Overview
Review and approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) of adopted rules and changes made to state drinking water standards rules is required in order for the state to maintain primacy to conduct the drinking water programs under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The 2016 final adopted Revised Total Coliform Rule was reviewed by U.S. EPA with the resultant request for revisions to 327 IAC 8-2.1-3(h)(7)(C) and 327 IAC 8-2.4-1(d)(3). Additionally, this rulemaking includes three revisions requested after U.S. EPA’s review of the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule and Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. These three changes are located in 327 IAC 8-2.6-11(b)(2), 327 IAC 8-2.6-15(a), and 327 IAC 8-2.6-18(a). If the state rules are not as stringent as the federal rules, then U.S. EPA could deny approval to the state rules, which could affect funding that the state receives under the SDWA. By completing these revisions as requested by U.S. EPA, the state rules will be as stringent as the federal rules.

Affected Persons
The rules being revised under this rulemaking are part of the state’s drinking water standards rules with which public water systems must comply.

Reasons for the Rule
The changes included in this rulemaking are minor, but they are necessary to keep Indiana’s drinking water standards rules as stringent as the federal rules.

Economic Impact of the Rule
There is no fiscal impact associated with making these corrections to the established drinking water rules. The corrections were requested by U.S. EPA after its review of the primacy application packets for the Revised Total Coliform Rules, Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule, and Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. The corrections are minor in scope and do not make any regulatory change.

Scheduled Board Action and Hearing
Public Hearing: January 10, 2018, at the Indiana Government Center South, 10 North Senate Avenue, Conference Center Room A, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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