CHAPTER 626. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

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SUBCHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

252:626-1-1. Purpose

(a) Implement and enforce the "Oklahoma Water Supply Systems Act", 27A O.S. § 2-6-301 *et seq.*
(b) This chapter applies to any person or entity that constructs or modifies a public water supply distribution system or water supply system and sets the permit and construction standards for all public water supply systems. This chapter does not apply to individual water systems, except the fees for individual well inspections are included in OAC 252:626-3-10. The design criteria in this chapter are set at a minimum and will be considered as such by the DEQ. These standards do not prevent the consulting engineer from recommending or the DEQ from approving more effective treatment where local conditions dictate. Other rules govern public water supply systems, including OAC 252:606, 624, 631, 633, 641, 710, and other appropriate local, state and federal regulations.

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252:626-1-2. Definitions

Terms have the meaning assigned in the Environmental Quality Code. The following words or terms, when used in this Chapter, have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"25-year flood" means a flood event that has a 4 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in magnitude in any given year.

"100-year flood" means a flood event that has a 1 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in magnitude in any given year.

"ANSI" means the American National Standards institute.

"APHA" means the American Public Health Association.

"API" means the American Petroleum Institute.

"Approvable", "Approve", "Approved" mean a submission to the DEQ that shall be considered a final submission, all preliminary discussions between the DEQ and the permittee regarding the requirements of a submission shall be concluded prior to the submission, so that the submission shall be deemed complete as submitted.

"ASTM" means the American Society for Testing Materials.

"AWWA" means the American Water Works Association.

"Board" means the Environmental Quality Board.

"Calculated dose" means the RED calculated using the dose-monitoring equation that was developed through validation testing.

"Cartridge filter" means a filter that is manufactured by placing a flat sheet membrane media between a feed and filtrate support layer and plating the assembly to increase the membrane surface area within the cartridge. The pleat pack assembly is then placed around a center core with a corresponding outer case and subsequently sealed, via adhesive or thermal means, into its cartridge configuration.

"Certified waterworks operator" means an operator licensed by the State of Oklahoma pursuant to OAC 252:710.

"CFR" means Code of Federal Regulation.

"Challenge test" means a study conducted to determine the removal efficiency (i.e. log removal value [LRV]) of a membrane material for a particular organism, particulate or surrogate.

"Clean-in place (CIP)" means the periodic application of a chemical solution or series of solutions to a membrane unit for the intended purpose of removing accumulated foulants and restoring permeability and resistance to baseline levels, commonly used for in-situ chemical cleaning.

"Combined distribution system" means the interconnected distribution system consisting of the distribution systems of wholesale systems and of the consecutive systems that receive finished water.

"Consecutive system" means a public water supply system that receives some or all of its finished water from one or more wholesale systems. Delivery may be through a direct connection or through the distribution system of one or more consecutive systems.

"Council" means the Water Quality Management Advisory Council.

"CT" means the product of "residual disinfectant concentration" (C) in mg/l, and the corresponding "disinfectant contact time" (T) in minutes, i.e., "C" x "T". CT requirements for a variety of disinfectants and conditions appear in the EPA Guidance Manual to the Surface Water Treatment Rule.

"CT Value" means the product of disinfectant residual and disinfectant CT. The required amount of CT needed is contained in the EPA Guidance Manual to the Surface Water Treatment Rule.

"DEQ" means the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

"Design-build" means a project delivery method in which one entity works under a single contract with the project owner to provide design and construction services.

"Design package" means a submittal to DEQ for an approvable design-build flexible construction permitting process. The number and scope of design packages is defined and set in the approved engineering report with the last design package encompassing the final and completed 100% project design.

"Differential pressure" means a pressure drop across a membrane module or unit from the feed inlet to concentrate outlet, as distinguished from transmembrane pressure (TMP), which represents the pressure from across the membrane barrier.

"Direct integrity testing" means a physical test applied to a membrane unit in order to identify and/or isolate an integrity breach.

"Director" or **"Executive Director"** means the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

"Effective size" means from a particle-size distribution curve, it is the diameter where 10% of the material is finer.

"Element" means a term used to describe an encased spiral-wound membrane module and is synonymous with the terms module and cartridge.

"Engineer" means a professional engineer licensed to practice engineering in Oklahoma.

"ETV" means the EPA's Environmental Technical Verification Program.

"EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

"FDA" means the United States Food and Drug Administration.

"Flexible permitting process" means construction permitting for a design-build project that is approved to start construction with multiple design packages, noting that an approved DEQ construction permit is required before construction or modification of a public water supply system begins. Construction is limited to the scope of the approved design package(s).

"Flood Plain" means the flood way and a zone of floodwater storage where water moves slowly or is ponded, thus attenuating the flood peak as the flood waters move downstream.

"Flood way" means the part of the flood plain considered to be the zone of highest hazard and the zone to be reserved for the passage of larger floods.

"Flux" means the throughput of a pressure-driven membrane filtration system expressed in terms of flow per unit of membrane area.

"GWUDI" means groundwater under the direct influence of surface water.

"Hydraulic analysis" means the study of the water system network, evaluating water flows within the distribution system under prescribed conditions, such as peak hourly flow plus fire flow when required. Hydraulic analysis includes consideration of all factors affecting system energy losses.

"Indirect integrity monitoring" means the monitoring of an aspect of filtered water quality, such as turbidity, that is indicative of the removal of particulate matter at a frequency of no less than once every fifteen (15) minutes.

"Individual water system" means a water system serving only one single-family residence.

"Iron and manganese control" means the treatment process designed specifically for the treatment or removal of iron and manganese.

"Membrane unit" means a group of membrane modules that share common valving which allows the unit to be isolated from the rest of the system for the purpose of integrity testing or other maintenance, synonymous with the terms rack, skid and train.

"Minor public water supply system" means a water system not included in the public water supply system definition. Minor public water supply systems are regulated by OAC 252:624.

"Multi-family dwelling" means a single structure designed and suitable for use of several or many families.

"Municipal system" means public water supply distribution systems constructed, operated, and maintained by a municipality or trust for the benefit of such municipality.

"mm" means millimeter

"nm" means nanometer.

"NSF" means the National Sanitation Foundation.

"OAC" means the Oklahoma Administrative Code.

"O.S." means the Oklahoma Statutes.

"OWRB" means the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

"Package treatment plant" means plants that are pre-manufactured used to treat water that do not meet conventional standards for flocculation and sedimentation.

"Plan documents" means reports, proposals, preliminary plans, survey and basis of design data, general and detail construction plans, profiles, specifications, and all other information pertaining to water supply planning.

"Pitless unit" means an assembly which extends the upper end of the well casing to above grade to prevent the entrance of contaminants into the well or potable water supply, to conduct water from the well, to protect the water from freezing or extremes of temperature and to provide fill access to the well and to parts within the well.

"psi" means pounds per square inch.

"Public Water Supply (PWS) system" means any system providing water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances, if such system has at least fifteen (15) service connections or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five (25) individuals daily at least sixty (60) days per year, whether receiving payment for same or not. Multi-family dwellings, mobile home parks, recreational vehicle (RV) parks, and correctional facilities, which are constructed, inspected and maintained under a State or locally approved plumbing code, purchase water from a permitted water system, do not provide treatment, and do not resell water, are not classified as a Public Water Supply system. The following are the categories of Public Water Supply systems:

(A) **"Community water system"** means any PWS system that serves at least fifteen (15) service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least twenty-five (25) year-round residents.

(B) **"Non-community water system"** means any PWS system that serves an average of at least twenty-five (25) individuals at least sixty (60) days per year but is neither a community water system nor a non-transient non-community water system.

(C) **"Non-transient non-community (NTNC) water system"** means any PWS system that is not a community water system and that regularly serves at least twenty-five (25) of the same persons over six (6) months per year.

"Purchase water system" means any system, which purchases all of its water through a master meter and provides that water to the public.

"Reduced pressure zone, backflow preventer" means a device designed to prevent backflow consisting of two spring loaded check valves with an intermediate reduced pressure zone that drains to the atmosphere by a relief valve, with a reduced pressure maintained in the intermediate zone by means of a pressure differential valve.

"Reduction Equivalent Dose (RED)" means the UV dose derived by entering the log inactivation measured during full-scale reactor testing into the UV dose-response curve that was derived through collimated beam testing. RED values are always specific to the challenge microorganism used during experimental testing and the validation test conditions for full-scale reactor testing.

"Required Dose" means the UV dose in units of mJ/cm^2 needed to achieve the target log inactivation for the target pathogen.

"Residuals" means the sludge generated by a drinking water treatment facility.

"Rip rap" means a permanent, erosion resistant ground cover that consists of hard, sound durable stones, which average in weight between thirty pounds (30 lbs.) to fifty pounds (50 lbs.), with no more than

twenty percent (20%) weighing less than twenty pounds (20 lbs).

"Rural water system" means a water system designed to provide domestic water service to an area having its major part outside of an incorporated community. This system may be organized as a trust authority, a rural water district, or non-profit water corporation.

"Silt density index (SDI)" means the ASTM, standard D 4189-95, *Standard Test Method for Silt Density Index of Water.* Measurements are taken by filtering a water sample through a 0.45mm flat sheet filter with a 47mm diameter at a pressure of 30 psi. The time required to collect two samples at 500 ml each is measured and the resulting data is imputed into a formula.

"Solids contact unit" means a combination rapid mix, floc-aggregation, and upflow sedimentation basin constructed in either a round or square configuration.

"Standard methods for the examination of water and wastewater" means the approval methods developed by the APHA, the AWWA and the Water Environmental Federation. The current standard methods are contained in the 20th Edition, published by the AWWA.

"Sufficiency certification" means to provide assurance that the integrity and capacity of an existing system will not or have not been compromised.

"Transmembrane pressure (TMP)" means the pressure drop across the membrane barrier.

"UL" means the Underwriters Laboratory.

"Uniformity coefficient" means from a particle-size distribution curve it is, the ratio of the 60 percent grain size to the 10 percent grain size.

"U.S.C." means United States Code.

"UV" means ultra violet.

"UV absorbance" means a measure of the amount of UV light that is absorbed by a substance at a specific wavelength, across a specified pathlength of substance. This measurement accounts for absorption and scattering in the medium. Standard Method 5910B details this measurement method, however, for drinking water applications, samples need not be filtered or adjusted for pH or longer pathlength cuvettes, 4 cm to 5 cm should be used instead of 1 cm cuvette.

"UV dose" means the UV energy per unit area incident on a surface, typically reported in units of mJ/cm^2 or J/m^2. The UV dose received by a waterborne microorganism in a reactor vessel accounts for the effects on UV intensity of the absorbance of the water, absorbance of the quartz sleeves, reflection and refraction of light from the water surface and reactor walls, and the germicidal effectiveness of the UV wavelengths transmitted.

"UV dose distribution" means the probability distribution of UV doses that microorganisms receive in a flow-through UV reactor, typically shown in a histogram.

"UV inactivation" means a process by which a microorganism is rendered unable to reproduce, thereby unable to infect a host.

"UV intensity" means the power passing through a unit area perpendicular to the direction of propagation. UV intensity is used in the UV Disinfection Guidance Manual (UVDGM) to describe the magnitude of UV light measured by UV sensors in a reactor and with a radiometer in bench-scale UV experiments.

