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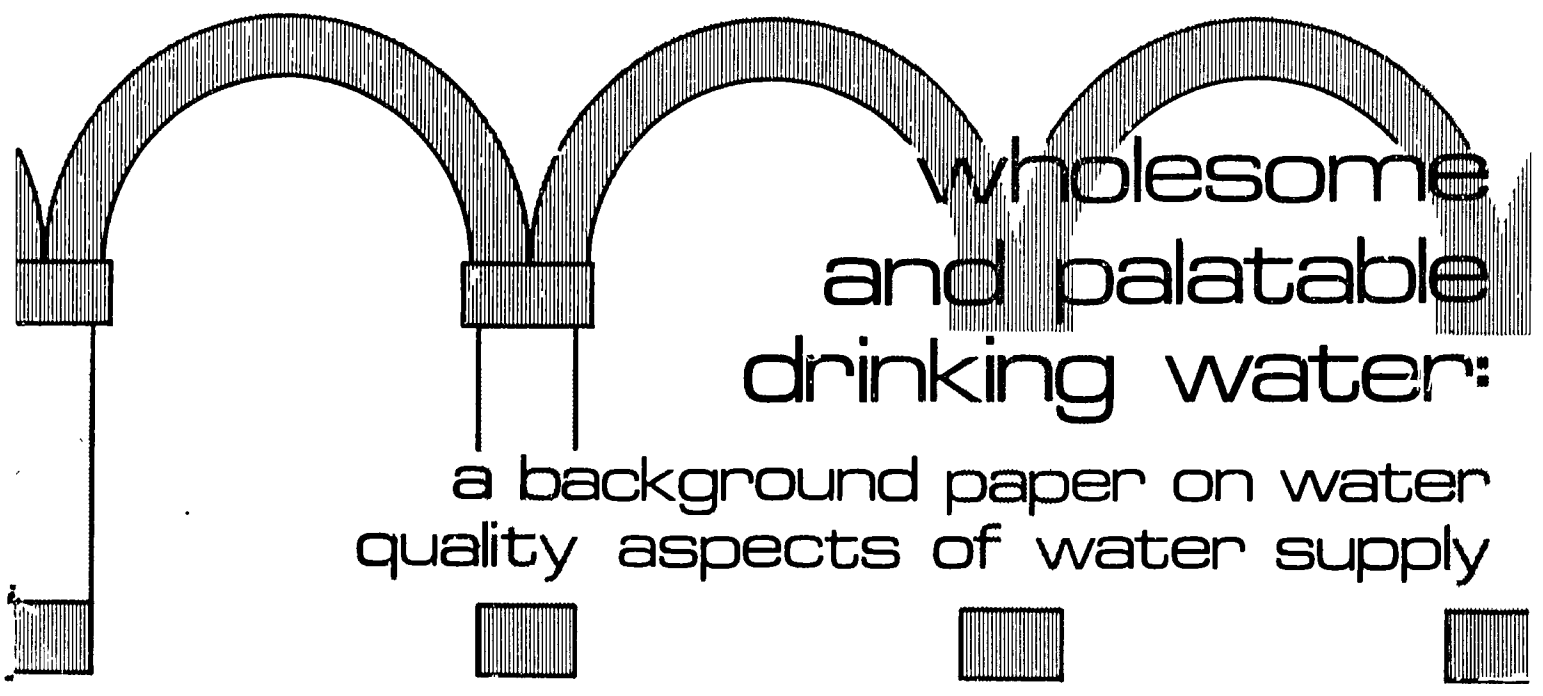
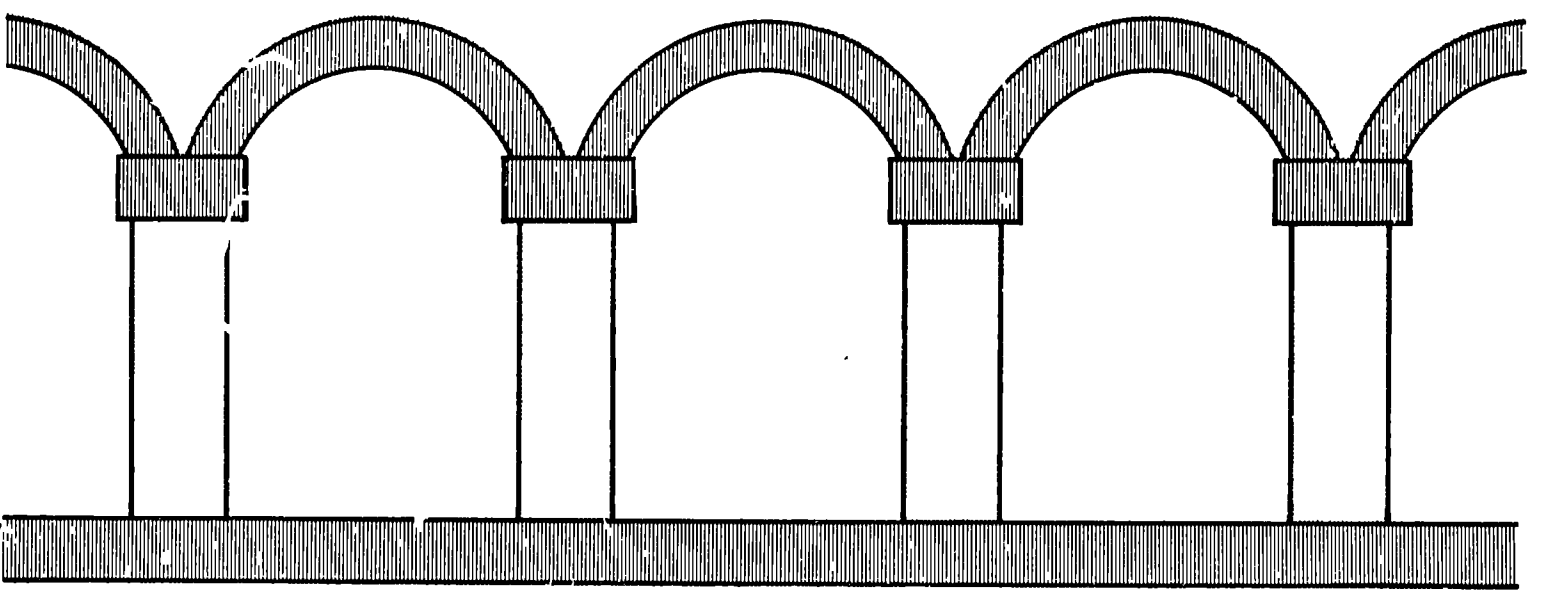
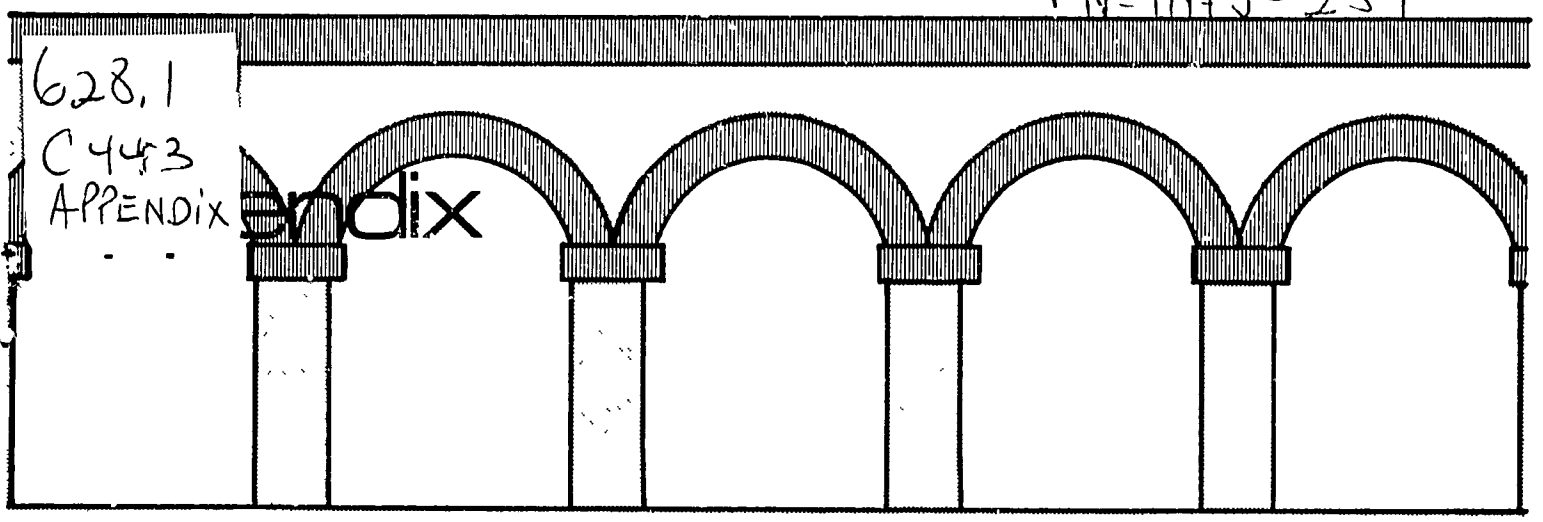
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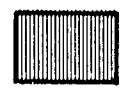
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Appendix B

Historic and Contemporary Drinking Water Standards

Types of Water Supplies to Which the Standards Apply

The U. S. Treasury Department Standard and all the U. S. Public Health Service Standards are intended to apply to water supplied by common carriers engaged in interstate commerce.

