

Regulation amending the Regulation respecting the quality of drinking water

The Regulation respecting the quality of drinking water came into effect on June 28, 2001. It establishes standards that are amongst the most stringent in North America and positions Québec as a leader in drinking water quality control.

To facilitate use of the Regulation, certain modifications were proposed and the public was invited to submit comments regarding the proposed changes. The Regulation modifying the Regulation respecting the quality of drinking water came into effect on March 27, 2002.

Summary of Modifications:

Section 11: Instead of requiring a minimal frequency for bacterial analysis of 8 times per month for municipal, private, institutional and tourist systems serving between 21 and 8000 persons, the Regulation to amend the Regulation Respecting the Quality of Drinking Water lowers this frequency to 2 times per month for the category of 21 to 1000 persons and maintains 8 times per month for the category of 1001 to 8000 persons.

Section 53: Instead of requiring the implementation of filtration equipment for surface waters by June 28, 2002, the Regulation to amend the Regulation Respecting the Quality of Drinking Water requires transmission to the Minister, no later than June 28 2002, a statement of solutions to be implemented for surface water filtration. The Regulation sets as deadlines: June 28, 2005 for systems serving less than 50 000 persons and June 28, 2007 for systems serving 50 000 persons or more.

Section 55: Instead of requiring the recognition of operator competence no later than June 28, 2002, the Regulation to amend the Regulation Respecting the Quality of Drinking Water sets the deadline to June 28, 2004.