"UV lamp sleeve" means the quartz tube that houses the UV lamp. The exterior of the lamp sleeve is in direct contact with the water being treated. There is typically an air gap (approx. 1 cm) between the lamp envelope and quartz sleeve.

"UV low-pressure lamp" means a mercury-vapor lamp that operated at an internal pressure of 0.13 to 1.3 Pa ($2X10$ to $2X10^{-4}$ psi) and electrical input 0.5 watts per centimeter (W/cm). This results in essentially monochromatic light output at 254 nm.

"UV low-pressure high-output lamp" means a low-pressure mercury-vapor lamp that operates under increased electrical input (1.5 to 10 W/cm), resulting in a higher UV intensity than low-pressure lamps. This results in essentially monochromatic light output at 254 nm.

"UV medium-pressure lamp" means a mercury-vapor lamp that operates at an internal pressure of 1.3 to 13,000 Pa (2 to 200 psi) and electrical input of 50 to 150 W/cm. This results in a polychromatic (or broad spectrum) output of UV and visible light at multiple wavelengths, including wavelengths in the germicidal range.

"UV off-line chemical clean" means a process to clean lamp sleeves where the UV reactor is taken off-line and a cleaning solution (typically weak acid) is sprayed into the reactor through a service port.

"UV off specification" means a UV facility that is operating outside of the validated operating conditions (e.g. at a flow rate higher than the validated range or UVT below the validated range).

"UV on-line mechanical clean" means a process to clean lamp sleeves where an automatic mechanical wiper (e.g. o-ring) wipes the surface of the lamp sleeve at a prescribed frequency.

"UV on-line mechanical-chemical clean" means a process to clean lamp sleeves where an automatic mechanical wiper (e.g. o-ring) with a chemical solution located within the cleaning mechanism wipes the surface of the lamp sleeve at a prescribed frequency.

"UV sensor" means a photosensitive detector used to measure the UV intensity at a point within the UV reactor that converts the signal to units of milliamps (mA).

"UV transmittance (UVT)" means a measure of the fraction of incident light transmitted through a material. The UV transmittance is usually reported for a wavelength of 254 nm and a pathlength of 1 cm. If an alternate pathlength is used, it shall be specified or converted to units of cm^{-1}. UV transmittance is often represented as a percentage and is related to the UV absorbance(A254) by the following equation (for a 1 cm path length): % UV transmittance=$100X10^{-A}$ where A is UV absorbance.

"Validated dose" means means the UV dose in units of mJ/cm^2 delivered by the UV reactor is determined through validation testing. The validated dose is compared to the required dose to determine log inactivation credit.

"Water line extension" means an extension of an existing permitted water distribution line.

"WEF" means the Water Environmental Federation, formerly known as the WPCF.

"Wholesale system" means a public water supply system that treats source water as necessary to produce finished water and then delivers finished water to another public water supply system. Delivery may be through a direct connection or through the distribution system of one or more consecutive systems.

"WQA" means the Water Quality Association.

"WTP" means Water Treatment Plant.

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SUBCHAPTER 3. PERMIT PROCEDURES

252:626-3-1. General

(a) This subchapter implements the Uniform Permitting Act, Title 27A O.S. § 2-14-101 *et seq.* and rules promulgated thereunder. A permit is required for construction or modification of a PWS system or an extension of the distribution system, except:

(1) when the municipal permitting alternative is utilized under OAC 252:626-3-4;

(2) a construction permit exception is issued by the DEQ under OAC 252:626-3-5; or

(3) minor water systems constructed according to OAC 252:624 and approved by the Environmental Complaints and Local Services (ECLS) office of the DEQ are exempt from the permitting process, contained in this chapter.

(b) Unless an extension is granted, a construction permit expires if construction does not begin within 1 year.

(c) No permit will be issued to any municipality which is the subject of an application for dissolution or which has ceased to function to the extent that it may be subject to involuntary dissolution under the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

(d) The construction permit for a PWS treatment facility will indicate its design capacity. When additional users are considered which will cause the design capacity to be exceeded, notify the DEQ and provide plans demonstrating how those additional customers will be supplied.

(e) The public water supply system shall inform the DEQ in writing at least 10 days before completion of the project.

(f) Projects funded in part or in whole under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund are also subject to OAC 252:633.

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252:626-3-2. Applications

(a) Submit legible applications on forms provided by the DEQ and include:

(1) the type of entity that is applying,

(2) the legal description,

(3) a minimum of 2 sets of plans and specifications, with at least one set of construction plans printed on 11" x 17" paper and one set of specifications loosely bound that is suitable for scanning, or alternatively submit through DEQ's electronic submission portal as authorized,

(4) a final design analysis. Provided, an authorized design-build project may use the flexible permitting process upon approval by DEQ as provided in these rules. If design-build is used, the final design package must encompass the entire completed project,

(5) all appropriate fees, and

(6) engineering report approved by the DEQ for major waterworks projects, or smaller projects utilizing non-conventional processes.

(b) Public entities other than municipalities must provide certified copies of the results of the last election or appointment of the members of the governing body. Public entities must provide a citation of legal authority to own and operate the proposed facility.

(c) Applicants other than public entities must provide copies of documents that created them and provide a citation to their statutory authority.

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252:626-3-3. Financial assurance

(a) All applicants must demonstrate they have adequate financial, technical, and managerial capacity to comply with national primary drinking water regulations and continuously maintain the facility.

(1) If the applicant is not a city, town or other public entity, the applicant must submit the following to the DEQ:

(A) expected costs for operation and maintenance, replacement and closure,

(B) continued existence and financial accountability, and

(C) assurance that provisions have been made for continued existence of the operating entity for the expected life of the facility.

(2) Continued existence may be demonstrated in one of the following fashions:

(A) the applicant may be a property owners' association or a nonprofit corporation established under the laws of the State of Oklahoma. The association must have the legal authority to own and manage the PWS system including the authority to set and collect fees from users for operation and maintenance of the system. The bylaws of the entity must contain a provision that dissolution cannot occur until the system is either closed in accordance with applicable DEQ rules or transferred to another viable operating entity. The instrument creating the association must be filed in the office of the county clerk where the property is located, or

(B) the applicant must provide proof of a sufficient amount on deposit to the credit of a trust, the powers of which are to operate and maintain the PWS system for the expected life of the facility, or

(C) other proof of financial viability, such as the issuance of a bond or insurance contract covering the operation and maintenance of the PWS system for the life of the system may be submitted to DEQ for approval;

(3) Costs for closure of the PWS system as required by law must be included in any funding plan.

(4) If the information fails to demonstrate the on-going viability of the operation, the application will be denied.

(b) Applications and un-expired permits may be transferred upon showing the transferee has legal authority and financial accountability, and that both parties agree to the transfer.

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252:626-3-4. Municipal permitting alternative

(a) Municipalities may utilize an alternate process for the construction of a PWS distribution system extension if they:

(1) adopt and enforce an ordinance requiring all PWS systems within their corporate limits to comply with applicable DEQ rules,

(2) retain an adequate number of competent full-time staff, including at least one Engineer to review, approve, sign and seal plans and specifications for PWS distribution systems extensions,

(3) have adequate inspection and enforcement staff and procedures to assure construction does not proceed before approval of or deviate from approved plans and specifications,

(4) agree to supply DEQ with a copy of all approved plans and specifications and a list of all approved projects monthly, no later than the 15th day of the month following approval. The list of projects must include the name and location of each project and the date of approval by the municipality, and

(5) received approval for the permitting alternative from the DEQ.

(b) To utilize the municipal permitting alternative, municipalities must apply on DEQ forms.

(c) This alternative may not be utilized for construction of water distribution lines larger than 12 inches in diameter or for construction funded by the State Revolving Fund.

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252:626-3-5. Individual waterline construction permit exceptions

(a) **General.** A construction permit exception is allowed under 27A O.S. § 2-6-304. The PWS must:

(1) adopt and enforce an ordinance or rule requiring all water line extensions be constructed in accordance with this Chapter,

(2) be in compliance with OAC 252:631 and 626 during the 12 months prior to the request for permit exception or document that all instances of non-compliance have been corrected,

(3) submit a separate application for each proposed exception from the permit requirement,

(4) submit an application, on DEQ forms, and the following information:

(A) a general layout sheet as described in OAC 252:626-3-7,

(B) the location of proposed extension,

(C) the diameter of proposed extension,

(D) the length of proposed extension,

(E) the maximum number of service connections allowable without adversely affecting system performance,

(F) the location of proposed fire hydrants, and

(G) a certification that the proposed design and construction meets or exceeds DEQ standards, and

(5) after construction completion, submit a sufficiency certification, on forms provided or approved by the DEQ, to the DEQ, executed by an Engineer, except in the case of a single connection rural waterline extension certification, which may be executed by a Certified waterworks operator, prior to commencement of service. Such certificate must provide assurances that the integrity and capacity of the existing system will not or have not been compromised.

(b) **Municipal PWS systems.** Municipal PWS systems may receive an exception from the requirement to obtain a construction permit. The proposed extension must not be:

(1) larger than 6 inches in diameter,

(2) longer than 1,000 feet, and

(3) for an extension to a line, which previously has been granted a permit exception.

(c) **Rural water districts.** Rural water districts may receive an exception from the requirement to obtain a construction permit under the following conditions. The proposed extensions must not be:

(1) less than 2 inches in diameter and not greater than existing line,
(2) longer than 1 mile,
(3) added to a line, which was previously granted exception, or
(4) extended through, over or under any stream, lake, pond, marsh or any existing wastewater collection lines.

(d) **Non-community systems.** Non-community systems may receive an exception from the requirement to obtain a construction permit under the following conditions:

(1) utilize only a groundwater source, require no treatment systems, and serves a single public or commercial establishment, and
(2) the proposed extension must not:
(A) be less than 2 inches in diameter and not greater than 4 inches in diameter,
(B) be longer than 1,000 feet,
(C) be added to a line, which was previously granted exception,
(D) add more than 1 connection, or
(E) be extended through, over or under any stream, lake, pond or marsh or any existing sewage or wastewater collection lines.

(e) **Cancellations of exceptions.**

(1) The DEQ may cancel an exception if the system does not comply with DEQ rules, or does not assure protection of public health and the environment.
(2) Failure to meet the terms of a granted exception may result in:
(A) cancellation or denial of future exceptions,
(B) a requirement that all future modification be subject to permit(s), or
(C) formal enforcement action(s).
(3) No exception will be terminated until the DEQ has advised the owner or operator of a proposed cancellation and the owner or operator has been given an opportunity to show compliance with exception requirements.

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252:626-3-6. Engineering report

(a) **Copies and timing.** Submit 3 copies of an approvable engineering report as required in OAC 252:626-3-2 for proposed new construction or modifications to PWS systems, or alternatively submit through DEQ's electronic submission portal, at least 30 days prior to the submission of the application for a permit to construct.

(b) **Purpose.** The purpose of the report is to present the Engineer's findings with enough attention given to detail(s) to allow adequate review of the project by the owner and applicable regulatory agencies.

