TITLE 327 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

Rule Information Sheet

Drinking Water Cross Connection Revisions
LSA Document #17-563

Overview
Unprotected cross connection and backflow contamination could be responsible for creating a public health risk and cause a public water system’s (PWS’s) failure to maintain the federal Safe Drinking Water Act standards. Indiana has a backflow prevention and cross control program under 327 IAC 8-10 that is based on federal requirements most recently updated under the Revised Total Coliform Rule and according to IC 13-18-16-6 that requires a PWS to be operated to ensure safe drinking water for the public. This rulemaking, specifically, is to update information in 327 IAC 8-10 regarding where to find reference documents for cross connection control and to make administrative and formatting changes to conform to current rule drafting standards.

Affected Persons
This rulemaking affects PWSs, of which Indiana has a total of 4,045. The updated information provided by this rulemaking also is of interest to plumbers, pipe fitters, and residential water users who need to prevent cross connection and backflow contamination in their water systems.

Reasons for the Rule
This rulemaking is to update information in 327 IAC 8-10 regarding where to find reference documents for cross connection control and to make administrative and formatting changes to conform to current rule drafting standards.

Economic Impact of the Rule
This rulemaking is a revision of the existing rule language regarding where to find reference documents for cross connection control. It does not create new requirements or fiscal impact.

Scheduled Board Action and Hearing
Public Hearing: April 11, 2018, at the Indiana Government Center South, 10 North Senate Avenue, Conference Center Room A, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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