The 1975 National Interim Primary Drinking Water Regulations administered by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency are applicable to public water systems.¹ A public water system is either a "community water system"² or a "non-community water system"³. The maximum contaminant levels for nitrate and coliform bacteria are applicable to both community and non-community water systems. The levels for turbidity are applicable to both systems if they use surface water sources in whole or in part. The levels for the other inorganic chemicals, the organic chemicals, and for radioactivity, are only applicable to community water systems.

The WHO International Standards are applicable to all communal supplies for which control of treatment and distribution is essential for safe and sanitary quality. The 1971 International Standards have separate bacteriological requirements for piped supplies and individual or small community supplies.

The WHO European Standards are primarily intended for piped supplies⁴ of water for domestic use.

¹Defined as a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption, if such a system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year.

²A public water system which serves at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least 25 year-round residents.

³A public water system that is not a community water system.

⁴Defined as drinking water which is supplied through a distribution system and which is under the control of, or regulated by, communal or local authorities.

Recommended Methods

The analytical methods recommended in the various standards are for the most part those described in the then current editions of the Standard Methods* manual of the American Public Health Association. For some of the more uncommon contaminants, however, other techniques are recommended.

The earlier WHO International Standards contained lengthy sections describing suitable analytical methods. These were largely omitted in the latest edition of the International Standards and both the 1961 and 1970 European Standards. The latter, although recommending the Standard Methods manual, have also made references to alternative methods.

All the WHO Standards contain sections prescribing suitable sampling procedures and various precautions that should be taken in the collection, processing and analysis of samples.

*This manual has been published under several different titles.

Requirements regarding source and protection

U.S. Treasury Department Standard - 1914

-none-

U.S. Public Health Service Standards

1925

- (1) The water supply shall be-
 - (a) Obtained from a source free from pollution; or
 - (b) Obtained from a source adequately protected by natural agencies¹ from the effects of pollution; or
 - (c) Adequately protected by artificial treatment.¹
- (2) The water supply system, including reservoirs, pipe lines, wells, pumping equipment, purification works, distributing reservoirs, mains and service pipes shall be free from sanitary defects.¹

(An outline of the general scope of a sanitary survey is provided in an appendix of the Standards.)

1943

- (1) See item (1) under 1925 USPHS Standards above.
- (2) The water supply system¹ in all its parts shall be free from sanitary defects¹ and health hazards¹ and shall be maintained at all times in a proper sanitary condition.

(A manual of recommended water sanitation practice is also provided. It is not part of the Standards.)

1946

- (1) See item (1) under 1925 USPHS Standards above.
- (2) The water supply system¹ in all its parts should be free from sanitary defects¹ and health hazards¹, and all known sanitary defects and health hazards shall be systematically removed at a rate satisfactory to the reporting agency and certifying authority.

Additional guidelines regarding sanitation practice, and responsibility for conditions in the water supply system, are included in the Standards.

¹These terms are defined in the Standards.

1962

- (1) The water supply should be obtained from the most desirable source which is feasible, and effort should be made to prevent or control pollution¹ of the source. If the source is not adequately protected by natural means, the supply shall be adequately protected by treatment.
- (2) Frequent sanitary surveys shall be made of the water supply system¹ to locate and identify health hazards¹ which might exist in the system. The manner and frequency of making these surveys, and the rate at which discovered health hazards¹ are to be removed, shall be subject to the approval of the Reporting Agency and the Certifying Authority.

Additional guidelines regarding sanitation practice, and responsibility for conditions in the water supply system, are included in the Standards.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations - 1975

-none-

¹These terms are defined in the Standards.

Requirements Regarding Source and Protection

World Health Organization

A. International Standards

Specific requirements are not stated, however, general guidelines are provided. The more important guidelines are summarized below.

1958

The sanitary survey of a new supply should include the detection of all potential sources of pollution and the assessment of their present and future importance.

For existing supplies, the sanitary survey should be made at a frequency compatible with the control of the pollution hazards and the maintenance of a good sanitary quality.

1963

Standards of quality for water sources are specified, these are presented in the section on raw water standards.

Guidelines regarding sanitary surveys are identical to those of the 1958 International Standards.

1971

Guidelines regarding sanitary surveys include those of the 1958 International Standards. It is also recommended that when sanitary inspection shows that a water, as distributed, is liable to pollution, it should be condemned irrespective of the results of chemical or bacteriological examination.

Treatment of the water should be adequate to deal with changes in the quality of the raw water and produce a finished product of consistently high quality however great the demand on the supply may be.

It is also recommended that measures be taken to prevent the formation of a biological layer on the inside surfaces of the mains and service pipes.

B. European Standards

1961

A complete sanitary survey should be regularly carried out on all water supply systems. When sanitary inspections show a water, as

distributed, to be obviously subject to pollution, the water should be condemned irrespective of the results of chemical or bacteriological examination.

1970

See 1961 European Standards above.

Bacteriological Standards

U.S. Treasury Department Standard - 1914

Maximum limits of permissible bacteriological impurity:

- (1) The total number of bacteria developing on standard agar plates, incubated 24 hours at 37°C shall not exceed 100 per cubic centimeter. The estimate shall be made from not less than two plates and should be reliable and accurate.
- (2) Not more than one out of five 10c.c. portions of any sample examined shall show the presence of B. coli.^c (A testing procedure which demonstrates the presence of aerobic, gas forming, lactose-fermenting organisms is outlined; this procedure is essentially equivalent to a completed test.)

U.S. Public Health Service Standards

1925

- (1) Not more than 10% of all the 10c.c. portions^a examined shall show the presence of B. coli.^{b,c}
- (2) Occasionally, three or more of the five 10c.c. portions of a sample may show the presence of B. coli. This shall not be allowed if it occurs in more than-
 - (a) 5% of the samples when 20 or more samples are examined;
 - (b) One sample when less than 20 samples are examined.

The series of samples must conform to both requirements (1) and (2) above. The completed test is considered evidence of the presence of B. coli.

1943

These standards allow for the use of either 10 ml. portions^a or 100 ml. portions^d.

^a5 standard portions of 10c.c. (ml.) each constitute a standard sample. The term "standard" (portion or sample) has been omitted in the text for brevity.

^bB. coli group as defined in Standard Methods of Water Analysis, 1923.

^cSee note at end of this section.

^d5 standard portions of 100 ml. each constitute a standard sample. The term "standard" (sample or portion) has been omitted in the text for brevity.

If 10 ml. portions used:

- (1) Not more than 10% of all the 10 ml. portions examined per month shall show the presence of the coliform group .
- (2) Occasionally 3 or more of the 5 10 ml. portions of a sample may show the presence of the coliform group. This shall not be allowable if it occurs in consecutive samples or in more than
 - (a) 5% of the samples when 20 or more samples are examined per month.
 - (b) One sample when less than 20 samples are examined per month.

If 100 ml. portions used:

- (3) Not more than 60% of all the 100 ml. portions examined per month shall show the presence of the coliform group.
- (4) Occasionally all of the five 100 ml. portions of a sample may show the presence of the coliform group. This shall not be allowed if it occurs in consecutive samples or in more than-
 - (a) 20% of the samples when 5 or more samples are examined per month.
 - (b) One sample when less than 5 samples are examined per month.

The series of samples must conform to either requirements (1) and (2) or requirements (3) and (4) above.

- (5) When three or more of the five 10 ml. portions, or all 5 of the 100 ml. portions, constituting a standard sample show the presence of the coliform group, daily samples shall be collected promptly and examined until the results be of satisfactory quality.^f

The completed test or the confirmed test under certain conditions specified in the Standards, is considered evidence of the presence of the coliform group.

1946

Standards are identified to the 1943 USPHS Standards except that it is now stated that samples collected following an unsatisfactory sample (e.g. as in item (5) above) shall not be included in the determination of the number of samples examined monthly. Neither shall subsequent unsatisfactory samples in this daily series be used as a basis for prohibiting the supply, provided that (1) immediate, active efforts are made to locate the cause of contamination, (2) immediate action is taken

^eColiform group of bacteria includes all organisms of the coli-aerogenis group as set forth in Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Sewage, 1936. See note at end of this section.

^fWhen this occurs in waters of unknown quality, simultaneous tests should be made on multiple portions of a geometric series.

to eliminate such cause and (3) samples taken following such remedial action are satisfactory.

1962

These standards allow for use of either the fermentation tube method or the membrane filter technique.

If fermentation tube method used with either 10 ml. or 100 ml. portions: Standards are essentially identical to the 1946 USPHS Standards, except for a few minor changes in wording.

If membrane filter technique used:

- (1) The arithmetic mean coliform^g density of all standard samples examined per month shall not exceed one per 100 ml.
- (2) Coliform colonies per standard sample shall not exceed 3/50 ml., 4/100 ml., 7/200 ml. or 13/500 ml. in:
 - (a) Two consecutive samples;
 - (b) More than one sample when less than 20 are examined per month;
 - (c) More than 5% of the samples when 20 or more are examined per month.
- (3) When coliform colonies in a single standard sample exceed the above values, daily samples shall be collected promptly and examined until the results obtained from two consecutive samples show the water to be of satisfactory quality^f. These unsatisfactory samples are regarded in the same manner as those used for the fermentation tube method - see 1946 USPHS Standards.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations - 1975

Maximum contaminant levels.

