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## **Food Protection Program Policies, Procedures and Guidelines**

**Issue:** Blending of Water Sources

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Manufacturers of bottled water products may utilize multiple source waters of the same type, e.g. all are springs or all are artesian wells, etc., so long as the individual sources are clearly and distinctly noted on the product label. The use of multiple sources of the same type does not affect product identity as “spring water” or “artesian water”, etc. Multiple sources at multiple locations with one common name and used interchangeably shall have all locations listed in the source declaration. The bottling plant must maintain production code records sufficient to trace the exact source location from the code printed on the bottle.

Any bottler utilizing source water from two or more different source types in a single product, e.g. spring and artesian well waters, must label their products as “bottled water” with the component parts listed in the ingredient statement and stated in the source declaration.

Each source location, including the city/town and the state, province or country must be properly identified and clearly listed on the product label. “Bottled at the Source” may be used when the source is located at the same address as the bottling plant and the name and address of the plant is clearly stated on the bottle.