(c) **Requirements.** The report must include all information necessary for a comprehensive evaluation of the proposed construction. The report must present, at a minimum, the following:

(1) **General information.** Include the following:
(A) a description of existing water works and wastewater facilities,
(B) identification of the municipality or area served,
(C) name and mailing addresses of the owner and official custodian,
(D) a statement as to whether the project will be constructed in phases. If the project is to be constructed in phases, the statement will include the number of phases necessary to complete the project and which portions of the project will be completed in each phase,
(E) a demonstration that adequate capacity, treatment and compliance with the primary drinking water standards are maintained during construction,
(F) a letter from the permittee approving the contents contained in the engineering report as submitted,
(G) a map showing legal and natural boundaries of entire service area, and
(H) a map showing new service areas or annexed areas.

(2) **Extent of water works system.** Include the following:
(A) a description of the area to be served,
(B) provisions for extending the waterworks system,

(C) establish the anticipated design average and peak flows for existing and potential industrial, commercial, institutional and other water supply needs for both the current service area and potential future service areas,

(D) a hydraulic analysis that demonstrates that a minimum of 25 psi shall be met at all times throughout the distribution system, and

(E) a site plan and schematic layout of treatment facilities.

(3) **Alternate plan.** Where feasible and practical, provide a minimum of 3 alternative solutions and discuss the alternatives, including cost estimates and reasons for selecting the one recommended.

(4) **Soil, ground water conditions, and foundation problems.** The report must include a description of the following:

(A) the character of the soil where water mains are to be laid,

(B) soil conditions, which might affect foundations of proposed structures, and

(C) the approximate elevation of ground water in relation to subsurface structures.

(5) **Water use data.** Provide the following water use data:

(A) a description of the population trends as indicated by available records, and the estimated population which will be served by the proposed water supply system or expanded system,

(B) present water consumption of existing systems and the projected average and maximum daily demands that were used as the basis of the design, and

(C) present or estimated yield of supply source(s) along with a copy of the water rights verification form and/or the purchase water contract.

(6) **Fire flow requirements.** Demonstrate that the plans meet the requirements regarding fire flows pursuant to the *International Fire Code,* published by the International Code Council, Inc., 2024 Edition, *Distribution System Requirements for Fire Protection, M31,* published by the AWWA, 4th Edition or other recommendations of similar organizations for the fire service area.

(7) **Sewer system available.** Describe the methods of disposal for sanitary and all other wastewater from the treatment plant.

(8) **Sources of water supply.** For the alternative chosen, the report must describe the proposed source or sources of water supply to be developed, the reasons for their selection, and provide information required by OAC 252:626-7 and the following:

(A) surface water sources, including:

(i) hydrological data, stream flow and weather records,

(ii) safe yield, including all factors that may affect it,

(iii) maximum flood or pool elevation,

(iv) description of watershed, noting any existing or potential sources of contamination which may affect water quality, and

(v) quality of the raw water with special reference to fluctuations.

(B) ground water sources, including:

(i) sites considered,

(ii) advantages of the site selected,

(iii) elevations with respect to surroundings,

(iv) character of formations through which the source is to be developed,

(v) geologic conditions affecting the site,

(vi) summary of exploration; test well depth and method of construction; placement of liners or screen; test pumping rates and duration; water levels and specific capacity; chemical and radiological quality of the water,

(vii) sources of possible contamination including but not limited to wastewater collection and treatment facilities, landfills, outcroppings of consolidated water-bearing formations, waste disposal wells, slush pits, irrigation wells and abandoned wells, and

(viii) industrial and other private water supply. Where pertinent, use significant ground water developments within a 1 mile radius of the proposed ground water source, giving depths, size, protective casing depth, capacity, location, type and any available information pertaining thereto.

(9) **Proposed treatment processes.** Summarize and determine the adequacy of proposed processes and unit parameters for the treatment of the water under consideration. Pilot studies may be required for innovative design. Post treatment for membrane systems shall be in accordance with OAC 252:626-9-9 (f)(6).
(10) **Residuals management.** Submit a Residuals Management Plan that discusses the wastes and volume generated by existing and proposed water treatment processes, their volume, proposed treatment of waste products, points of discharge or method of disposal or land application.
(11) **Project sites.** Address the following in the report:
(A) discussion of various sites considered and advantages of those recommended,
(B) the proximity of residences, industries, and other establishments, and
(C) any potential sources of pollution that may influence the quality of the supply or interfere with effective operation of the water works system, including but not limited to, absorption systems, septic tanks, privies, sink holes, sanitary landfills, refuse and garbage dumps.
(12) **Cost estimates.** Address the following in the report:
(A) estimated cost of integral parts of the system,
(B) detailed estimated annual cost of operation, and
(C) proposed methods to finance both capital charges and operating expenses.
(13) **Future extensions.** Summarize future needs and services.
(14) **Design-build.** Authorized design-build projects may use the flexible construction permitting process as approved in the engineering report, including:
(A) Label cover documents prominently as "Design-build"
(B) Completed attestation form from applicant certifying that project is design-build;
(C) Description of design packages, including the number (maximum of six), scope of each package, expected schedule of each package, and expected schedule of completion for major construction items;
(D) The engineering report will address the entire scope of the project at 100% completion.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Amended at 31 Ok Reg 1301, eff 9-12-14; Amended at 33 Ok Reg 1472, eff 9-15-16; Amended at 40 Ok Reg 2025, eff 9-15-23; Amended at 43 Ok Reg, Number 21, effective 9-15-26]

252:626-3-7. Plans and specifications

(a) Plans and specifications must address the entire project pursuant to the approved engineering report as required in OAC 252:626-3-2. If the applicant plans to phase construction, the approved engineering report shall contain a description of each phase of the project and the sequence of construction to ensure continuity of the system and that adequate capacity will be available for each phase.
(b) All detailed plans must be legible and drawn to a suitable scale. Plans for modifications or extensions to existing systems or plants must indicate clearly the connections or relation. Include the following:
(1) A general layout sheet that includes:
(A) title and date,
(B) name of municipality, rural water district, or other entity or person who owns the system,
(C) area or institution to be served,
(D) scale, in feet,
(E) north point,
(F) data used,
(G) boundaries of the municipality, rural water district, or area to be served,
(H) name, telephone number, and address of the designing engineer,
(I) the Engineer's seal and signature,
(J) location and size of existing water mains, and
(K) location and nature of existing water works structures and appurtenances affecting the proposed improvements.
(L) authorized design-build projects must label cover documents prominently as "Design-build" specify the design package number, and reference the approved engineering report

number.

(2) Detailed sheets that include:

(A) stream crossings with profiles of the stream bed showing the normal, high and low water levels,

(B) profile sheets with a horizontal scale of not more than 100 feet to the inch and a vertical scale of not more than 10 feet to the inch. Both scales must be clearly indicated. A smaller horizontal scale may be used for rural water distribution systems, but in no case smaller than 500 feet to the inch. Plans with contour intervals of 10 feet or less may be provided in lieu of profiles,

(C) dimensional boundaries of property intended for ground water development. Show location with respect to known references such as street intersections or section lines,

(D) topography and arrangement of existing and proposed wells or structures, with contour intervals not greater than 2 feet. Contour intervals of greater than 2 feet can be used for water line plans. Contour intervals cannot be greater than 10 feet,

(E) elevations of the highest known flood level, floor of the structure, upper terminal of protective casings and outside surrounding grade, using Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or equivalent elevations as reference,

(F) drawings of well construction, showing diameter and depth of drill holes, casing and liner diameters and depths, grouting depths, elevations and designation of geological formations, water levels and other details to describe the proposed well completely,

(G) location of all existing and potential sources of pollution within 300 feet of the raw water source and within 100 feet of underground treated water storage facilities,

(H) size, length, and identity of sewers, drains, and water mains near the proposed water works,

(I) schematic flow diagrams and hydraulic profiles showing the flow through plant units,

(J) piping in sufficient detail to show flow through the plant, including waste lines, and locations of all sampling taps,

(K) locations of all chemical feeding equipment and points of chemical application, sanitary and other facilities, including but not limited to lavatories, showers, toilets, and lockers,

(L) all appurtenances, specific structures, equipment, water treatment plant waste disposal units and points of discharge,

(M) locations, dimensions and elevations of all proposed and existing plant units,

(N) adequate description of any features not otherwise covered by the specifications,

(O) location of all valves, and

(P) location of all storage tanks, including the capacity of the tanks and top and bottom elevations.

(c) Specifications must:

(1) supply complete, detailed, technical specifications for all parts of the proposed project, including a program for keeping existing water works facilities in operation during construction of additional facilities,

(2) cover in detail materials to be used, methods of making or drilling well(s), dimensions, depth, straightness of the hole, required logs, tests, records, locations of water formations, grouting or cementing, shooting and final testing of the well(s), for ground water systems,

(3) provide supporting data regarding reliability of operation, maintenance and operator training, if automatic equipment is proposed. Provide manual override for any automatic controls;

(4) be written so that a representative of the manufacturer will check the installation and supervise initial operation of the major items of mechanical equipment and pumps,

(5) provide complete sets of all special tools and accessories required for operation and maintenance, together with parts lists, and operation and maintenance manuals for each piece of mechanical equipment, and

(6) provide for an Operation and Maintenance (O & M) Manual for the operation and maintenance of the public water supply system. The O & M Manual shall include at a minimum:

(A) System Treatment Requirements;

(B) Description, Operation and Control of the Water Treatment Plant;
(C) Control of Unit Processes;
(D) Laboratory Testing;
(E) Common Operating Problems;
(F) Start-Up Testing and Procedures;
(G) Standard Operating Procedures;
(H) Alternative and Emergency Operations;
(I) Emergency Shutdown Operations and Emergency Response;
(J) Records Control and Retention;
(K) Safety;
(L) Public Water Supply System Maintenance Records;
(M) Storeroom and Inventory System; and
(N) Utilities.

(d) File as-built plans (plans of record) which identify any changes to the DEQ approved plans and specifications and an Engineer's certification that the construction was completed according to the requirements of this Chapter within 6 months after the project is completed.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Amended at 40 Ok Reg 2025, eff 9-15-23; Amended at 43 Ok Reg, Number 21, effective 9-15-26]

252:626-3-8. Variances from construction standards

(a) The policy of DEQ is to encourage better water treatment methods and equipment, including the use of new technology. DEQ may approve processes or equipment not specifically covered by the standards in this Chapter provided the permittee requests a variance. A variance from the standards in this Chapter may be allowed, upon the request of the applicant, if the DEQ finds the variance will not increase the likelihood of a system failure. No variance will be allowed unless it is noted on the construction permit.

(b) The consulting engineer shall justify the requested variance by submitting data showing the proposed processes or equipment will equal or exceed the performance of processes or equipment known to perform the same function according to the standards contained in this Chapter. Variance requests shall include the following:

(1) monitoring observations including:
(A) test results and engineering evaluations, and
(B) data from existing installations that demonstrate the efficiency of the proposed processes or equipment;
(2) a detailed description of the test methods;
(3) other information as requested by DEQ. The DEQ may require that pilot studies and appropriate testing be conducted and evaluations be made under the supervision of a competent process engineer other than one employed by the manufacturer or developer;
(4) if required under (c) of this Section, a copy of the supplier's bond or warranty/guarantee; and
(5) if required under (d) of this Section, a copy of the bond or contract provided by the engineer.

(c) **Suppliers' bonds and warranties/guarantees.** Suppliers of processes or equipment not covered by the standards in this Chapter shall be required to post a performance bond or provide a warranty or guarantee in the event that the processes or equipment fail.