These standards also allow for the use of either the fermentation tube method or the membrane filter technique.

If membrane filter technique used:

- (1) See corresponding item (1) in 1962 USPHS Standards above.
- (2) The number of coliform bacteria shall not exceed 4/100 ml. in:
 - (a) More than one sample when less than 20 are examined per month; or
 - (b) More than 5% of the samples when more than 20 are examined per month.

^gColiform group as defined in Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, current edition. See note at end of this section.

- (3) When the coliform bacteria in a single sample exceed 4/100 ml., at least two consecutive daily check samples shall be collected and examined until the results from two consecutive samples show less than one coliform bacterium per 100 ml.

If fermentation tube method used, with either 10 ml. or 100 ml. portions:

Standards are essentially identical to those specified in items (1), (2), (3), and (4) of the 1943 USPHS Standards except for the elimination of the requirement regarding the number of portions showing the presence of coliforms in consecutive samples.

The requirement in these Standards corresponding to item (5) in the 1943 USPHS Standards is more stringent in that twice daily resampling (check samples) must be continued until the results from two consecutive samples show no positive tubes.

Check samples, both for fermentation tube and membrane filter techniques, shall not be included in calculating the number of samples taken each month for compliance with sampling frequency requirements. Neither check samples nor special purpose samples shall be used to determine compliance with maximum contaminant levels for coliform bacteria.

In addition there are requirements for record maintenance, routine reports to the State and, in the event that a maximum contaminant level is exceeded, for notification of the State and the public.

Note: The definitions of B. coli, the "coli-aerogenes group" and the "coliform group" are considered equivalent (APHA 1965).

Bacteriological Standards

World Health Organization Standards

International

1958

I. Recommended standards for treated water.

- a. Coliform^f bacteria shall not be detected in 90% of the samples examined in any year, or the MPN index^g shall be ≤ 1.0 .
- b. No sample shall have an MPN index ≥ 10 .
- c. An MPN index of 8-10 should not occur in consecutive samples.
- d. See item d below.

II. Recommended standards for untreated water.

- a. The MPN index of 90% of the samples examined in any year should be ≤ 10 .
- b. No sample should show an MPN under ≥ 20 .
- c. An MPN index ≥ 15 should not be permitted in consecutive samples.
- d. When two consecutive samples show an MPN index ≥ 8 , in the case of treated water, or ≥ 10 in the case of untreated water, additional samples from the sampling point should be examined immediately. Further investigation may also be desirable.

1963

These standards also allow for the use of the membrane filter technique.

I. Recommended standards for treated water.

Requirements are identical to those of 1958 International Standards.

^fColiform group includes all aerobic and facultative anaerobic Gram-negative non-spore-forming rods capable of fermenting lactose with the production of acid and gas at 35-37°C in ≤ 48 hours.

^gMPN index for coliform bacteria (in all cases here).

If membrane filter technique used:

The arithmetic mean of numbers of coliform group organisms shall be ≤ 1 per 100 ml., and shall not exceed 4 per 100 ml. in two consecutive samples or in more than 10% of the samples examined.

II. Recommended standards for untreated water.

Requirements include all those of 1958 International Standards and an additional requirement that no more than 40% of the number of coliform microorganisms shown by the MPN index shall be faecal coliform bacteria^h.

If membrane filter technique used:

The arithmetic mean of the numbers of coliform group bacteria determined shall be ≤ 10 per 100 ml., and shall not be > 20 per 100 ml. in two consecutive samples or in more than 10% of the samples examined.

1971

I. Standards recommended for piped supplies.

1. Water entering the distribution system.

- (a) Chlorinated or otherwise disinfected supplies.
Coliform^f organisms should be absent in any sample of 100 ml. If this standard is not met, an immediate investigation into the efficacy of the purification process and the method of sampling and testing.
- (b) Non-disinfected supplies.
E. coliⁱ should be absent in 100 ml. Occasionally, if E. coli is absent, the presence of ≤ 3 coliform organisms per 100 ml. may be tolerated. If this is exceeded the supply should be considered unsuitable for use without disinfection.

2. Water in the distribution system.

- (1) 95% of the samples in any year should not contain any coliform organisms in 100 ml.

^hFaecal coliform group is defined as a Gram-negative non-spore-forming rod which is capable of fermenting lactose with the production of acid and gas at 44°C in ≤ 24 hours.

ⁱE. coli is regarded as a Gram-negative, non-spore-forming rod capable of fermenting lactose with the production of acid and gas at both 37°C and 47°C in ≤ 48 hours; it produces indole in peptone water containing tryptophane and is incapable of utilizing sodium citrate as its sole source of carbon.

- (2) No sample should contain E. coli in 100 ml.
- (3) No sample should contain more than 10 coliform organisms per 100 ml.
- (4) Coliform organisms should not be detectable in 100 ml. of any two consecutive samples.

If any coliform organisms are found the minimum action required is immediate re-sampling. Additional investigation may be advisable, depending on local conditions.

II. Standards recommended for individual or small community supplies.

The standard for piped supplies should be aimed at and everything possible should be done to prevent pollution of the water.

It should be possible to achieve a coliform count of ≤ 10 per 100 ml. Persistent failure to achieve this, especially if E. coli is repeatedly found, should lead to condemnation of the supply.

European

1961

Standards recommended for piped supplies.

1. Water entering the distribution system.
Coliform^f organisms must be absent, whether the water is disinfected or naturally pure. In either case, the presence of coliform organisms calls for immediate investigation.
2. Water in the distribution system.
The presence of one or more coliform organisms in a 100 ml. sample can be permitted in 5% of the samples examined if a positive result is not obtained in two or more consecutive samples and at least 100 samples of 100 ml. each, regularly distributed over the year, are examined.

When one 100 ml. sample shows the presence of coliform organisms, a further sample from the sampling point should be examined immediately. Additional investigation may be advisable, depending on local conditions.

1970

Standards are essentially identical to the 1961 European Standards.

Frequency of Sampling for Bacteriological Examination

U.S. Treasury Department Standard - 1914

-none specified-

U.S. Public Health Service Standards

1925

The number and spacing of samples examined shall be sufficient, in the judgement of the certifying authority, to indicate the quality of the supply, with due regard to all facts known as to its source and protection.

1943

- (1) The frequency of sampling and the location of sampling points on the distribution system should be such as to determine properly the bacteriological quality of the supply. This will be subject to regulation by the certifying authority.
- (2) The minimum number of samples to be collected from the distribution system and examined each month should be in accordance with the number determined from the graph in figure B-1.

1946

- (1) See item (1) in 1943 USPHS Standards; frequency of sampling is now subject to regulation by both the certifying authority and the reporting agency.
- (2) See item (2) under 1943 USPHS Standards.

1962

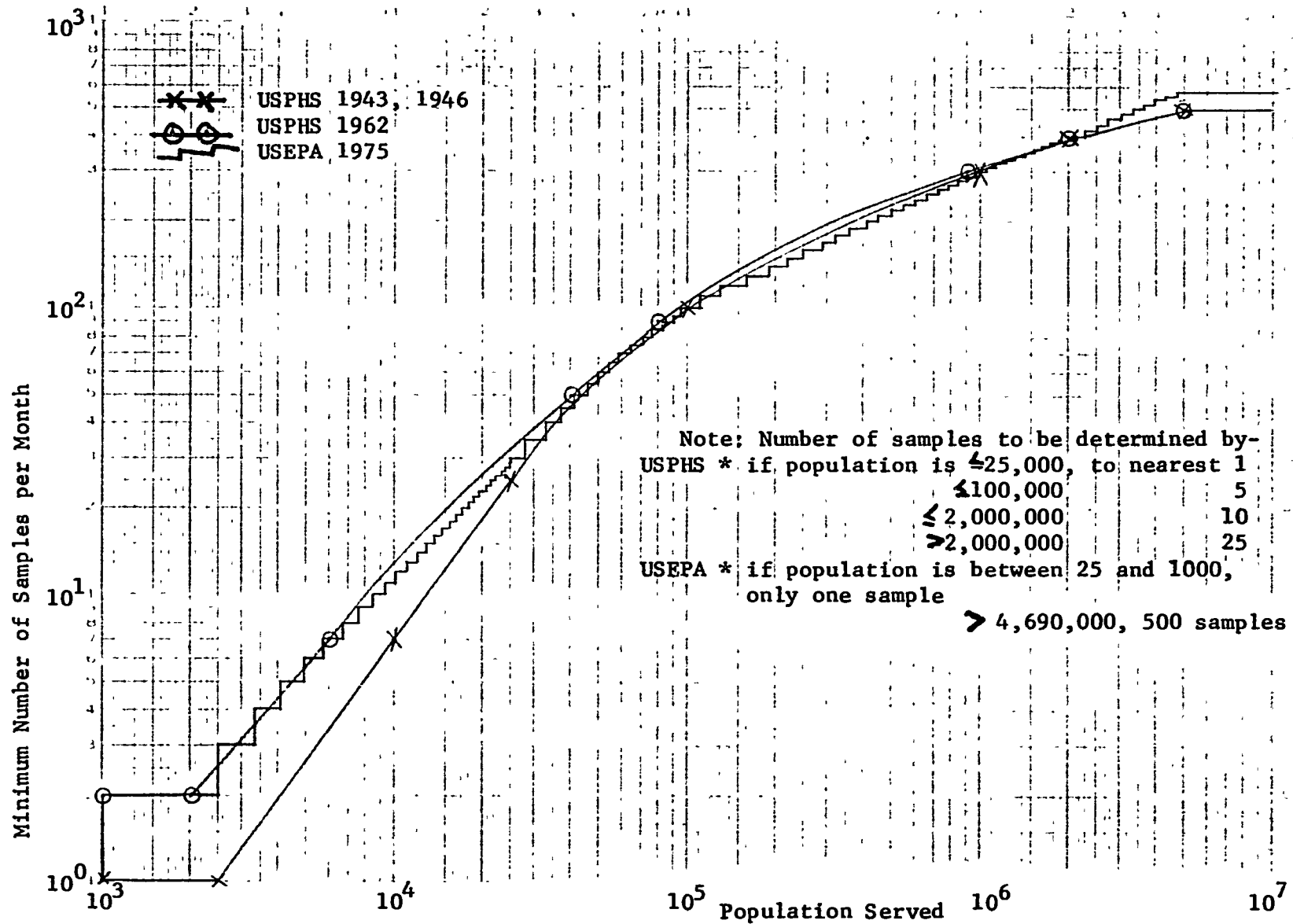
- (1) Essentially identical to item (1) under the 1946 USPHS Standards.
- (2) The minimum number of samples to be collected from the distribution system and examined each month are recorded in figure B-1

