

Bureau Of Resource Protection
Division Of Water Supply (DEP/BRP/DWS) Policy 87-17
Water Vending Machine Policy
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Policy, SOP, or Guidance #87-17

Program Applicability:

Supersedes Policy SOP or Guidance #:

Approved by: Arleen O'Donnell

Background and Rationale

This policy is adopted to clarify the status of Water Vending Machines under 310 CMR 22.00.

Policy

It is the policy of the Department that any Water Vending Machine that provides water for sale and/or that treats water, and is available to 25 or more people more than 60 days of the year, shall be subject to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations as a non-community public water system. Any person or entity proposing the use of any device described above must obtain the written approval of the appropriate Regional Office. Regional staff reviewing and approving such requests shall, (1) check with the Boston Office (WQA Section) or the Plumbing Board (617-727-9952) to insure that the fixture is approved for use in the Commonwealth, (2) ensure that the applicant has a Department of Public Health (DPH) license, (3) assign a Public Water Supply (PWS) ID# to each machine, and (4) ensure that all pertinent requirements of 310 CMR 22.00 are met including but not limited to siting and plan approval requirements, all cross connection control requirements, and all monitoring and reporting requirements.

Regional Approval includes the following:

1. Siting approval – field visit/sanitary survey.
2. Issue Sample Schedule: Monitoring requirements – Lead and Cooper, volatile organics and bacteria, at a certified laboratory.
3. Cross connection requirements.
4. Notification requirements.
5. Certified Operator

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