine gas beyond the chlorinator room?			
	67. Will cylinders or ton containers be located and used out of sunlight and in a cool area (covered in SOP)?			
4.	Chapter 7.0 Pumping Facilities			
	Answer the following questions regarding pumping facilities. Please note that chapters correspond with the standards contained in the Massachusetts Dep Environmental Protection Drinking Water Program's Guidelines and Policies Systems.	artment	of	
	1. Are analyzer discharges in compliance with DEP fact sheet "Registration of Discharges to the Ground From Pump Houses and Other Public Water System Facilities Including Discharges from In-line Analyzers"? http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drinking/phdisreg.htm			
	Is a representative labeled sample tap located 100 feet downstream available for daily chlorine testing of the treated water?			
	Other Chapter 1, 2 & 12 questions and Chapter 6.1.3 Chemical Safety Contical Chemical Control Systems questions	ntrol St	rategy fo	or
	1. Is a representative labeled raw water sample tap available that is a smooth-nosed type without exterior or interior threads, and without aerators or screens present, and is not of the petcock type?			
	2. Is a continuous free chlorine monitor with two alarm contacts available to prevent chlorine overfeed or chlorine underfeed conditions?			
	3. Is there an emergency under and over-feed alarm system?			
	4. Is there any emergency automatic phone, radio or cellular dialer alarm to a properly certified operator to report a chemical under or over-feed?			
	5. Are controls designed so that if a chlorinator is in the manual mode, the operator is notified locally by a visual and/or audible alarm and/or remotely by an autodialer?			



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6. Does each chlorinator have a HOA (hand, off, automatic) switch, and a timer on hand mode so chlorinator will automatically shut down after no more than one hour or a spring loaded switch?			
7. Will each HOA switch show proper signage on site explaining usage?			
8. If not staffed 24/7/365, will the chlorinator and water flow automatically shut down and notify the operator if a chlorine underfeed or overfeed occurs?			
9. Will the chlorine feed system be linked to a computer SCADA or alarm system via radio or leased phone lines?			
10. Do the plans and specifications include a description of the "Chemical Safety Control Strategy for Critical Chemical Feed Systems" as described in Chapter 6.1.3?			
11. Is a free chlorine analyzer provided to monitor the treated water, or was a chlorine analyzer waiver granted by MassDEP in writing?			
12. Is the chlorine analyzer interlocked so if chlorine is out of range, then the water flow or water pumps and chlorinator will automatically shut down and an alarm will be sent to the certified operator?			
13. Is powering of all chlorinator(s) configured to prevent overriding of the safety shut down system?			
14. Will the SOP include procedures to test all chlorine alarms and controls (both high and low) quarterly?			
15. Are the chemical feed system operational parameters recorded by a chart recorder, electronic data logger, or SCADA system?			
16. Will the applicant's emergency response plan (ERP) be updated to include the chlorine gas component?			
17. Will the applicant's ERP be updated to include the chlorine gas chemical addition emergency procedures and notification pursuant to 310 CMR 22.04(13) and MassDEP Guidelines and Policies for Public Water Supplies, Chapter 12 – Emergency Response Planning Requirements Guidance, including Appendix O – Handbook for Water Supply			
Emergencies? http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/laws/policies.htm#dwguid http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drinking/systems.htm#emerresp			
18. Will all "simultaneous compliance" issues be tracked and reported to MassDEP after installation for at least 12 months to insure that lower pH's from chlorine gas addition may alter the overall water chemistry? Refer to Chapter 1.9 for more information.			



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B.	Project Checklist (cont'd)			
		Yes	No	N/A
6.0	Certified Operator Staffing & Treatment Plant Classification			
	1. With the proposed chemical addition, and including any additional treatment processes, indicate the water treatment plant classification for this facility pursuant to 310 CMR 22.11B(4)(a): VSS 1-D 2-D 3-D 4-D I-T III-T III-T or 1V-T			
	2. Does the applicant's proposed staffing plan comply with the Certified Operator provisions of 310 CMR 22.11B? Submittal of plan is required.			
7.0	Monitoring and Reporting			
	1. Will the applicant prepare and submit to MassDEP monthly Chemical Addition reports for each chemical added pursuant to 310 CMR 22.15(4) requirements?			
	2. If raw water is currently not sampled for total coliform each monitoring period, will the applicant prepare and submit to MassDEP for approval a revised Total Coliform Sampling Plan that includes sampling of the raw water as required by 310 CMR 22.05(1)(a)?			
8.0	Ground Water Rule (GWR) Disinfection Provisions			
	The applicant must demonstrate ability to respond to a Ground Water Rule fecal contamination event in the source water.			
	1. If used as a primary or secondary disinfectant, is a "Ground Water Rule Log Credit Determination" form (GWR Form A) and associated schematic for each disinfected point of entry included in the application?			
	2. Has the applicant previously completed the Groundwater Rule Immediate & Long-Term Response to Fecal Contamination Form (GWR Form B – Response form)?			
	3. If the source is subject to either GWR compliance monitoring requirements or Surface Water or Ground Water Under the Influence of Surface Water (GWUI) requirements, are applicable monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements included in the SOP?			
	4. Is a GWR Form B-Response form included with the application?			
	5. Is the treatment system able to provide 4-log disinfection for the inactivation of viruses prior to the first customer?			
	6. If the treatment system is designed to provide 4-log disinfection, but this level of treatment is not currently required, does the applicant intend to conduct GWR compliance monitoring and reporting to avoid source water GWR triggered monitoring requirements?			
	7. If 4-log disinfection is required, what is the minimal dosing level of free chlorine to be maintained at the point of application? (Fill in number below)			
	Minimal dosing level (mg/L)			



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				Yes	No	N/A
	8.a. Are there satisfact monitoring?	ctory alarms installed to	indicate failures in continuous			
	8.b. Fill in the approp	riate low and high chlor	ine alarm set points:			
	Low alarm set point in mg/	/l High	alarm set point in mg/l			
9.	Detailed Explanatio	n				
	explanation should e to maintain the integr	explain why the applican rity of the design and/or	estion answered "No" and "N/A" t/applicant's engineer does not to operation of the facility.	in the ch	necklist. item is n	The briet ecessary
	Detailed explanation	of the following questio	n(s) is attached:			
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C. Certification

A. Applicant's Engine

Α.	Applicant's Engineer I hereby certify, as a Professional Engineer registered in Massachusetts, that the Drinking Water Facilities Checklist is a true and accurate representation on the information contained in my plans and specifications submitted with this permit application.		
	Signature/Stamp of Professional Engineer	Cianatura/Ctamp of Co	and Drafaggianal Engineer (if a salad)
	Signature/Stamp of Professional Engineer	Signature/Stamp or Se	cond Professional Engineer (if needed)
	Date	Date	
	Printed Name	Printed Name	
	Title	Title	
	Employer	Employer	
	Phone Number Email Address	Phone Number	Email Address
В.	Applicant		
Ь.	Аррисанс		
	This checklist and attached permit applicati	on are submitted on behalf o	of water representative:
	City/Town		
	Address		
	Address		
	PWS Name	PWS ID#	Phone Number
	Applicant Name/Title	Fmail Address	

Applicant Signature

Date