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations - 1975

For community water systems:

The minimum number of samples to be collected each month are recorded in figure B-1.

Figure B-1 Minimum Sampling Frequency for Bacteriological Examination



For non-community water systems:

The supplies shall sample for coliforms in each calendar quarter during which the system provides water to the public.

For both community and non-community water systems, chlorine residual monitoring may be substituted for not more than 75% of the samples required to be taken, subject to provisions described in the Regulations and approval by the State.

Frequency of Sampling for Bacteriological Examination

World Health Organization

All the International and European Standards have virtually identical proposed requirements; there are a few differences in the general recommendations; these are identified in the footnotes.

The frequency of bacteriological examination of a supply, and the location of the sampling points should be such as to enable proper supervision of the bacteriological quality of the water supply to be maintained.

The frequency of examination of routine samples of naturally pure water entering the distribution system and of water in the distribution system, should be based on the size of the population served; these examinations should be spaced out over time, according to the danger of pollution, geographical situation, and protection of the source.

Treated water, as it enters the distribution system from each treatment point should be examined at least once a day. When safety depends on disinfection, examination at a frequency of not less than once a week is recommended¹.

Examination of disinfected water as it enters the distribution system from each treatment point should be carried out at least once a day. With supplies serving 10,000 people or less, only weekly sampling may be practical; reliance will have to be placed on proper control of disinfectant dosage. The interval may have to be even longer in the smallest supplies².

Water requiring disinfection should be examined at least once a day as it enters the distribution system from each treatment point³.

In the case of supplies which do not require disinfection, but are chlorinated as a precautionary measure, the frequency of examination proposed below for non-disinfected water entering the distribution system could be suitable⁴.

¹Only in 1958 and 1961 International Standards.

²Only in 1970 European and 1971 International Standards.

³Only in 1961 European Standards.

⁴Only in 1971 International, 1961 and 1970 European Standards.

A check on the concentration of the chemical disinfectant should be carried out several times a day at the treatment point, and preferably at other points in the distribution system.

For non-disinfected water entering the distribution system, the following maximum intervals between successive routine examinations are proposed:

Population served	Maximum interval between successive samples
< 20,000	1 month
20,000-50,000	2 weeks
50,001-100,000	4 days
> 100,000	1 day

Samples should be taken at all the points at which water enters the distribution system.

For water in the distribution, whether disinfected or not, the following maximum intervals between successive samples and the minimum numbers of samples to be examined in each month are proposed:

Population served	Maximum interval between successive samples	Minimum number of samples to be taken from whole distribution system each month
< 20,000	1 month	1 sample per 500 of population per month
20,000-50,000	2 weeks	
50,001-100,000	4 days	
> 100,000	1 day	1 sample per 10,000 of population per month

Choice of sampling point should be made by expert advisors.

More frequent examination will be required under certain circumstances- in the event of an epidemic or immediate danger of pollution, among others.

Virological Standards

Virological standards are not mentioned in any of the U.S. Standards and only the two more recent WHO Standards, the 1970 European and 1971 International, consider them. In both cases a standard, as such, is not specified, it is merely stated that "if not even one plaque-forming unit (PFU) can be found in one liter of water it can reasonably be assumed that the water is safe to drink."

Neither methods nor sampling frequency are specified.

Physical and Chemical Standards

U.S. Treasury Department Standard - 1914

It is recommended that water supplies be excluded from use when, in the opinion of the Surgeon General, physical or chemical characteristics render them definitely injurious to health or grossly offensive.

U.S. Public Health Service Standards

1925

Water should be clear, colorless, odorless, pleasant to the taste, and should not contain an excessive amount of soluble mineral substances nor of any chemicals used in treatment.

1943

- (a) Water shall have no objectionable taste or odor, and shall not contain an excessive amount of soluble mineral substances, nor excessive amounts of any chemicals used in treatment.
 - (b) Salts of barium hexavalent chromium, heavy metal glucosides, or other substances with deleterious physical effects shall not be allowed in the water supply system.
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1946

- (a) See item (a) under 1943 U.S.P.H.S. Standards above.
 - (b) Salts of barium, hexavalent chromium, heavy metal glucosides, or other substances with deleterious physiological effects shall not be added to the system for water treatment purposes.
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1962

Drinking water shall not contain impurities in concentrations which may be hazardous to the health of consumers. It should not be excessively corrosive to the water supply system. Substances used in its treatment shall not remain in the water in concentrations greater than required by good practice. Substances which may have deleterious physiological effect, or for which physiological effects are not known, shall not be introduced into the system in a manner which would permit them to reach the customer. Drinking water should contain no impurity which would cause offense to the sense of sight, taste or smell.

Table B-1 Historical Physical and Chemical Standards: U.S.

	Recommended Limit ¹ U.S.P.H.S. 1925 mg/l	Maximum Allowable ² U.S.P.H.S. 1943 mg/l	Recommended Limit ¹ U.S.P.H.S. 1946 mg/l	Maximum Allowable ² U.S.P.H.S. 1962 mg/l
<u>Physical Characteristics</u>				
Color	10-20 ^a	20 ^a	20 ^a	15 ^a
Odor	none	unobjec- tionable	unobjec- tionable	unobjec- tionable
Taste	pleasant	10 ^b	10 ^b	5 ^b
Turbidity	5-10 ^b			
<u>Inorganic Substances</u>				
Ammonia				
Arsenic		0.05		0.05
Barium				0.01
Cadmium				0.01
Calcium				
Carbon Dioxide, Free				
Chloride	250	250	250	250
Chromium				
Chromium (Cr ⁺⁶ only)				0.05
Copper	0.2	3.0	3.0	1.
Cyanide				0.01
Fluoride		1.0		0.8-1.7 ^d
				1.4-2.4 ^d
Hydrogen Sulfide				
Iron	0.3	0.3 ^g	0.3 ^g	0.3
Lead		0.1		
Magnesium	100	125	125	0.05

Table B-1 Historical Physical and Chemical Standards: U.S. (Continued)

	Recommended Limit ¹	Maximum Allowable ²	Recommended Limit ¹	Maximum Allowable ²	Recommended Limit ¹	Maximum Allowable ²	Recommended Limit ¹	Maximum Allowable ²
	U.S.P.H.S. 1925 mg/l ^w		U.S.P.H.S. 1943 mg/l ^w		U.S.P.H.S. 1946 mg/l ^w		U.S.P.H.S. 1962 mg/l ^w	
Inorganic Substances (cont'd.)								
Magnesium & Sodium Sulfate			0.3 ^q		0.3 ^q		0.05	
Manganese								
Mercury							45	
Nitrate								
Oxygen, Dissolved (Minimum)				0.05		0.05		0.01
Selenium								0.05
Silver								
Sulfate	250		250		250		250	
Total Hardness								
Total Solids	1,000		500-1,000		500-1,000		500 ^e	
Zinc		5.0	15		15		5	
Caustic Alkalinity	none							
Normal Carbonate Alkalinity			120		120			
pH Range								
Phenolphthalein Alkalinity			see (s)		see (s)			
Residual Alkalinity (Min.)	≤ 10 ^u							
Sodium & Potassium Carbonates	50 ^r							
Total Alkalinity			see (t)		see (t)			
Organic Substances								
Alkyl Benzene Sulfonates							0.5	
Carbon Chloroform Extract							0.2	
Phenolic Compound (as Phenols)			0.001		0.001			

Table B-1 Historical Physical and Chemical Standards: W.H.O. (Continued)