(1) **Performance bonds.** Performance bonds shall:
(A) be made payable to the permittee in an amount equal to the contract price for the installed processes or equipment plus ten percent (10%);and
(B) remain in effect for at least one (1) year after the processes or equipment are placed into operation.

(2) **Warranties/guarantees.** Warranties and guarantees shall:
(A) be made payable to the permittee in an amount equal to the contract price for the installed processes or equipment plus ten percent (10%); and
(B) remain in effect for at least one (1) year after the processes or equipment are placed into operation.

(d) **Engineers' bond or contractual agreement.** Engineers proposing processes or equipment not covered by the standards in this Chapter will be required to either:

(1) post a performance bond made payable to the permittee in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of any engineering services necessary to replace the installed processes or equipment with processes or equipment that conform with the requirements of this Chapter; or

(2) enter into a contractual agreement with the permittee wherein the engineer agrees to provide engineering services necessary to replace any failed processes or equipment with processes or equipment that conform with the requirements of this Chapter.

[**Source:** Added at 28 Ok Reg 1275, eff 7-1-11; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-3-9. Construct according to plans and specifications

Applicants must construct facilities according to the plans and specifications that are approved. Applicants must comply with the terms of the permits that are issued. Permits may contain provisions more stringent than these rules in order to meet drinking water standards contained in OAC 252:631. Any changes to the approved plans and specifications must be submitted and approved in writing by the DEQ. The permittee and the Engineer must sign the documentation.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-3-10. Permit fees

(a) Permits will not be issued until all fees are paid. Applicants may enter into a monthly billing agreement with the DEQ.

(b) Fees for water treatment facility construction permit applications are as follows:

(1) New facilities and major modifications that alter the original design or the design capacity:

(A) Non-community systems (new) - $722.00

(B) Community systems (new)

(i) less than 10 MGD - $2,910.00

(ii) 10 MGD or greater design flow - $5,825.00

(2) Modifications of existing water treatment systems:

(A) Chemical feed system (not including disinfection) - $440.00

(B) Minor modifications that will not alter the design capacity of the facility such as flow measurement, chlorine contact basins, disinfection and back-up power - $1,455.00

(C) Major modifications that alter the original design or the design capacity of the treatment plant - $2,910.00

(3) Supply facilities:

(A) Well(s) - $580.00 each (maximum $2,910.00)

(B) Storage Tanks - $440.00 each

(C) Raw water transmission lines - $440.00

(D) Chlorination (ground water system) - $440.00

(4) Distribution system improvements:

(A) Line extensions (rounded to the nearest one hundred feet (100')): $150.00 for the initial one to five hundred feet (1-500') plus $28.50 for each additional one hundred feet (100') with a maximum total line extension fee of $5,825.00.

(B) Booster station(s) - $440.00 each

(C) Municipalities that utilize the alternative permitting process described in 252:626-3-4 shall submit payment to DEQ for twenty percent (20%) of the total fee calculated in (A) and (B) of this paragraph. This fee may be paid upon submission of plans, or on a monthly or quarterly basis.

(5) Permit Exemption - $100.00

(c) REAP (Rural Economic Assistance Program) and emergency grant projects (PWS systems funded in whole by grant monies made available through the Oklahoma Water Resources Board as authorized by 82 O.S. § 1085.39) are exempt from permit fees. Projects partially funded by REAP and emergency grant

projects may be exempt from a portion of the permit fees by the percentage said funding is providing for the total cost of the project.
(d) Individual household well inspection - $200.00 each
(e) To assist in meeting rising costs to the Department for implementing the Public Water Supply Construction Standards program, the fees set out in (b) and (d) of this Section shall be automatically adjusted on July 1st every year to correspond to the percentage, if any, by which the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent calendar year exceeds the CPI for the previous calendar year. The Department may round the adjusted fees up to the nearest dollar. The Department may waive collection of an automatic increase in a given year if it determines other revenues, including appropriated state general revenue funds, have increased sufficiently to make the funds generated by the automatic adjustment unnecessary in that year. A waiver does not affect future automatic adjustments.

(1) Any automatic fee adjustment under this subsection may be averted or eliminated, or the adjustment percentage may be modified, by rule promulgated pursuant to the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act. The rulemaking process may be initiated in any manner provided by law, including a petition for rulemaking pursuant to 75 O.S. ' 305 and 252:4-5-3 by any person affected by the automatic fee adjustment.
(2) If the United States Department of Labor ceases to publish the CPI or revises the methodology or base years, no further automatic fee adjustments shall occur until a new automatic fee adjustment rule is promulgated pursuant to the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act.
(3) For purposes of this subsection, "Consumer Price Index" or "CPI" means the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers (U.S. All Items, Current Series, 1982-1984=100, CUUR0000SA0) published by the United States Department of Labor. The CPI for a calendar year is the figure denoted by the Department of Labor as the "Annual" index figure for that calendar year.

[**Source:** Amended at 24 Ok Reg 1540, eff 6-15-07; Added at 28 Ok Reg 1275, eff 7-1-11; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

SUBCHAPTER 5. GENERAL DESIGN

252:626-5-1. Plant layout

Include the following in the approvable plans:
(1) functional aspects,
(2) provisions for expansion where applicable,
(3) provisions for WTP residuals treatment and disposal,
(4) site grading and drainage,
(A) prevent surface water from standing within 50 feet of any facility,
(B) disposal of surface water without danger of flooding any facility,
(5) provisions for access roads, walks, driveways and chemical delivery and handling,
(6) provisions for containment and disposal of overflow from tanks and other facilities,
(7) provisions for cleaning of facilities and disposal of cleaning waste, and
(8) provisions for disposal of sanitary waste.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-5-2. Building layout

Include the following in the approvable plans:
(1) adequate ventilation, lighting, heating, drainage and dehumidification,
(2) accessibility of equipment for operation, servicing, and removal,
(3) flexibility and convenience of operation and operator safety,
(4) chemical storage and feed equipment in separate rooms, and
(5) adequate facilities for shop space, laboratory space, and storage.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-5-3. Flood protection

Locate all structures and mechanical and electrical equipment above the 100-year flood plain unless other protective measures are provided. Do not locate any structure in a flood way.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-5-4. Security protection

Public water supply systems shall provide the following security measures to protect water treatment plants, finished water storage facilities (which include laboratories, chemical buildings, administration buildings and storage buildings):

(1) Fencing at least six (6) feet high of galvanized steel chain link, number nine gauge with two inch or smaller diameter mesh, and posts not more than ten feet (10') separation center-to-center in post-holes at least thirty inches (30") deep, back-filled with concrete that extends two inches (2") above grade and crowned to shed water;

(2) Three-strand barbed wire shall be installed atop the fence along its entire length;

(3) Gates shall be constructed of similar material as the fence or stronger;

(4) "No Trespassing" signs shall be installed at least at fifty foot (50') intervals along the entire length of the fence and at the location of all intake structures. The signs shall contain the following information:

(A) "Tampering with a Public Water Supply is a federal crime", and

(B) "If you see a problem contact the following:

(i) Contact name,

(ii) Contact address,

(iii) Contact phone number"; and

(5) Locks shall be installed on all gates, entry doors, manholes, other access points, water wells and pumping stations. Electric gates shall be considered equivalent to locked gates.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-5-5. Standby power and elevated storage

If 24 hours of elevated distribution storage based on average daily demand is not available, provide all plants with portable or in-place internal combustion engine equipment which will generate electric power to allow continued operations, at peak hourly demand, during a power failure.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Amended at 33 Ok Reg 1472, eff 9-15-16]

252:626-5-6. Laboratory facilities

Each public water supply must have its own equipment and facilities for routine laboratory testing necessary to ensure proper operation. Provide methods for verifying adequate quality assurances and for routine calibration of the equipment.

(1) **Testing equipment.** Laboratory equipment and facilities must be compatible with the raw water source, intended use of the treatment plant and the complexity of the treatment process involved. The laboratory must have enough equipment to perform operating control tests set forth in OAC 252:631 and provide the following laboratory equipment:

(A) a pH meter, jar testing equipment, a nephelometric turbidimeter, and titration equipment for both hardness and alkalinity for surface water treatment plants utilizing flocculation and sedimentation, including those that soften the water with lime,

(B) a pH meter and titration equipment for both hardness and alkalinity for ion exchange softening plant and lime softening plant treating only ground water,

(C) for iron and manganese removal plants, test equipment capable of accurately measuring:

(i) iron to a minimum of 0.1 mg/l, and/or

(ii) manganese to a minimum of 0.05 mg/l,

(D) test equipment for determining both free and total chlorine residuals for PWS systems that chlorinate,
(E) test equipment for determining fluoride concentration for PWS systems that fluoridate or that treat or use blending for the reduction of naturally occurring fluoride, and
(F) test equipment capable of accurately measuring phosphates from 0.1 to 20 mg/l for PWS systems that feed polyphosphate or orthophosphate.

(2) **Physical facilities.** Provide sufficient bench space, adequate ventilation, lighting, storage space, laboratory sinks, and auxiliary facilities.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 31 Ok Reg 1301, eff 9-12-14]

252:626-5-7. Monitoring equipment

(a) Provide accurate and dependable flow measuring devices, equipped with totalizers, for measuring the raw and finished water flow. Make provisions for manual verification of measuring devices.
(b) For plants treating surface water, groundwater under the direct influence of surface water or using lime for softening, provide equipment to monitor and record turbidity, free chlorine residual, water temperature and pH at locations necessary to evaluate CT disinfection.
(c) for plants treating ground water using iron removal or ion exchange softeners, provide monitoring and recording equipment for free chlorine residual.
(d) For plants treating or blending water for the reduction in the concentration of nitrates, provide a test kit, used at least daily prior to the regeneration of the unit, to determine the finished water nitrate/nitrite levels.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-5-8. Sample taps

Provide for sample taps in the approvable plans:
(1) for each raw water source,
(2) from each treatment unit, including on each filter, located to obtain representative samples of unit contents,
(3) from finished water storage, and
(4) that are the smooth-nosed type without interior or exterior threads, and do not have a screen, aerator, or other such equipment.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-5-9. Facility water supply

Provide potable water to the facility in the approvable plans.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-5-10. Sanitary facilities

Provide a toilet and lavatory equipped with hot water in the approved plans. Connect or construct the wastewater system to a system either permitted or authorized pursuant to OAC 252:641 or OAC 252:656.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-5-11. Piping and conduits

(a) Design all piping and channels to carry the maximum design capacity of the treatment facility. Clearly, show the design flow characteristics on the hydraulic profile sheet of the plans.
(b) Do not place treated water lines in a trench with sewers, plant wastewater lines, lines carrying raw or partially treated water, or other utility lines. Do not locate lines carrying partially treated water in a common trench or in close proximity to sewer or drain lines.

