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SUMMARY

- Requires the Ohio EPA Director to adopt rules allowing a public water system to use point-of-use and point-of-entry treatment devices to achieve compliance with any maximum contaminant level.
- Authorizes the Ohio EPA Director to impose conditions on public water systems that use point-of-use or point-of-entry treatment devices to protect public health and safety.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Point-of-use and point-of-entry treatment device authorization

The bill requires the Ohio EPA Director, in a manner consistent with federal law, to adopt rules allowing public water systems to use point-of-use and point-of-entry treatment devices to reduce any contaminant to achieve compliance with a maximum contaminant level (MCL) established under law.¹ A maximum contaminant level is the maximum permissible level of a contaminant in water which is delivered to any user of a public water system.² Under current law, a public water system may not use point-of-use or point-of-entry treatment devices to achieve compliance with a MCL, except to achieve compliance with the MCL for arsenic under certain circumstances.³

A public water system is a system that does either of the following:

1. Provides water for human consumption to at least 15 service connections; or

¹ R.C. 6109.041.

² Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) 3745-81-01(M)(2). See O.A.C. 3745-81-11, 3745-81-12, and 3745-81-15 for current MCLs.

³ O.A.C. 3745-81-19.

2. Provides water for human consumption and regularly serves an average of at least 25 people daily for at least 60 days out of a year.⁴

According to the Ohio EPA, public water systems range in size from large municipal corporations to small churches and restaurants relying on a single well.⁵

A point-of-entry treatment device is a device applied to the drinking water entering a house or building to reduce the contaminants in water distributed through the house or building. A point-of-use treatment device is a device applied to a single tap used for reducing contaminants in drinking water at the tap.⁶

The bill also authorizes the Ohio EPA Director to impose conditions on a public water system that uses point-of-use or point-of-entry treatment devices to protect public health and safety.⁷

HISTORY

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⁴ O.A.C. 3745-81-01(P)(12).

⁵ [Understanding Public Water Systems](#), available on Ohio EPA's web site: epa.ohio.gov, by selecting "Drinking & Ground Waters" under "Our Divisions" and then selecting "About DDAGW" and then selecting "Understanding Public Water Systems."

⁶ O.A.C. 3745-81-01(P)(6) and (P)(7).

⁷ R.C. 6109.041.