	Permissible ³	Excessive ³	Maximum Allowable ²	Maximum Acceptable ³	Maximum Allowable ³	Maximum Allowable ²	Recommended Limit ⁵	Tolerance Limit ²
	W.H.O. International 1958 Other Substances ⁴ mg/l		Toxic Substances	W.H.O. International 1963 Other Substances ⁴ mg/l		Toxic Substances	W.H.O. European 1961 Other Substances mg/l	Toxic Substances
Physical Characteristics								
Color	5 ^a	50 ^a		5 ^a	50 ^a			
Odor	unobjec-	-		unobjec-	-			
Taste	tionable	-		tionable	-			
Turbidity	5 ^b	25 ^b		5 ^b	25 ^b			
Inorganic Substances								
Ammonia							0.5	
Arsenic			0.2			0.05		0.2
Barium						1.0		
Cadmium						0.01		0.05
Calcium	75	200		75	200			
Carbon Dioxide, Free							0 ^p	0 ^p
Chloride	200	600		200	600		350	200-600
Chromium								
Chromium (CR ⁺⁶ only)			0.05			0.05		0.05
Copper	1.0	1.5		1.0	1.5		0.05 ¹	
Cyanide			0.01			0.2		0.01
Fluoride		1.0-1.5 ^h			1.0-1.5 ^h		1.5	
Hydrogen Sulfide								
Iron	0.3	1.0		0.3	1.0		0.1 ^m	
Lead			0.1			0.05		0.1 ⁿ
Magnesium	50	150		50	150		30 ^o	

Table B-1 Historical Physical and Chemical Standards: W.H.O. (Continued)

	Permissible ³	Excessive ³	Maximum Allowable ²	Maximum Acceptable ³	Maximum Allowable ³	Maximum Allowable ²	Recommended Limit ⁵	Recommended Limit ⁵
	W.H.O. International 1958			W.H.O. International 1963			W.H.O. European 1961	
	Other Substances ⁴ mg/l	Toxic Substances ⁴ mg/l	Toxic Substances ⁴ mg/l	Other Substances ⁴ mg/l	Toxic Substances ⁴ mg/l	Toxic Substances ⁴ mg/l	Other Substances ⁴ mg/l	Toxic Substances ⁴ mg/l
Inorganic Substances (Cont'd.)								
Magnesium & Sodium Sulfate	500	1,000		500	1,000			
Manganese	0.1	0.5		0.1	0.5		0.1	
Mercury								
Nitrate		50-100 ¹			45 ¹		50	
Oxygen, Dissolved (Minimum)							≥ 5	
Selenium			0.05			0.01		0.05
Silver								
Sulfate	200	400		200	400		250	
Total Hardness							2-10 ^k	
Total Solids	500	1,500		500	1,500			
Zinc	5.0	15		5.0	15		5.0	
Caustic Alkalinity								
Normal Carbonate Alkalinity								
pH Range	7.0-8.5	6.5-9.2		7.0-8.5	6.5-9.2			
Phenolphthalein Alkalinity								
Residual Alkalinity (Min.)								
Sodium & Potassium Carbonates								
Total Alkalinity								
Organic Substances								
Alkyl Benzene Sulfonates				0.5	1.0			
Carbon Chloroform Extract				0.2	0.5			
Phenolic Compound (as Phenols)	0.001	0.002		0.001	0.002		0.001	

Table B-1 Historical Physical and Chemical Standards (Continued)

- ¹Should not be exceeded if other more suitable supplies are available.
- ²Presence in excess of the concentrations quoted constitute grounds for rejection of the supply.
- ³These limiting concentrations are indicative only and can be disregarded in specific instances.
- ⁴Substances that may affect the potability or acceptability of water or may affect health if present in excessive amounts.
- ⁵If present in piped supplies in excess of quoted concentrations, whatever practicable steps should be taken to adjust the concentrations.
- [#]Units are milligrams per liter unless otherwise noted
- ^aplatinum-cobalt scale
- ^bturbidity units
- ^cthreshold odor number
- ^dRecommended limits and maximum allowable average concentrations vary inversely with mean annual temperatures - see separate section on fluoride standards.
- ^efor total dissolved solids
- ^fMonthly average, an average of up to 5 turbidity units may be allowed if disinfection is not hindered.
- ^gAverage for 2 consecutive days.
- ^hThe effective limit should be based on the total daily fluoride intake of individuals in the area.
- ⁱIf the nitrate content exceeds the quoted limit, the population should be warned of potential dangers and/or should be informed of other safer sources for infant feeding.
- ^jIf less than 250 mg/l sulfate present, magnesium up to 150 mg/l may be allowed.
- ^kmeasured in milliequivalents per liter (mEq/l)
- ^l3.0 mg/l after 16 hours' contact with new pipes
- ^mAs water enters distribution system. In certain small installations up to 0.3 mg/l may be permitted.
- ⁿ0.3 mg/l after 16 hours' contact with new lead pipes
- ^oIf less than 250 mg/l sulfate present, magnesium up to 125 mg/l may be allowed.
- ^pfor aggressive carbon dioxide
- ^qStandard is for iron and manganese together.
- ^rCalculated as normal calcium carbonate.
- ^sIf chemically treated, 15 mg/l plus 0.4 times the total alkalinity (calculated as CaCO₃).
- ^tIf chemically treated, should not exceed hardness by more than 35 mg/l (calculated as CaCO₃).
- ^uIf treated with an aluminum compound.
- ^vConcentrations > 0.2 mg/l necessitate further analysis to determine the causative agent

Table B-2 Current Physical and Chemical Standards

	<u>World Health Organization</u>				<u>1975 USEPA</u>
	<u>1970 European</u>		<u>1971 International</u>		<u>Maximum Permissible</u> ³
	<u>Recommended Limit</u> ¹	<u>Tolerance Limit</u> ²	<u>Highest Desirable</u>	<u>Maximum Permissible</u>	
	<u>Other Substances</u> ⁴ mg/l ⁵	<u>Toxic Substances</u> ⁴	<u>Other Substances</u> ⁴ mg/l ⁵	<u>Toxic Substances</u> ⁴ mg/l	
<u>Physical Characteristics</u>					
Color			5 ^a	50 ^a	
Odor			unobjec- tionable	unobjec- tionable	
Taste			5 ^b	25 ^b	1 ^{b,c} , 5 ^{b,d}
Turbidity					
<u>Inorganic Substances</u>					
Ammonia	0.05				
Arsenic		0.05		0.05	0.05
Barium		1.0			1.
Cadmium		0.01		0.01	0.010
Calcium			75	200	
Carbon Dioxide, Free	0 ^e				
Chloride	200-600		200	600	
Chromium					0.05
Chromium (CR ⁺⁶ only)		0.05			0.05
Copper	0.05 ^f		0.05	1.5	
Cyanide		0.05		0.8-1.7 ^{g,h}	0.05
Fluoride	1.0-1.7 ^g				1.4-2.4 ^g
Hydrogen Sulfide	0.05				
Iron	0.1 ⁱ		0.1	1.0	
Lead		0.1 ^j		0.1	0.05
Magnesium	30 ^k		30 ^l	150	

Table B-2 Current Physical and Chemical Standards (Continued)

	<u>World Health Organization</u>				<u>1975 USEPA</u>	
	<u>1970 European</u>		<u>1971 International</u>			
	Recommended Limit ¹	Tolerance Limit ²	Highest Desirable	Maximum Permissible	Upper Limit	Maximum Permissible ³
<u>Inorganic Substances (Cont'd.)</u>	Other Substances ⁴ mg/l ⁵	Toxic Substances ⁴	Other Substances ⁴	Substances ⁴ mg/l ⁵	Toxic Substances mg/l	
Manganese	0.05		0.05-	0.5		
Mercury					0.001	0.002
Nitrate	50-100			45 ⁿ		45
Oxygen, Dissolved (Minimum)	≥ 5					
pH			7.0-8.5-	6.5-9.2		
Selenium		0.01			0.01	0.01
Silver						0.05
Sulfate	250		200	400		
Total Hardness	2-10 ⁿ		2 ⁿ	10 ⁿ		
Total Solids			500	1500		
Zinc	5.0		5.0	15		
<u>Organic Substances</u>						
Anionic Detergents	0.2		0.2	1.0		
Carbon Chloriform Extract	0.2-0.5					
2,4-D ^o						0.1
Endrin ^p						0.0002
Lindane ^q						0.004
Methoxychlor ^r						0.1
Mineral Oil			0.01	0.30		
PAH ^s	0.0002			0.0002		

Table B-2 Current Physical and Chemical Standards (Continued)

	World Health Organization				1975 USEPA
	1970 European		1971 International		
	Recommended Limit ¹	Tolerance Limit ²	Highest Desirable	Maximum Permissible	Maximum Permissible ³
<u>Organic Substances</u> (Cont'd.)	Other Substances ⁴ mg/l ⁵	Toxic Substances ⁴ mg/l ⁵	Other Substances ⁴ mg/l ⁵	Toxic Substances ⁴ mg/l	
Phenolic Compounds (as Phenols)	>0.001				
Toxaphene					0.005
2, 4, 5-TP Silvex ^u					0.01

¹If present in piped supplies in excess of quoted concentrations, whatever practicable steps should be taken to adjust the concentrations.

²Presence in excess of concentrations quoted constitute grounds for rejection of the supply.

³If limits exceeded, public and State must be notified.

⁴Substances that may affect the potability or acceptability of water, or may affect health if present in excessive amounts.

⁵Units are milligrams per liter, except for pH and where otherwise noted.

^aPlatinum-cobalt scale.

^bTurbidity units (TU).