(c) No common wall is allowed between any channel, basin or reservoir containing raw or partially treated water and another containing filtered water.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-5-12. Piping color code

(a) To facilitate identification of piping in plants and pumping stations use the color scheme provided in Appendix A or otherwise clearly identify all piping.
(b) In situations where 2 colors do not have sufficient contrast to easily differentiate between them, paint a 6-inch band, of contrasting color on one of the pipes at approximately 30-inch intervals, and name of the chemical on the pipe.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-5-13. Disinfection

Disinfect all wells, pipes, tanks, and equipment that can convey or store potable water in accordance with AWWA standard specifications prior to being placed into service. Plans or specifications must outline the procedure and include the disinfectant dosage, contact time, residual and method of testing.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-5-14. Treatment unit and piping configuration

(a) Where multiple treatment units are provided, the piping configuration must allow each treatment unit to be taken out of operation without disturbing the treatment process.
(b) Do not allow a bypass between raw or partially treated water lines and lines or basins containing filtered water.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-5-15. Cross connections and interconnections

(a) **Cross connections.** Avoid cross connections in the system.

(1) Do not allow a physical connection between a line carrying a public drinking water supply and a line carrying water of unknown or questionable quality.
(2) Do not allow connections from any PWS system to any device or system that poses a health threat unless it is equipped with an air gap of at least 6 inches or two pipe diameters, whichever is larger, above the overflow or drain pipe. The installation of a reduced pressure zone backflow prevention device will be considered in lieu of an air gap. To allow maintenance on the backflow prevention device, the design shall include a diversion line with equal backflow prevention. Do not locate backflow prevention devices in a pit or vault where they can become submerged. A fire suppression system is not considered a hazardous water supply.
(3) Do not allow a cross-connection between a public water system and any private water system.
(4) Provide an air gap at all points where finished water is discharged to a drain.

(b) **Cooling water.** Designs proposing the return of steam condensate, cooling water from engine jackets or other heat exchange devices are not allowed by the DEQ.
(c) **Interconnections.** Obtain approval from the DEQ for interconnections between potable water supplies.
(d) **Water loading stations.** To prevent contamination of the PWS, provide the following:

(1) a device on the fill line to provide an air break and prevent submerging the line,
(2) construct the fill line and cross connection control device so that when hanging freely it will terminate at least 2 feet above the ground surface, and
(3) the discharge end of the fill line must be unthreaded or constructed to prevent the attachment of additional line, piping or other appurtenances.

(e) **Chemical feed equipment.** Provide cross-connection control to assure that:

(1) service water lines discharging to solution tanks or pots are protected from backflow. Provide a minimum 6-inch air gap between the end of the service water line and the spill line of the solution tank. An air gap of less than 6 inches in conjunction with an approved backflow preventer is acceptable,
(2) no direct connection will occur between any sewer and a drain or overflow from the feeder, solution chamber or tank by terminating all drains at least 6 inches or 2 pipe diameters, whichever is greater, above the overflow rim of a receiving sump, conduit or waste receptacle, and
(3) discharge all drain and overflows from feeder(s), solution chamber(s), and tank(s) that discharge to sanitary sewers through a sump. Terminate drain and overflow lines a minimum of 6 inches or 2 pipe diameters whichever is greater above the overflow rim of the sump.

(f) **Piping.** Design and install all piping to eliminate possible back-siphonage in conformity with the latest American Standards Association, *Recommended Practice for Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control, Manual of Water Supply Practices,* C14, 3rd Edition, 2004. Provide an air gap for all filter-to-waste connections. Filter pipe gallery floors and pump rooms must be protected from flooding by backflow from filter waste lines, sewers or drains.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

SUBCHAPTER 7. SOURCE DEVELOPMENT

252:626-7-1. Source development

(a) **General.** The Engineer must submit documentation to DEQ demonstrating that an adequate quantity of water will be available, and that water to be delivered to consumers will meet or exceed current drinking water standards. The applicant must obtain necessary water rights and withdrawal permits from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

(b) **Demand.** Investigate and document the requirements for each system and include past water use records revised to conform to anticipated growth and conditions.

(c) **Continued protection.** Provide continued protection of the source from potential sources of contamination through ownership, zoning, easements, leasing, or other means.

(d) **Source water assessment.** Perform a source water assessment of the factors, both natural and manmade, which will potentially affect quality, including but not limited to:

(1) determining possible future uses of impoundments or reservoirs,
(2) determining degree of control of watershed by owner, including necessity of ordinance to protect watershed from contamination,
(3) assessing degree of hazard to the supply by accidental spillage or other deposition of materials that may be toxic, harmful or detrimental to treatment processes,
(4) obtaining samples over a sufficient period to assess the microbiological, physical, chemical and radiological characteristics of the water,
(5) assessing the capability of the proposed treatment process to reduce contaminants to applicable drinking water standards, and
(6) status of compliance with state and local reservoir sanitation law.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-7-2. Surface water

A surface water source includes all streams, natural lakes, springs, and artificial reservoirs or impoundments within the drainage basin above the point of intake.

(1) **Quantity.**

(A) The quantity of water must be adequate to:

(i) meet the projected water demand, including anticipated growth of the service area as shown by calculations based on the extreme recorded drought, and
(ii) compensate for losses such as silting, evaporation, seepage, etc.

(B) Criteria for evaluating adequacy are outlined below:

(i) where water is drawn from a flowing stream, the minimum recorded stream flow, less water demand of other users, plus off-stream storage must exceed the estimated future water demand, and

(ii) where water is drawn from a reservoir or lake, the average inflow for a period including the driest recorded period plus the effective storage capacity must exceed the estimated future demand for the maximum recorded drought period.

(2) **Quality.**

(A) **Bacterial quality.**

(i) Waters containing coliform bacteria counts averaging less than 5,000 per 100 ml in any 1 month and not exceeding this number in more than 20 percent of samples examined in the same month require flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection.

(ii) Waters that contain coliform bacteria counts exceeding 5,000 per 100 ml in over 20 percent of samples examined during any 1 month, but less than 20,000 per 100 ml in over 5% of the samples examined in the same month, require pre-sedimentation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, disinfection, or at least 30 days of off-stream storage.

(iii) Waters that contain coliform bacteria counts in excess of 20,000 per 100 ml in more that 5% of the samples examined in any 1 month are considered unsuitable for use as a source water supply unless they can be brought into conformance by prolonged preliminary storage or other reliable means.

(B) **Physical quality.** Surface water containing an excessive amount of suspended material requires pre-sedimentation and possibly other preliminary treatment prior to conventional treatment.

(3) **Hydrologic studies.**

(A) Use stream flow and weather records for contributing or adjacent watersheds for estimating the safe yield of a source. Empirical formulas and ratios in published literature are not satisfactory criteria for judging the adequacy of a source unless supported by hydrologic data obtained from the specific watershed.

(B) Perform a study of all hydrologic factors that affect and determine the safe yield of a proposed surface water supply. Use data from the U.S. Weather Bureau, the U.S. Geological Survey or Climatological Survey to estimate watershed run-off.

(4) **Safe yield.** When the demand for water is greater than the minimum rate of flow in the stream from which the water is to be taken, an impounding reservoir is required. Evaluate the factors disclosed by the hydrologic data by the use of a mass diagram or other equivalent method and include in the design report.

(5) **Reservoir and lake sanitation.** Protection of the watershed is required for municipal water supply reservoirs. Control the marginal shoreline land by purchase or ordinance. The ordinance must describe the water district boundaries and enforcement rules for the protection of the water supply and include but not be limited to:

(A) regulating the public health aspects of water supply, waste and sewage disposal, and recreational activities,

(B) regulating the building of structures within the controlled area,

(C) regulating aquatic activities involving body contact with the water, and

(D) clearing of timber, brush and debris.

(6) **Off-stream reservoirs.**

(A) Provide for site preparation where applicable:

(i) removal of brush and trees to high water elevation,

(ii) protection from floods during construction, and

(iii) plugging of all wells which will be inundated, in accordance with OWRB requirements.

(B) Restrict body contact recreational activities wherever water quality or public health may be adversely affected.

(7) **Intake structures.**

(A) **General.** Intake structure design must provide for:

(i) location of the structure an adequate distance from existing or potential source(s) of pollution to protect the water quality,

(ii) location of the structure to obtain the best quality of raw water,

(iii) the intake to meet the ultimate capacity of the water treatment plant,

(iv) release of undesirable water to prevent it from entering the treatment plant,

(v) temporary barriers to allow dewatering for inspections and maintenance,

(vi) protection against damage to the structure caused by dragging anchors, etc.,

(vii) ports located above the bottom of the stream, lake or impoundment, but at sufficient depth to be kept submerged at low water level,

(viii) where shore wells are not provided, a diversion device capable of keeping fish or debris from entering intake structure,

(ix) the operating floor must be above the 100-year flood level and be accessible at all times, and

(x) in the case of Zebra mussel presence, an infiltration gallery may be used. See Appendix B for design guidelines.

(B) **River intakes.**

(i) **Site.** Locate intakes so that a continuous supply of water is ensured.

(ii) **Headworks structure.** Design the intake to protect pumps from sand and to minimize silting or obstruction by deposits of bed load. If the headworks are constructed on permeable material, the design must take into account the anticipated effect of underflow and hydrostatic uplift pressure.

(C) **Reservoir or lake intakes.** Locate inlets or gates in the intake structure so they are accessible for inspection and maintenance.

(i) **Fixed inlet structures.** Design intake structure for water withdrawal from at least three (3) separate levels of the lake or reservoir. Install the top inlet below the water surface at normal pool elevation.

(ii) **Floating structures.** Design for water withdrawal at selected depths. Multiple length suction pipes, provisions for addition or removal of extension pipe to the pump suction are acceptable design. Other designs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

(8) **Trash racks and screens.** Provide a trash rack or screen at the inlets to any intake structure. The port area design must limit the net velocity through the racks to not more than 2 ft/s during normal operation for bar racks having 1-1/2 inch spacing and larger, and must not exceed 0.5 ft/s for fine screens of 2-inch. Precede fine screens with coarse screens or bar racks. Use mechanical rakes or other devices to clean the bars. On small intakes, hand rakes can be used.

(9) **Shore wells.** Shore wells must:

(A) have electrical controls protected from flooding,

(B) be accessible during a 100-year flood,

(C) be designed to resist flotation,

(D) be equipped with removable or traveling screens before the pump suction well,

(E) provide for chemical introduction into the raw water transmission main,

(F) be equipped with intake valves and provisions for backflushing or cleaning, and

(G) have provisions for withstanding surges.

(10) **Infiltration lines as a raw water source.**

(A) Infiltration lines may be used where geological conditions preclude the possibility of developing an acceptable drilled well.

(B) The water supplier must control the area around infiltration lines for a minimum distance of 600 feet from the lines.

(C) Flow in the lines must be by gravity to the collecting well.

(D) Water from infiltration lines is considered surface water and treatment equivalent to surface water supplies is required.

(11) **Off stream reservoirs.** When constructing an off stream reservoir assure that:

(A) water quality is protected by controlling runoff into the reservoir,

(B) dikes are structurally sound and protected against erosion,
(C) intake structures and devices meet requirements of this chapter, and
(D) point of influent must be separated from the point of withdrawal.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-7-3. Springs and dug wells

(a) **General.** Springs and dug wells are considered under the influence of surface water and require treatment equivalent to surface water supplies.

(b) **Site protection.** Protect the spring or dug well at the point of intake from run-off water, sewage disposal and other sources of contamination. Provide the following:

(1) suitable grading and drainage to drain water from the site, and
(2) industrial-type wire fence with locked gate surrounding the site.

