

(3) Be included with the water bills of the water system as follows so long as the violation, variance, or exemption continues:

(i) If the water bills of the public water system are issued more often than once every 3 months, the notice shall be included in at least 1 water bill of the system for each customer every 3 months; or

(ii) If the system issues its water bills less often than once every 3 months, the notice shall be included in every water bill issued by the system for each customer]

(2) BE PROVIDED TO THE PERSONS SERVED BY THE WATER SYSTEM;

(3) BE ISSUED IN A TIMELY MANNER BY MEANS OF RADIO, TELEVISION, NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, WRITTEN NOTICE, OR OTHER MEANS ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(4) BE IN A FORM READILY UNDERSTANDABLE BY THE AFFECTED POPULATION.

(c) (1) By rule or regulation, the Secretary [may] SHALL adopt notice requirements [alternative] to MEET [those in] THE REQUIREMENTS OF this section.

(2) THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL ESTABLISH NOTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES THAT INCLUDE THE MANNER, FREQUENCY, FORM, AND CONTENT OF THE NOTICES.

(D) FOR VIOLATIONS WITH THE POTENTIAL TO HAVE SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECTS ON HUMAN HEALTH AS A RESULT OF SHORT-TERM EXPOSURE, THE SUPPLIER OF WATER SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, BUT NOT LATER THAN 24 HOURS AFTER THE OCCURRENCE OF THE VIOLATION.

(E) FOR VIOLATIONS OTHER THAN THE VIOLATIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE SUPPLIER OF WATER SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH PERSON SERVED BY THE SYSTEM IN AN ANNUAL REPORT, OR BY MAIL NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE VIOLATION.

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(a) A supplier of water may not:

(1) Fail to comply with § 9-410 of this subtitle;

(2) Disseminate any false or misleading information in or about any notice required under § 9-410 of this subtitle or about any remedial action being undertaken to achieve compliance with State primary drinking water regulations;

(3) KNOWINGLY MAKE ANY FALSE STATEMENT, REPRESENTATION, OR CERTIFICATION IN ANY APPLICATION, RECORD, REPORT, PLAN, OR OTHER DOCUMENT FILED OR PERMIT ADOPTED OR ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

[(3)](4) Fail to comply with the rules and regulations adopted under § 9-407 of this subtitle; or