^cMonthly average, an average up to 5 TU may be allowed if disinfection is not hindered.

^dAverage for 2 consecutive days.

^eFor aggressive CO₂.

^f3.0 mg/l after 16 hours' contact with new pipes.

^gRecommended limits and maximum allowable mean concentrations vary inversely with mean annual temperature - see section on fluoride standards.

^hThe effective limit should be based on the total daily fluoride intake of individuals in the area.

ⁱAs water enters distribution system. In certain small installations up to 0.3 mg/l may be permitted.

Table B-2 Current Physical and Chemical Standards (Continued)

- ^j0.3 mg/l after 16 hours' contact with new lead pipes.
- ^kIf < 250 mg/l sulfate present, magnesium up to 125 mg/l may be allowed.
- ^lIf < 250 mg/l sulfate present, magnesium up to 150 mg/l may be allowed.
- ^mIf the nitrate content exceeds the quoted limit, the population should be warned of potential dangers and/or should be informed of the safer sources for infant feeding.
- ⁿMeasured in milliequivalents per liter.
- ^o2,4 - Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid.
- ^p1,2,3,4,10, 10-hexachloro-6, 7-epoxy-1, 4, 4a, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8a-octahydro-1, 4-endo, endo-5, 8-dimethano naphthalene.
- ^q1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6-hexachlorocyclohexane, gamma isomer.
- ^r(1, 1, 1-Trichloroethane). 2, 2-bis (p-methoxyphenyl).
- ^sPolynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons; the limit is based on the concentration of six representative PAH compounds: fluoranthene; 3, 4-benzfluoranthene; 11, 12-benzfluoranthene; 3, 4-benzpyrene; 1, 12-benzperylene; indeno (1, 2, 3-ed) pyrene.
- ^tC₁₀H₁₀Cl_q - Technical chlorinated camphene, 67-69 percent chlorine
- ^u2, 4, 5-Trichlorophenoxypropionic acid.

Table B-3 Current Raw Water Quality Standards

<u>Physical Characteristics</u>	FWPCA Criteria 1968 ^{1,5}		WHO International - 1963 ²	NAS-NAE Criteria - 1972 ^{3,5}
	Permissible ⁴	Desirable ⁴	Maximum Allowable	Recommended Limit
Color	75 ^a	10 ^a	300 ^a	75 ^a
Odor		~0	-	~0
Turbidity		~0 ^b	-	
<u>Inorganic</u>	mg/1	mg/1	mg/1	mg/1
Alkalinity	30-500			
Ammonia (as N)	0.5	< 0.01	0.41	0.5
Arsenic	0.05	0	0.05	0.1
Barium	1.0	0		1.0
Boron	1.0	0		
Cadmium	0.01	0	0.01	0.010
Chloride	250	< 25		250
Chromium			0.05	0.05
Chromium (VI)	0.05	0		
Copper	1.0	0	1.5	1
Dissolved Oxygen	≥ 4 ^c , ≥ 3 ^d	~ saturated		
Fluoride	0.8-1.7 ^g		1.5	1.4-2.4 ^h
Iron	0.3 ^e	~ 0	50	0.3 ⁱ
Lead	0.05	0	0.05	0.05
Magnesium & Sodium Sulfate			1000	
Manganese	0.05 ^e	0	5 ^f	0.05 ⁱ
Mercury				0.002
Nitrate (as N)			10	10
Nitrate & Nitrite (as N)	10	~ 0		
Nitrite (as N)				1
pH	6.0-8.5	-	-	5.0-9.0
Selenium	0.01	0	0.01	0.01
Silver	0.05	0	-	
Sulfate	250	< 50	-	250
Total Dissolved Solids	500 ^e	< 200 ^e	1500	
Total Nitrogen ^j	-	-	1	
Uranylion	5	0	-	
Zinc	5	~ 0	1.5	5

Table B-3 Current Raw Water Quality Standards (Continued)

<u>Organic</u>	FWPCA Criteria 1968 ^{1,5}		WHO International - 1963 ¹	NAS-NAE Criteria - 1962 ^{3,5}
	Permissible ⁴	Desirable ⁴	Maximum Allowable	Recommended Limit
Alkyl Benzene Sulfonates			0.5	
Carbon Alcohol Extract				1.5 ^m
Carbon Chloroform Extract	0.15	< 0.04	0.5	0.3 ^m
Cyanide	0.20	0	0.2	0.2
MBAS ^k	0.05	~0		0.5
Oil & Grease	~0	0	1	~0
Pesticides:				
Aldrin	0.017	0		0.001
Chlordane	0.003	0		0.003
DDT	0.042	0		0.05
Dieldrin	0.017	0		0.001
Endrin	0.001	0		0.0005
Heptachlor	0.018	0		0.0001
Heptachlor Epoxide	0.018	0		0.0001
Lindane	0.056	0		0.005
Methoxychlor	0.035	0		1.0
Organic Phosphates & Carbamates	0.01 ¹	0		0.1
Toxaphene	0.005	0		0.005
Herbicides:				
2,4-D				0.02
2,4,5-T				0.002
2,4,5-TP				0.03
2,4-D+2,4,5-T+2,4,5-TP	0.1	0		0.03
Phenolics (as Phenols)	0.001	0	0.002	.001
Biological Oxygen Demand			6	
Chemical Oxygen Demand			10	
<u>Radioactivity</u>	pCi/l	pCi/l	pCi/l	pCi/l
Gross alpha			0.5 ⁿ	
Gross beta	1,000	< 100	5 ^{n,0}	1,000 ^p
Radium-226	3	< 1		
Strontium-90	10	< 2		

Table B-3 Current Raw Water Quality Standards (Continued)

	FWPCA Criteria 1968 ^{1,5}		WHO International - 1963 ¹	NAS-NAE Criteria - 1972 ^{3,5}
	Permissible ⁴	Desirable ⁴	Maximum Allowable	Recommended Limit
<u>Bacteriological</u>	in 100 ml ^q	in 100 ml ^q	MPN/100 ml	MPN/100 ml ^r
Coliforms	10,000	< 100	0-50, 000 ^s	20,000
Fecal Coliforms	2,000	< 20		2,000

¹Surface water criteria for public water supplies.

²Standards of quality for water sources.

³NAS-NAE Committee on Water Quality Criteria for public water supply sources.

⁴The number 0 is used in place of the original term - "absent"; approximately (~) 0 in place of "virtually absent."

⁵It is assumed that the following treatment, and no more, is used: coagulation (< 50 mg/l alum, ferric sulfate or copper as with alkali addition, but without coagulant aids or activated carbon, sedimentation (≅ 6 hrs.), rapid sand filtration (≅ 3 gal/sq ft/min) and disinfection with chlorine (without consideration to concentration or form of chlorine residual).

^aPlatinum cobalt scale.

^bTurbidity units.

^cMonthly mean.

^dIndividual sample.

^eFilterable.

^fAssuming ammonia content is < 0.5 mg/l.

^gLimits vary with average temperature; are upper limits in 1962 USPHS Standards, see section on fluorides.

^hLimits vary with average temperature; are identical to 1975 EPA limits, see section on fluorides.

ⁱSoluble.

^jExclusive of nitrate.

^kMethylene blue active substances.

^lAs parathion in cholinesterase inhibition.

^mAs measured by the Low-Flow Sampler.

ⁿIf exceeded, radiochemical analysis is required.

^oExcluding potassium-40, and if lead-210 and radium-228 are virtually absent.

^pThe amount of radioactivity detected in a water source should not be greater than can be reduced by the selected treatment process to values which fall within the limits established for drinking water.

^qMonthly arithmetic average.

^rGeometric mean density.

^sDifferent treatment processes are recommended for intervals within this range.

Table B-4 Current and Historical Radiological Standards

	WHO						
	USPHS 1962 ¹ Limit ² pCi/l	USEPA 1975* Maximum Permissible Level ⁶ pCi/l	International		European		
			1958 Recommended Limit ^{3,4} pCi/l	1963 Maximum Acceptable Limits ^{3,4} pCi/l	1971 Recommended Limit ^{3,5} pCi/l	1961 Recommended Limit ^{3,4} pCi/l	1970 Recommended Limit ^{3,5} pCi/l
Gross alpha activity	-	-	1	-	3	1	3
Gross alpha activity (including Ra ²²⁶ but excluding radon & uranium)	-	15	-	-	-	-	-
Gross beta activity	-	-	10	-	30	10	30
Gross beta concentration (in the absence ^a of Sr ⁹⁰ and alpha emitters)	1000	-	-	1000	-	-	-
Radium-226	3	-	-	10	-	-	-
Radium-226 & Radium-228	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Strontium-90	10	8 ^c	-	30	-	-	-
Tritium	-	20,000 ^c	-	-	<1000 ^b	-	<1000 ^b

*It is also required that the average annual concentration of beta particle and photon radioactivity from man-made radionuclides in drinking water shall not produce an annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ greater than 4 millirem/year. The concentration of Strontium-90 and Tritium causing 4 mrem dose equivalents are listed (see above table). The concentration of other man-made radionuclides causing 4 mrem dose equivalents shall be calculated on the basis of a 2 liter/day drinking water intake using the 168 hour data listed in "Maximum Permissible Body Burden & Maximum Permissible Concentration of Radionuclides in Air or Water for Occupational Exposure". If 2 or more radionuclides are present, the sum of their annual dose equivalent shall not exceed 4 mrem/year.