(c) **Intake structure or receiving tank for springs only.**

(1) Provide an intake structure or receiving tank to store and regulate water flow prior to treatment and distribution. Provisions of OAC 252:626-17 are applicable in the construction of the receiving tank.
(2) Provide an overflow pipe with enough capacity to discharge excess water equal to the spring flow.
(3) Provide a gravel pack to keep sand and deposits in the spring water from entering the tank.

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252:626-7-4. Ground water

(a) A ground water source includes all water obtained from drilled, bored or driven wells. A test well is required where sufficient information is not available to assure adequate quality and quantity of water.

(1) **Quantity.**

(A) Provide a minimum of 2 wells for community water systems unless a standby source with adequate capacity is available.
(B) Where ground water is the sole supply source for a community water system, the total developed ground water capacity must equal or exceed:

(i) the design maximum day demand, and
(ii) the design average day demand, with the largest producing well out of service.

(2) **Quality.**

(A) **Bacteriological quality.**

(i) Underground waters subject to a low degree of contamination shall require chlorination if:

(I) the coliform count averages not more than 50 per 100 ml in any 1 month, and
(II) the turbidity does not exceed 5 NTU.

(ii) Disinfect every new, modified or reconditioned ground water source according to AWWA standard specifications after the completion of work and placement of permanent pumping equipment.
(iii) Upon completion of the well, collect at least 2 bacteriologically safe samples on consecutive days. Collect samples after chlorine used in disinfecting the well has been completely dissipated. Submit the records to the DEQ.
(iv) If any samples show the presence of coliform bacteria, take additional samples to determine the degree of contamination and treatment required.

(B) **Physical, chemical, and radiological quality.**

(i) Test every new, modified, or reconditioned ground water source for applicable physical, chemical, and radiological characteristics contained at OAC 252:631-3-1 by submitting a representative sample to a certified laboratory or the State Environmental Laboratory and report results to the DEQ.
(ii) Collect samples at the conclusion of test pumping.

(iii) Additional field determinations or special sampling procedures may be required by the DEQ.

(C) **Test results.** The results of the required testing shall be used to determine the extent of water treatment required. If all parameters are in compliance with the standards set forth in the Safe Drinking Water Act and OAC 252:631, no treatment will be required.

(3) **Location.** In the selection of a site:

(A) evaluate the following:

(i) type of well construction to be utilized,

(ii) depth to water bearing zones,

(iii) type of formations to be penetrated, and

(iv) proximity of existing or possible future sources of pollution such as sewers, seepage pits, soil absorption fields, privies, sink holes, dumping areas, caves, test holes, abandoned wells, borings, industrial lagoons, private water supply developments, fuel storage tanks, and other underground construction,

(B) locate wells at the highest point of the premises consistent with other facilities and surroundings but always protected against surface drainage,

(C) do not locate wells:

(i) in a ravine where the well site may be flooded or within 300 feet horizontally from any existing or potential source of pollution including water bodies. If a wellhead delineation model has been performed for the site, the separation distance must conform to the model prediction for potential contamination,

(ii) within three hundred feet (300') of a proposed or existing sewer line,

(iii) within one hundred feet (100') of a private property line, or

(iv) within fifty feet of a publicly owned property line, and

(D) locate pump room floor at least 2 feet above the 100-year flood plain

(b) **Testing and records.** The permittee shall:

(1) provide yield and drawdown testing procedures for the well(s) in the plans and specifications, approved by the DEQ, and make the results for completed wells available for final inspection. Yield and drawdown tests must:

(A) be performed on every production well after construction or improvements, which affect the well capacity, and prior to placement of the permanent pump,

(B) have test methods clearly indicated in specifications,

(C) determine well capacity with the pumping rate at maximum anticipated drawdown, pumping rate must be at least 1.5 times the quantity anticipated,

(D) test pump the well at 1.5 times the design pumping rate for at least 24 hours or until the drawdown has stabilized for a minimum of 6 hours, and

(E) provide the following test data to the DEQ prior to completion of the well:

(i) test pump capacity-head characteristics, and overall efficiency,

(ii) static water level and water level at design pumping rate,

(iii) depth of test pump setting,

(iv) time of starting and ending each test cycle, and

(v) zone of influence for the well(s).

(2) test the well for plumb and alignment in accordance with AWWA standard specifications. The specifications must cite the AWWA standard and describe the method to be used.

(3) submit well logs that shall contain:

(A) samples collected at maximum 20-foot intervals and at each pronounced change in formation,

(B) a record of drill hole diameters and depths, assembled order of size and length of casings and liners, length of the perforated section and type of perforations, or type and length of screen used, grouting depths, formations penetrated, water levels, and location of any blast charges. Where multiple water bearing formations are developed, give the elevation and length of each perforated or screened section.

(c) **General well construction.**

(1) **Minimum depths of wells.** Construct wells to a depth sufficient to ensure that safe water can be obtained. Water taken from depths of 20 feet or less shall require additional testing to determine the necessary level of treatment.

(2) **Minimum protected depths.** Protect wells by watertight construction to a depth necessary to:

(A) exclude surface contamination, and

(B) seal off formations that are contaminated or yield undesirable water.

(3) **Well surface casing.** Every well shall have a watertight surface casing extending at least 20 feet below the surface. A greater depth will be required in unconsolidated soils, karst formations or when necessary to eliminate contamination from the surface or upper formations.

(A) **Surface casing material.** Surface casing shall only be made from ferrous material and must:

(i) be new pipe meeting ASTM, AWWA, NSF or API specifications for water well construction,

(ii) have minimum weights and thickness indicated in Appendix C,

(iii) be capable of withstanding forces to which it is subjected,

(iv) be equipped with a drive shoe when driven, and

(v) have full circumferential welds or threaded coupling joints.

(B) **Internal casing materials.** Internal casing material shall:

(i) meet AWWA standards,

(ii) meet NSF standards for contact with potable water,

(iii) be resistant to the corrosiveness of the water,

(iv) be able to withstand the stresses to which the well will be subjected during installation, grouting and operation, and

(v) be equipped with a drive shoe when driven.

(4) **Packers.** Packers must be made from an NSF approved material

(5) **Screens.** Screens must:

(A) be constructed of materials resistant to damage by chemical action of ground water or cleaning operations,

(B) have sizes of openings based on sieve analysis of formation and gravel pack materials to permit maximum transmitting ability without clogging or jamming,

(C) have sufficient diameter to provide adequate specific capacity and low aperture entrance velocity. The entrance velocity must not exceed 0.1 ft/s,

(D) be installed so that the pumping water level remains above the screen under all operating conditions, unless measures are provided to protect the screen from being corroded, and

(E) be provided with a bottom plate or washdown bottom fitting of the same material as the screen, where applicable.

(6) **Grouting requirements.** Surround surface casing with a minimum of 1-½ inches of grout to the depth of the surface casing.

(A) **Cement grout.**

(i) Cement conforming to ASTM Standard C150, with not more than 6 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of cement, must be used for 1-½ inch annular openings.

(ii) Additives used to increase fluidity are subject to approval by the DEQ.

(B) **Concrete grout.**

(i) Equal parts of cement conforming to ASTM Standard C150, and sand, with not more than 6 gallons of water per 90-lb. sack of cement may be used for annular openings larger than 1-½ inches.

(ii) Where an annular opening larger than 4 inches is available, gravel not larger than ½ inch in size may be added.

(C) **Application.**

(i) Provide sufficient annular opening to permit a minimum of 1-½ inches of grout around permanent casings, including couplings.

(ii) When completing a gun perforated well with an annular opening less than 4 inches, install grout under pressure by means of a grout pump from the bottom of

the annular opening upward in one continuous operation until the annular opening is filled.

(iii) Concrete grout used in an annular opening of 4 or more inches and less than 100 feet in depth, may be placed by gravity through a pipe installed to the bottom of the opening in one continuous operation until filled.

(iv) Clay seals with at least ten percent (10%) swelling bentonite may be placed by gravity when the annular opening exceeds 6 inches and the depth is less than 100 feet.

(v) Provide the casing with sufficient guides welded to the casing to permit unobstructed flow and uniform thickness of grout.

(7) **Well floor.**

(A) Construct the well floor with reinforced, watertight concrete not less than 6 inches thick with a footing of at least 12 inches.

(B) Provide a watertight joint between the concrete motor base and floor.

(C) Extend the floor or concrete apron at least 2 feet from the well excavation line in all directions. Where necessary, extend it an additional distance to support the pump or casing.

(D) Construct the top of the floor slab or apron at least 6 inches above the surrounding ground.

(E) Thoroughly compact the area below the floor or apron prior to pouring the concrete.

(F) Slope the floor or apron at least 1/8 inch per foot away from the well casing and allow for drainage.

(8) **Upper terminal well construction.**

(A) Extend the casing at least 12 inches above a well house floor or concrete apron.

(B) Terminate the top of the well casing at least 5 feet above the 100-year flood plain, or the highest known flood elevation, whichever is greater.

(C) Seal the top of the casings with a sanitary well seal to properly protect against entrance of contamination into the well.

(D) The discharge piping must:

(i) have control valves and appurtenances located above the well floor,

(ii) be equipped with a check valve, a shutoff valve, a pressure gauge, a flow meter, and a smooth nosed sampling tap located upstream of the shutoff valve and at a point where positive pressure is maintained,

(iii) be equipped with an air relief valve located upstream from the check valve. The exhaust/relief piping must terminate in a down-turned position at least 18 inches above the floor and covered with a 24 mesh corrosion resistant screen,

(iv) be valved to permit test pumping, pumping to waste and control of each well,

(v) enclose all exposed piping, valves and appurtenances in the well house to protect against physical damage, tampering and freezing. The well house design shall be sufficient to accommodate the disinfection equipment,

(vi) be properly anchored to prevent movement,

(vii) be protected against surge or water hammer,

(viii) must not be directly connected to a sewer, and

(ix) provide a concrete splash pad outside the wellhouse where the blow-off valve discharges to protect the well house foundation from erosion.

(E) Access to disinfect the well is required.

(F) Design the well vent to:

(i) vent the casing to atmosphere, unless the design is for vacuum operation,

(ii) construct the vent of 1 ½ inch minimum diameter metal pipe and be fitted into the well cap or pump base so as to form a water-tight connection,

(iii) terminate the vent in a full 180-degree bend not less than 24 inches above the well floor slab or apron, and

(iv) screen the opening in the vent with a corrosion resistant screen. The openings in the screen must not be larger than 24-mesh.

(G) Provisions for measurement of water levels in the completed well are required to:

(i) Provide an accurate draw-down gauge, air pipe, direct measurement tube, or other access for measuring the water level in the well.
(ii) Make the connection between the air tube and the pump base watertight when an air pipe passes through the pump base.
(iii) Extend tubes for direct measurement of water levels 24 inches above the well floor slab, and tightly cap with a bolted flange or a screwed cap.
(iv) Provide corrosion resistant water level measurement equipment.

(9) **Pumps.**

(A) **Line shaft pumps.** Wells equipped with line shaft pumps must:
(i) have the casing firmly connected to the pump structure or have the casing inserted into a recess extending at least 1 inch into the pump base,
(ii) have the pump foundation and base designed to prevent water from coming into contact with the joint, and
(iii) have a heavy gasket installed between the pump base and the pump pedestal.

