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Subject: Changes to water supply rule.

Hello Everyone,

We wanted to let you know that <u>Vermont's Water Supply Rule, Chapter 21</u> has been updated.

The current rule reads as follows: 7.3.1 Public water systems which add fluoride to drinking water for dental health purposes, in addition to complying with the maximum contaminant levels established in Subchapter 21-6, shall control the level of fluoride in accordance with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

<u>Current CDC guidelines</u> state that: Since water systems tend to favor an operating strategy that has a lower feed rate, or the rate at which product is added, CDC recommends an asymmetrical operational control range of 0.6 mg/L to 1.0 mg/L in order for public water systems to consistently meet the recommended concentration of 0.7 mg/L.

Vermont has been following these recommendations (i.e., operational control range of 0.6 to 1.0 mg/L with a target of 0.70 mg/L), there is no change to the operational control range or target value; we just wanted to let you know that the updated rule is now consistent with the CDC guidelines. Please review the fluoridation information (pg. 57) at this

link: <u>https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/documents/WSR%2024%20Feb%202024%</u> 20Rev.pdf Also, as a reminder, the <u>Fluoride Learning Online</u> (FLO) course is eligible for four free continuing education credits through the <u>VT Rural Water Association</u>. The FLO course consists of 4 modules; each module is approved for 1 training contact hours (TCH) TCH, for a total of 4 TCHs. This training is free as is offered by the CDC.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need any fluoridation equipment or supplies. We can also help with technical assistance through Aquaterra. Thank you for all that you do.

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