¹Earlier USPHS Standards and the 1914 Treasury Department Standard do not mention radioactivity.

²If these concentrations are exceeded, a water supply shall be approved by the certifying authority if surveillance of total intakes of radioactivity from all sources are within the limits recommended by the Federal Radiation Council for control action.

³If these levels are exceeded, determination of the nature of the radionuclides present will be necessary before deciding on the safety of the water. (The 1970 & 1971 WHO Standards specify procedures for radioanalysis.) These figures include both naturally occurring radioactivity and that from effluents and fall out.

Table B-4 Current and Historical Radiological Standards (Continued)

⁴in drinking water for lifetime use for large populations.

⁵applicable to the mean of all the activity measurements during a 3-month period.

⁶If exceeded, the State and the public must be notified.

^aIn the 1962 USPHS Standards absence is specified to mean a negligibly small fraction of the specific limits, where the limit for unidentified alpha emitters is taken as the listed limit for Radium-226.

^bIf detected at levels ≤ 1000 pCi/l the appropriate authorities should be consulted.

^cAverage annual concentration assumed to produce a total body or organ dose of 4 mrem/year.

Table B-5 --

MINIMUM WATER STANDARDS

CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL STANDARDS	MSP Recommended Standards (Subcommittee on Milligrams per Liter)	European Standards CEN 1970	Comparison										USA MSP Standards 1975 (MSP 1975)	USA MSP Standards 1975 (MSP 1975)	USA MSP Standards 1975 (MSP 1975)	USA MSP Standards 1975 (MSP 1975)	USA MSP Standards 1975 (MSP 1975)	USA MSP Standards 1975 (MSP 1975)	USA MSP Standards 1975 (MSP 1975)	USA MSP Standards 1975 (MSP 1975)	USA MSP Standards 1975 (MSP 1975)
			Japan (1968)	India (1973)	India (1973)	Thailand (1973)	USSR (1975)	USSR (1975)	USSR (1975)	USSR (1975)	USSR (1975)	USSR (1975)									
Radioactivity, α activity β activity	3 pCi/l 30 pCi/l	3-10 pCi/l 30-100 pCi/l		10.0 : 10.0	3 pCi/l 30 pCi/l		1.2-10 pCi/l 10-100 pCi/l	3 pCi/l					3 pCi/l 10 pCi/l						3 pCi/l 30 pCi/l		
pH	6.5-9.2		6.5-8.5	6.5-9.2	6.5-9.2	6.5-9.2	6.5-8.5	6.5-9.5		5.5-9.0	6.0-8.0	6.5-8.5		6.5-8.5	6.5-8.3			6.5-6.9		6.5-9.2	
Total hardness (mg/l) 1 mg/l = 50 mg/l as CaCO ₃	2-10	2-10	6	12	12	12	12	12		7		9		6	10	6	10			6	
Chloride (as Cl)	600 mg/l	600	200	1000	1000	800	300	600		215	25/250	250	250(2)	130	250	150	600	250	600	250	
Dependent on temperature, Fluoride (as F)	0.5-1.7 mg/l	0.7-1.7	0.8	2.0	1.5	8.0	0.7-1.5	1.4-2.7	1.5	1.0	1.5	0.7-1.0	1.4-2.1(1)	1-1.5	1.2-1.4	1.0	1.5	1.6	1-1.5	1.0	
Nitrate (as NO ₃)	45 mg/l	1100	45	50	45	100	45	90	90		30	30	45(1)	45	45	45	45		50	44	
Copper (as Cu)	1.5 mg/l	.05-3 for new pipe	1.0	3.0	1.5	3.0	1.0	1.4		1.0	1.0	0.2	1.0(1)	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.5	1.0	
Iron (as Fe)	1 mg/l	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	1.0		0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3(2)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.2	
Manganese (as Mn)	0.5 mg/l	0.05	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1			0.1	0.05	0.1	0.05(2)	0.3	0.05	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	
Zinc (as Zn)	15 mg/l	5.0	1.0	15.0	15.0		5.0	15.0	2.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	5.0(2)	15.0	5.0	1.0	5.0	15.0	15.0		
Magnesium (as Mg)	150 mg/l	30 or up to 125 if 250 mg/l SO ₄		150	150			150				50		125	150		150	125	150	125	
Sulfate (as SO ₄)	400 mg/l	250		400	400	600	500	400	240	150	25/250	250	Being studied	250	500	200	250	250	400	250	
Phenolic compounds (as phenol) (mg/l)		.001	.005	.002	.002	.002		.002		17.0		.002		.001	.002	.005	.001	.001	.001	0	
Color (platinum-cobalt scale)	50 units		5°			50	20	50	20		10	15		20	15	2	15	20			
Turbidity (T.U.)	25 T.U.		2°			30 T.U.	1.5 mg/l silica scale	25 T.U.	3 mg/l silica scale			30 T.U.	1-5 T.U.(1)	5	5	2	5	5			
Taste	Should be unobjec- tionable		not to be ab- normal			not ob- jec- tionable	2 units	not ob- jec- tionable						not ob- jec- tionable	not ob- jec- tionable	none	not ob- jec- tionable				
Odor	"		"			"	"	"	3°			2		"	2 T.U.	none	"				
Arsenic (as As)	.05 mg/l	0.05	0.05	0.2	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.05	.01/.05	0.05	0.05(1)	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05		0.2	0.05	
Cadmium (as Cd)	.01 mg/l	0.01	0.01		0.01	0.05		0.01	0.005		0.01	0.05	0.01(1)		0.01		0.05		0.01		
Cyanide (as Cn)	.05 mg/l	0.05	0	0.01	0.05	0.20		0.05	0.05		.01/.2	0.01	0.01(2)	0.2	0.2		0.2		0.01		
Lead (as Pb)	0.1 mg/l	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.05	0.04	0.1	.02/.05	0.10	0.05(1)	0.05	0.05	0.1	0.05	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Mercury (as Hg)	0.01 mg/l		0		.001			0.01	.004		.001/.005		.002(1)				.002				
Selenium (as Se)	.01 mg/l	0.01		0.05	0.01	0.05	.002	0.01	.008		.01/.05	0.05	0.01(1)	0.01	0.01		0.01		0.05	0.05	
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	.0002 mg/l	.0002			.0002				.00025												
Chromium	0.05 mg/l	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05		0.05	0.05		0.02	0.05	0.05(1)	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	
Barium Molybdenum Strontium Selenium	(mg/l)						.0002 3 2.0														

Coliforms

Table B-5 (cont.) -- Drinking Water Standards

BACTERIOLOGICAL STANDARDS	Total plate count		
<p>1. Water entering distribution system chlorinated or otherwise disinfected supplies - 0/100 ml. non-chlorinated supplies 1. coli 0/100 ml; coliforms 3/100 ml occasionally. 2. Water in distribution system 95% of samples in a year - 0/100 ml coliforms; 1. coli - 0/100 for all samples no sample greater than 10 coliforms/100 ml; coliforms not detectable in 100 ml of any two consecutive samples. 3. Individual or small community supplies: less than 10/100 ml coliforms 0/100 ml 1. coli in repeated samples.</p>		WHO Recommended Standards (International, 3rd Edition)	
<p>1. coli - 0/100 ml. Coliforms - 95% of samples - 0/100 ml. No sample to exceed 10/100 ml. No consecutive samples to be positive</p>		European Standards 1970 Edition	
<p>Coliforms - not to be detected</p>	100	Japan (1968)	
<p>Coliforms - 0-1,0/100 ml per month 10-100/100 ml consecutive but balanced in absence of alternative, better source 8-10/100 ml acceptable only if not in consecutive samples 10% of monthly samples not exceed 1/100 ml</p>		India (1973)	
<p>1. coli - 0/100 ml. Coliforms - 10/100 ml in any sample, but not detectable in 100 ml of any two consecutive samples or more than 50% of samples collected for the year.</p>		India Revised (1975)	
<p>Re-sampled and found supplies: 0/100 ml coliforms - classified as excellent or excellent 1-1/100 ml coliforms - classified as satisfactory 1-10/100 ml coliforms - classified as acceptable 10/100 ml coliforms - classified as unsatisfactory one or more 1. coli/100 ml classified as unsatisfactory. Other supplies: WHO standards to be used etc.</p>		Zimbabwe (Temporary 1975)	
<p>Coliforms not more than 3/litre on membrane filters 1. coli 1/litre with certified media not less than 300</p>	100/ml	WHO 1973 (Chart 2074-73)	
<p>Feecal coli - 0/100 ml Coliforms - not more than 8/100 ml</p>	1000/ml	Zanzibar (1974)	
<p>For systems serving at least 50,000 people - coli titre not lower than 200 (coli index 10/1) For systems serving less than 50,000 people - coli titre not lower than 90 (coli index 10/2)</p>	25/ml	Poland	
		Sweden (1969)	
		Belgium (except in Switzerland Germany)	
<p>Coliforms shall not be present in (a) more than 60% of the portions in any month; (b) five portions in more than one sample when less than five are examined/month; or (c) five portions in more than 10% of the samples when five or more samples examined/month.</p>		USA 1975 Zoharim (1) USA 1968 (2)	
<p>Coliforms - 8.8/100 ml 1. coli - 0/100 ml</p>	300/ml	Switzerland	
<p>Coliforms - acceptable - at least 85% of the samples in any 30-day period to be negative. None of samples positive should have CF greater than 2/100 ml. Maximum permissible - at least 95% of samples in any 30-day period to be negative. None of the positive samples should have CF greater than 10/100 ml.</p>		Canada	
		Zaire	
<p>Coliforms - 0/100 ml in at least 95% of samples for the year. No sample to contain more than 10/100 ml. Coliforms not to be detected in any two consecutive 100 ml samples. Feecal coliforms - 0/100 ml</p>		Australia - Criteria	
<p>Coliforms 0/100 ml if present in two consecutive 100 ml samples, gives grounds for rejection of supply.</p>		Cuba	
<p>Coliforms - not more than 10% of 10 ml portions examined shall be positive in any month. Three or more positive 10 ml portions shall not be allowed in two consecutive months; in more than one sample per month when less than 20 samples examined; or in more than 5% of the samples when 20 are examined per month.</p>		Philippines (1963)	
<p>1. coli - 0/100 ml Feecal coliforms - 0/100 ml</p>		France	