(B) **Submersible pumps.** Where a submersible pump is used:
(i) effectively seal the top of the casing against the entrance of water under all conditions of vibration or movement of conductors or cables,
(ii) firmly attach the electrical cable to the riser pipe at 20 foot intervals or less, and
(iii) pumps with mercury seal are not permitted.

(10) **Aquifer types and construction methods - special conditions.**

(A) **Gravel pack wells.**
(i) Use gravel pack that is well rounded, 95% siliceous material, smooth and uniform, free of foreign material, properly sized, washed and disinfected immediately prior to or during placement.
(ii) Install gravel pack in one uniform continuous operation throughout each screened interval.
(iii) Use Schedule 40 pipe, steel pipe or equivalent incorporated within the pump foundation and terminated with screwed caps at least 12 inches above the pump house floor or concrete apron when using gravel refill pipes.
(iv) Surround gravel refill pipes located in the grouted annular opening by a minimum of 1-½ inches of grout.
(v) Provide protection from leakage of grout into the gravel pack or screen.

(B) **Radial water collector as a raw water source.**
(i) Indicate the locations of all caisson construction joints and porthole assemblies,
(ii) Reinforced the caisson wall to withstand the forces to which it will be subjected,
(iii) Locate radial collectors in areas and at depths approved by the DEQ,
(iv) Assure that radial collectors are essentially horizontal,
(v) Cover the top of the caisson with a watertight floor,
(vi) Protect all openings in the floor from the entrance of foreign material, and
(vii) Do not place the pump discharge piping through the caisson walls.

(C) **Limestone wells.** Where wells are in limestone areas, the DEQ will determine surface casing and grouting requirements. The surface casing must extend at least 20 feet into the formation.

(D) **Naturally flowing wells.**
(i) Provide provisions to control flow.
(ii) DEQ may require special protective construction, if erosion of the confining bed appears likely.

(11) **Pitless well units.**

(A) Pitless well adapters are not allowed.

(B) Pitless units shall meet the standards of PAS-97-CC (04) as developed by the Water Systems Council, as listed in the PAS-97, Appendix C, and shall:
(i) be shop-fabricated from the point of connection with the well casing to the unit cap or cover,

(ii) be threaded or welded to the well casing,
(iii) be of watertight construction throughout,
(iv) be of materials and weight equivalent and compatible to the casing,
(v) have field connection to the lateral discharge from the pitless unit of threaded, flanged or mechanical joint connection,
(vi) terminate at least 12 inches (30 centimeters) above the well slab, and
(vii) terminate 5 feet (1.5 meters) above the 100-year flood plain or the highest known flood elevation whichever is higher.

(C) Design the pitless unit to provide:
(i) access to disinfect the well,
(ii) a properly constructed casing vent meeting the requirements of OAC 252:626-7-4(c)(8)(F),
(iii) a cover at the upper terminal of the well that will prevent the entrance of contamination,
(iv) a contamination-proof entrance connection for electrical cable,
(v) an inside diameter as great as that of the well casing, up to and including casing diameters of 12 inches, to facilitate work and repair on the well, pump, or well screen, and
(vi) a well floor constructed in accordance with OAC 252:626-7-4(c)(7).

(D) If the connection to the casing is by field weld, the shop-assembled unit must be designed specifically for field welding to the casing. The only field welding permitted will be to connect a pitless unit to the casing.

(d) **Disinfection of wells.** Disinfect all wells and gravel for gravel-pack wells according to current AWWA standard specifications.

(e) **Disinfection of ground water.** Provide chlorination facilities for all ground water systems. If bacteriological tests indicate the water is safe, the facilities may be maintained as standby; otherwise, full time chlorination will be required.

(1) Provide a welded metal plate or a threaded cap for capping a well.
(2) The contractor must provide protection to prevent tampering with the well or entrance of foreign materials while work is in progress.

(f) **Well abandonment.** Seal test wells, abandoned wells and other existing wells not protected and maintained for future use, by methods necessary to restore the controlling geological conditions which existed prior to construction as directed by the OWRB.

(g) **Test and observation wells.**

(1) Test and observation wells must be:
(A) constructed in accordance with the requirements for permanent wells, including surface casing, if they are to remain in service after completion as a water supply well, and
(B) sealed, if not in use, according to OAC 252:626-7-4(f).

(2) A construction permit is required before a test or observation well is converted into a permanent well.

(h) **Capping requirements.**

(1) Provide a welded metal plate or a threaded cap for the capping of a well.
(2) The contractor shall provide protection to prevent the tampering with the well or entrance of foreign materials while work is in progress.

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252:626-7-5. Purchase water

(a) **Quantity.** The quantity of water at the source must:

(1) be adequate to meet the projected water demand of the service area as shown by calculations based on the extreme recorded drought, and
(2) provide a reasonable surplus for anticipated growth.

(b) **Source.** The seller must be a permitted PWS system and obtain a permit to supply water to the purchasing system.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-7-6. Raw water supply conduit

(a) Pipe and accessories used for conduits must be new and conform to AWWA standard specifications.
(b) Design supply conduits for the following:

(1) carrying capacity must meet the ultimate design capacity of the treatment facilities or ultimate maximum daily demand of the community,
(2) maximum present and future pressures and water hammer,
(3) hydraulic grade, traffic loads, and laying conditions,
(4) expansion and contraction, anchorage at bends, and joints,
(5) blow-off valves and line valves to isolate line sections, and
(6) air inlet and release valves or towers to release air on filling or draining.

(c) Flush raw water lines to remove debris before being placed into service.
(d) Construct lines conducting water from impoundments or streams of watertight material sized to provide a velocity of 3 B 4 ft/s. The conduit must be capable of drawing water from the source when it is at its lowest elevation at a rate equal to the maximum demand of the pumps.

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SUBCHAPTER 9. TREATMENT

252:626-9-1. General treatment requirements

(a) Provide treatment (flocculation, sedimentation, and filtration or other approved process) for all surface water supplies, spring water supplies, and ground water supplies, which are of questionable chemical or sanitary quality. Required treatment will be based on bacteriological, chemical, physical, and microscopic examinations, taking into consideration variations in the quality of the water. Include equipment for taste and odor control where objectionable odor or taste problems have been experienced with the supply. Provide provisions for TOC removal.
(b) Design the plant capacity of the treatment facility so that it will not be overloaded, including water required to wash the filters, on the day of maximum demand at the end of the design period. Balance the plant capacity with finished water storage.
(c) Provide a minimum of 2 units for all treatment processes. Other than clarification, design each of the unit processes to meet the designed peak maximum flow per day, with the largest unit out of service.
(d) Construct each treatment process unit with a bypass so that units can be taken out of service without disrupting operation, and with drains or pumps sized to allow dewatering in a reasonable period of time.
(e) Package plants are approvable under the variance provision. A minimum of 2 units, each that meet the design criteria, are required.
(f) Non-conventional treatment processes require a pilot study or an EPA/NSF Environmental Technology Verification Report, which demonstrates removal of all contaminants.
(g) Disinfect all new and refurbished equipment according to AWWA standard specifications, before placing into service.
(h) Safety requirements for PWS systems must meet applicable OSHA standards.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-9-2. Pretreatment

(a) Provide pre-sedimentation basins for package and slow sand filter water treatment plants if the raw water turbidity is variable and exceeds 30 NTU at any time during the year. Surface water containing an excessive amount of suspended material or high organic content which cannot be readily removed by a package treatment plant or slow sand filtration requires pre-sedimentation and may require additional treatment prior to conventional treatment.
(b) Pre-sedimentation basins shall be designed in accordance with OAC 252:626-9-8(a)(3)(B).
(c) Provide pre-sedimentation for microfiltration and ultrafiltration (MF/UF) for removal of total organic carbon or other soluble compounds, including, but not limited to iron and manganese. If the engineering

report demonstrates that total organic carbon will not cause disinfection by-products violations then pre-sedimentation is not necessary. Other pretreatment methods, other than pre-sedimentation, shall be based on the results of a three (3) month pilot study. The study shall also determine the need for additional treatment if the water is high in turbidity or includes undesirable soluble constituents such as iron and manganese.

(d) Pretreatment for nanofiltration and reverse osmosis (NF/RO) depends on the quality of the raw water. If the feed water has a turbidity of less than 1 NTU or an SDI of less than 5, then cartridge filters with a pore size range of less than 20 µm are required prior to the NF/RO treatment. If the feed water turbidity is 1 NTU or greater or the SDI is 5 or greater, then a more rigorous method of particulate removal, such as conventional treatment (including media filtration) or MF/UF membranes for particle removal is required. The use of MF/UF for pretreatment is more commonly known as an integrated membrane system (IMS). The IMS is one method allowed for the removal of particulate matter and microorganisms as well as some dissolved contaminants such as hardness, iron and manganese or disinfection by-product (DBP) precursors.

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252:626-9-3. Aeration

(a) **Natural draft aeration.** Provide the following:

(1) perforations in the distribution pan 3/16 to 1/2 inches in diameter, spaced 1 to 3 inches on centers to maintain a 6 inch water depth,
(2) distribution of water uniformly over the top tray,
(3) discharge through a series of 3 or more trays with separation of trays not less than 12 inches,
(4) loading at a rate of 1 to 5 gal/min/ft^2 of total tray area,
(5) trays with slotted, heavy wire (½ inch openings) mesh or perforated bottoms,
(6) construction of durable material resistant to aggressiveness of the water and dissolved gases,
(7) an enclosure with louvers sloped to the inside at an angle of approximately 45 degrees, and
(8) 24 mesh screen for protection from insects.

(b) **Forced or induced draft aeration.** Design devices to:

(1) include a blower with a weatherproof motor in a screened enclosure,
(2) ensure adequate counter current of air through the enclosed aerator column,
(3) exhaust air directly to the outside atmosphere,
(4) include a down-turned and 24-mesh screened air outlet and inlet,
(5) ensure air introduced in the column is as free from obnoxious fumes, dust and dirt as possible,
(6) ensure that sections of the aerator can be easily reached or removed for maintenance of the interior or installed in a separate aerator room,
(7) provide loading at a rate of 1 to 5 gal/min for each square foot of total tray area,
(8) insure that the water outlet is adequately sealed to prevent unwarranted loss of air,
(9) discharge through a series of 5 or more trays with separation of trays not less than 6 inches,
(10) provide distribution of water uniformly over the top tray, and
(11) be of durable material resistant to the aggressiveness of the water and dissolved gases.

(c) **Other methods of aeration.** Other methods of aeration may be used including but not restricted to spraying, diffused air, cascades, packed tower, and mechanical aeration. Treatment processes designs are subject to the approval of the DEQ.

(d) **Protection of aerators.** Locate air inlets for mechanical aerators in an area free from obnoxious fumes, dust, dirt, or other contaminants.

(e) **Disinfection.** Provide chlorination, as the minimum additional treatment, for ground water supplies exposed to the atmosphere by aeration.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-9-4. Ozonation

Ozonation systems may be used in potable water systems for disinfection, oxidation, and microflocculation. Although the installation may be for a specific purpose, such as disinfection, the overall

plant design must have the capability to handle ozone by-products created by oxidation and microflocculation. Positive or negative type ozonation systems are allowed. If ozonation is used, it must meet the following:

(1) **Capacity.** The production rating of the ozone generators shall be stated in pounds per day and kW-hr per pound at a maximum cooling water temperature and maximum ozone concentration. The design shall ensure that the minimum concentration of ozone in the exit gas shall not be less than one percent (1%) by weight. Ozonation systems shall be sized to have sufficient reserve capacity so that the system does not operate at peak capacity for extended periods of time. The ozone production rate decreases as the temperature of the coolant increases. The design shall ensure that ozone can be produced at the maximum coolant temperature. Backup ozone generating equipment shall be provided.

