

Public Notification Regulations Update

Beginning in February 2006, DEP began revising the public notification regulations. The revisions strengthen the public notice requirements for imminent threat violations and situations (also known as Tier 1). The revisions:

- Enhance the planning requirements of both the Operation and Maintenance Plan and the Emergency Response Plan sections that relate to public notification.
- Revise the delivery requirements for Tier 1 public notices for community water systems.
- Provide a few more examples of those situations that need to be reported to the Department within 1 hour of discovery.

DEP published the final regulations in the *Pa Bulletin* on May 9, 2009. DEP has posted a copy of the final rulemaking (Annex A) on our public notification website. To find this public notification web page, go to the main DEP home page at: <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/dep/site/default.asp>

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Status of PN Revisions:

The following table lists the regulatory schedule. The final rulemaking package contains a 12-month compliance period so that water suppliers can plan and budget for implementing the new Tier 1 PN direct delivery requirements. All other revisions are effective May 9, 2009.

PN Revisions Regulatory Schedule	
Activity	Date
EQB approved final rulemaking package	December 16, 2008
Published final rulemaking in <i>PA Bulletin</i>	May 9, 2009
New Tier 1 PN direct delivery requirements under 109.408(d) become effective	May 10, 2010