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations - 1975

World Health Organization Standards

International

1958

1963

1971

- (a) The presence of barium, beryllium, cobalt, molybdenum, nitroloacetate, thiocyanate, tin, uranium, and vanadium in drinking water should be controlled.
- (b) Care should be taken to ensure that chemicals, especially new chemicals, used in water treatment do not entail a toxicity hazard.
- (c) Attention should be paid to the possible presence of pesticide residues in water supplies.

European

1961

Attention should be paid to the concentration of synthetic ,
detergents in piped supplies of drinking water.

1970

- (a) The presence of mercury, tin, vanadium, beryllium, molybdenum, silver, uranium, and thiocyanate in drinking water should be controlled.
 - (b) See item (b) under 1971 International Standards above.
 - (c) See item (c) under 1971 International Standards above.
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Fluoride Standards

The recommended control limits for fluoride in the 1962 USPHS, 1975 USEPA, 1970 European, and 1971 International Standards vary with the average maximum temperature in the area. All the fluoride standards are based on those recommended in the 1962 USPHS Standards. These are presented in (the table below).

Annual average of maximum daily air temperatures ^a		Recommended control limits Fluoride concentrations in mg/l		
		Lower	Optimum	Upper
Degrees Celsius	Degrees Fahrenheit			
10.0-12.0 ^b	50.0-53.7 ^b	0.9	1.2	1.7
12.1-14.6	53.8-58.3	0.8	1.1	1.5
14.7-17.6	58.4-63.8	0.8	1.0	1.3
17.7-21.4	63.9-70.6	0.8	0.9	1.2
21.5-26.2	70.7-79.2	0.7	0.8	1.0
26.3-32.5	79.3-90.5	0.6	0.7	0.8

^aAll except the 1975 EPA Regulations specify that this should be based on temperature data obtained over a minimum of 5 years.

^bNo lower limit in this temperature range in the 1975 EPA Regulations.

The 1962 USPHS Standards state that the presence of fluoride in average concentrations greater than two times the optimum values in the above table constitute grounds for the rejection of the supply.

The 1975 EPA Regulations only specify maximum permissible levels for fluoride, these are also two times the optimum values in the above table.

The 1970 European and 1971 International Standards only specify the lower and upper control limits in the above table.

Frequency of Physical and Chemical Examination

U.S. Treasury Department Standards - 1914

-none-

U.S. Public Health Service Standards

1925

Ordinarily, sample evidence that the water is acceptable in appearance, taste and odor will be sufficient; and detailed analysis will be required only when there is some presumption of unfitness by reason of physical or chemical characteristics.

1943

- (a) Ordinarily, analytical evidence that the water satisfies the physical standards (see Table 1), and the standards for lead, fluoride, arsenic and selenium (see Table 1); and simple evidence that it is acceptable for taste and odor will be sufficient.
- (b) Ordinarily, analysis for these substances need be made only semi-annually, unless there is some presumption of unfitness because of these elements, in which case examinations for these should be more frequent.

1946

- (a) Same as item (a) above with the addition of hexavalent chromium to the list of chemicals.
- (b) See item (b) above.
- (c) In cases where such substances are not likely to be present in the water supplies, semi-annual examinations may be unnecessary.

1962

The frequency and manner of sampling shall be determined by the Reporting Agency and the Certifying Authority.

Normally, samples from representative points in the distribution system should be examined for physical characteristics (see Table 1) one or more times a week.

Normally, analysis for chemical substances (see Table 1) need be made only semiannually unless there is some presumption of unfitness because of the presence of undesirable substances, in which case determinations for the substance should be more frequent, and an exhaustive sanitary survey should be made to determine the source of pollution.

Where the concentration of a substance is not expected to increase in processing and distribution, compliance of the source water with the standards may be sufficient.

In cases where certain substances are likely to be consistently absent from a water supply, or below levels of concern, semiannual examination for these may be omitted.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations - 1975

Turbidity:

Samples from representative entry points to the distribution system shall be analyzed for turbidity at least once a day.

(A) Sampling and analysis for inorganic chemicals:

Community water systems using surface water sources - at yearly intervals

Community water systems using only ground water sources - at three-year intervals.

Non-community water systems (for nitrate only*) - frequency determined by State.

(B) Sampling and analysis for organic chemicals:

Community water systems using surface water sources - frequency determined by State in no event less than at three-year intervals.

Community water systems using only ground water sources - frequency determined by State.

In addition, there are requirements for record maintenance and routine reports to the State of the results of analyses. Specific requirements regarding resampling and notification of the public and State, in the event that a maximum contaminant level is exceeded, are also laid down. These have been omitted here to maintain brevity.

Table B-6 -- W.H.O. Standards: Frequency of Chemical and Physical Examination

Type	Minimum Frequency				
	International			European	
	1958	1963	1971	1961	1970
(1) Examination for toxic substances (see Table 1)	once every 3 months	once every 3 months	once every year	once every year	once every year
(2) Complete chemical examination:					
(a) if < 50,000 inhabitants served	once every 3 months	once every 3 months	once a year	once a year	once a year
(b) if = 50,000 inhabitants served	twice a year	twice a year	once a year	once a year	once a year
(3) Short chemical examination*:					
(a) if < 50,000 inhabitants served	-	-	once a month	once a month	once a month
(b) if = 50,000 inhabitants served	-	-	twice a year	twice a year	twice a year
All 5 sets of standards recommend:	<p>a) The frequency of examinations for toxic substances should be increased when subtolerance levels are known to be present in the source of supply, or such potential pollution exists.</p> <p>b) More frequent examination may be required for control of water treatment processes.</p> <p>c) For new or proposed sources frequent examination for toxic substances and general chemical analysis will be required, depending on local conditions.</p>				

*examination for: appearance, color, odor, taste, temperature, methyl orange alkalinity, oxidizability, ammonia, nitrite, chloride, and free and total residual chlorine in chlorinated water.

Sampling Schedules for Radiological Examination

U.S. Public Health Service Standards - 1962^a

The frequency of sampling and analysis for radioactivity shall be determined by the Reporting Agency and Certifying Authority after consideration of the likelihood of significant amounts being present.

Quarterly samples composited over a period of three months are recommended when concentrations of Ra²²⁶ or SR⁹⁰ may vary considerably. Samples for determination of gross activity should be taken and analyzed more frequently.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations - 1975

The regulations regarding monitoring frequency are extensive; some of the more important requirements are summarized below.

Monitoring frequency for gross alpha particle activity, radium-226 and radium-228:

At least once every 4 years following procedures prescribed in the Regulations. When ordered by the State, more frequent monitoring shall be conducted in the vicinity of operations which may contribute alpha particle radioactivity to either ground or surface water sources, or if other processes may increase the concentration of radioactivity in finished water.

Monitoring frequency for man-made radioactivity:

At least every 4 years for surface water, following procedures presented in the Regulations. At the discretion of the State, supplies using only ground water may be required to monitor man-made radioactivity. Source waters contaminated by effluent from nuclear facilities shall be monitored quarterly for gross beta particle and iodine-131 radioactivity, and annually for strontium-90 and tritium. Procedures for these are specified in the Regulations.

Specific requirements regarding resampling and notification of the public and the State, in the event that a maximum contaminant level is exceeded, are also laid down.

^aUSPHS Standards prior to 1962 do not mention radioactivity.

World Health Organization

A. International Standards

1958

Samples should be collected at consumers' taps, sources of supply, and relevant points throughout the system. Frequency of sampling is not mentioned.

1963

Samples from consumers' taps, sources of supply, and relevant points throughout the system should be collected and examined as frequently as possible.

Daily sampling is recommended for detection of gross beta concentration.

Samples should be collected daily, or less frequently if necessary, for the determination of Sr⁹⁰ or Ra²²⁶ activity; these samples may be composited over a period no longer than three months before examination.

1971

The frequency of sampling and choice of methods used should take into account the fluctuation of observed activity levels of radionuclides in the water, the vicinity of major sources of radiopollution, and the risk of contamination.

Where it is suggested that tritium (³H) from effluents or fall out may be present in the water, examinations for this radionuclide should be carried out.

B. European Standards

1961

Samples both from sources of supply and distribution system should be collected.

Recommended frequency of sampling is same as that for chemical examination.

1970

See 1971 International Standards.