(2) **Cooling.** Adequate cooling shall be provided. The cooling water must be properly treated to minimize corrosion, scaling and microbiological fouling of the water side of the tubes. Where cooling water is treated, cross connection control shall be provided to prevent contamination of the potable water supply.

(3) **Materials.** To prevent corrosion, ozone shell and tubes shall be constructed of Type 316L stainless steel.

(4) **Diffusers.** A minimum of two contact chambers each equipped with baffles to prevent short circuiting and induce countercurrent flow shall be provided. The diffusion system shall operate so that the ozone is fed at the bottom of the vessel and water is fed at the top of the vessel. Ozone shall be applied using porous-tube or dome diffusers. The minimum contact time shall be ten (10) minutes. A shorter time may occur, only with the approval of the DEQ, if justified by appropriate design and CT Value considerations. Porous diffusers shall not be used when precipitates are formed during ozone applications. The diffuser shall be fully serviceable by either cleaning or replacement.

(5) **Contactors.** Contactors shall be separate closed vessels that have no common walls with adjacent rooms. The contactor shall be kept under negative pressure and with sufficient monitors to protect worker safety. The contactor shall be placed where the entire roof is exposed to the open atmosphere. All openings into the contactor for pipe connections, hatchways and/or other openings shall be properly sealed using welds or ozone resistant gaskets. Multiple sampling ports shall be provided to enable sampling of each compartment's effluent water and to confirm CT Value calculations. A pressure or vacuum relief valve shall be provided in the contactor and piped to a location where there will be no damage to the unit. The depth of water in the contactor shall be a minimum of eighteen feet (18') and have a minimum of three feet (3') of freeboard. All contactors shall be equipped so that the contactor can be cleaned, maintained and drained. Each contactor compartment shall be equipped with an access hatchway.

(6) **Ozone destruction unit.** A system for treating the final gas-off from each unit shall be provided by either thermal destruction or thermal/catalytic destruction. The maximum ozone concentration in the release is 0.1 ppm by volume. At least two units shall be provided which are each capable of handling the entire gas flow. Exhaust blowers shall be provided in order to draw off-gas to the destruction unit. Catalysts shall be protected from froth, moisture and other impurities. The catalyst and heating elements shall be located to allow for maintenance.

(7) **Piping materials.** Only low carbon 304L and 316L stainless steel shall be used for ozone service.

(8) **Joints and connections.** Connections on piping used for ozone service shall be welded. Connections with meters, valves or other equipment shall be made with flanged joints with ozone resistant gaskets. A positive closing plug or butterfly valve plus a leak-proof check valve shall be provided in the piping between the generator and the contactor to prevent moisture reaching the generator.

(9) **Instrumentation.** Pressure gauges shall be provided at the discharge from the air compressor, at the inlet to the refrigeration dryers, at the inlet and outlet of the desiccant dryers, at the inlet to the ozone generators and contactors and at the inlet to the ozone destruction unit. Electrical power meters shall be provided for measuring electrical power supplied to the ozone generators. Each generator shall have a automatic shut down when wattage exceeds a preset level. Dew point

monitors shall be provided for measuring the moisture of the feed gas from the desiccant dryers. Where there is a potential for moisture to enter the ozone generator from downstream from the unit or where moisture accumulation can occur in the generator during shutdown, post-generator dew point monitors shall be used. Air flow meters shall be provided for measuring air flow from the desiccant dryers to each of the ozone generator and air flow to each contactor, and purge air flow to the desiccant dryers. Temperature gauges shall be provided for the inlet and outlet of the ozone cooling water and the inlet and outlet of the ozone generators feed gas, and when necessary for the inlet and outlet of the ozone power supply cooling water. Water flow meters shall be installed to monitor the flow of cooling water to the ozone generators and when necessary to the ozone power supply. Ozone monitors shall be installed to measure ozone concentration in both feed-gas and off-gas from the contactor and in the off gas from the destruction unit. For disinfection systems, monitors shall also be provided for monitoring ozone residuals in the water. A minimum of one ambient ozone monitor shall be installed in the vicinity of the contactor and a minimum of one shall be installed in the vicinity of the generator. Ozone monitors shall be installed in any area where ozone gas may accumulate.

(10) **Alarms and shut-down systems.** Installation of alarms and /or shut-down systems are required. The following alarms and/or shutdown systems shall be installed:

(A) A dew-point shut-down alarm system, when the generator exceeds 60 degrees Celsius,

(B) Ozone generator cooling water flow shut-down alarm system for the generator to prevent potential harm,

(C) Ozone power supply cooling water flow shut-down alarm system, to prevent potential harm to the power supply in the event that cooling water flow decreases to the point that damage to the power supply could occur,

(D) Ozone generator cooling water temperature shut-down alarm system for the generator when either the inlet or outlet cooling water exceeds a preset temperature,

(E) Ozone power supply cooling water temperature shut-down alarm system to shut down the power supply if the inlet or outlet cooling water exceeds a certain preset temperature,

(F) Ozone generator inlet feed-gas temperature shut-down alarm system to the generator if the feed gas temperature is above a preset value,

(G) Ambient ozone concentration shut-down alarm system shall sound an alarm when the ozone levels in the ambient air exceed 0.1 ppm of ozone and shut down the system when the levels exceed 0.3 ppm of ozone, and

(H) Ozone destruction temperature alarm system sounding an alarm when the temperature exceeds a preset value.

(11) **Safety.** The maximum allowable ozone concentration in the air to which workers may be exposed shall not exceed 0.1 ppm by volume. Emergency exhaust fans shall be installed in rooms containing ozone generators to remove ozone gas. A sign shall be posted stating "No Smoking, Oxygen in Use" at all entrances to the treatment plant. No flammable or combustible materials shall be stored in the oxygen generator areas. The contactor shall be tested for leakage after sealing the exterior.

(12) **Instrumentation.** For system used for disinfection CT compliance, provide monitors for ozone residuals in the water with the number and locations of the ozone monitors such that the amount of time that the water is in contact with the ozone residual can be determined.

(13) **Disinfectant residual.** The use of ozone as a disinfectant requires the application of a disinfectant capable of maintaining a measurable residual to ensure that bacteriologically safe water is carried throughout the distribution system.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-9-5. Granular activated carbon (GAC)

(a) **GAC filter-adsorber.** GAC filter-adsorbers utilized by replacing media in an existing filter, capping an existing filter, or by the installation of a new filter-adsorber are allowed. Some of the sand can be replaced in a single media filter or the coal in dual or mixed media filters with GAC.

(1) When adding GAC to existing filter media, provide a minimum of 15 inches of GAC.

(2) When using GAC as a single media, provide a total depth of 30 to 36 inches.
(3) Filter media must be 12 x 40 mesh (effective size of 1.68 to 0.42 mm) or 8 x 30 mesh (effective size of 2.38 to 0.60 mm) with uniformity coefficient of 1.3 - 1.9.

(b) **Adsorption with GAC.**

(1) A pilot study is required to determine the following design information:

(A) adsorption isotherm of the contaminants to be removed,
(B) type, size, and adsorptive characteristics of the GAC to be utilized in the adsorber,
(C) type, dimensions and configuration of adsorbers, i.e. the number, sequence, and arrangement of the separate GAC contactors,
(D) location of the adsorber(s) in the water treatment process,
(E) superficial (approach) velocity,
(F) minimum empty bed contact time for removal of contaminants to meet regulatory limits,
(G) bed depth of GAC in adsorber(s), and
(H) service time of adsorber(s).

(2) **Contactor type and number.** Downflow contactors are the only acceptable type for water treatment applications. Where only 2 units are provided, each must be capable of meeting the maximum daily demand. Where more than 2 units are provided, the contactors must be capable of meeting the design capacity with 1 or more units removed from service.
(3) **Media.** The carbon media must meet current AWWA Standards for GAC. The particle size must be 12 x 40 US Standard mesh (1.68 x 0.42 mm) with uniformity coefficient of 1.9.
(4) **Backwashing.** Provide provisions for backwashing unless the adsorber does not function as a filter and is designed as a replaceable unit. If the source of water for backwashing is the public water supply, proper cross-connection protection must be provided. Disposal of backwash water must be in a manner approved by DEQ.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-9-6. Taste and odor control

(a) Make provisions for controlling taste and odor at all surface water treatment plants through the use of chlorination, chlorine dioxide, powdered activated carbon, granular activated carbon absorption units, potassium permanganate, aeration, hydrogen peroxide, ozonation or other approved method.
(b) If chemicals are to be used, add them at a point ahead of other treatment processes to assure adequate contact time.
(c) Make a complete study of the cause before selecting a treatment method(s) for taste and odor control.

[**Source:** Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-9-7. Iron and manganese control

(a) **General.** DEQ must approve treatment processes. When selecting treatment processes, local conditions must be evaluated using engineering investigations, including chemical analyses of representative samples of water to be treated. Include provisions for pH adjustment of the water to optimize the chemical reaction and to produce a non-corrosive finished water, containing not more than 0.3 ppm of iron and 0.05 ppm of manganese.

(1) **Removal by oxidation, detention, and filtration.**

(A) **Oxidation.** Provide oxidation through the use of chlorination, chlorine dioxide, potassium permanganate, aeration, ozonation or other approved method.

(B) **Detention.**

(i) **Reaction.** Provide a minimum detention time of 30 minutes following oxidation in order to insure that the oxidation reactions are as complete as possible. Design the detention basin as a holding tank with sufficient baffling to prevent short circuits. Provide drains for the basin.

(ii) **Sedimentation.** Provide sedimentation basins when treating water with high iron or manganese content, or where chemical coagulation is used to reduce the

load on the filters.

(C) **Filtration.** Provide filtration.

(2) **Removal by the lime-soda softening process.** See 252:626-9-10.

(3) **Removal by manganese green sand filtration.**

(A) Make provisions to apply the permanganate as far ahead of the filter as practical.

(B) Provide an anthracite media cap of at least 6 inches over the manganese green sand.

(C) Three gal/min/ft^2 is the maximum filtration rate.

(D) Normal wash rate is 8 to 10 gal/min/ft^2 of filter area.

(E) Provide air washing.

(F) Provide sample taps:

(i) prior to application of permanganate,

(ii) immediately ahead of filtration,

(iii) at a point between the anthracite media and the manganese green sand,

(iv) halfway down the manganese green sand, and

(v) at the filter effluent.

(4) **Sequestration by polyphosphates.** Do not use sequestration by polyphosphates where the concentration of iron, manganese, or the combination of the two exceeds 1.0 mg/l. Do not exceed 10 mg/l of total phosphate as PO_4. Where phosphate treatment is used, provide chlorination and maintain chlorine levels throughout the distribution system as required by OAC 252:631.

(A) Feeding equipment must meet the requirements of 252:626-11.

(B) Do not apply polyphosphates ahead of iron and manganese removal treatment.

(b) **Sampling and testing equipment.**

(1) Provide smooth-nosed sampling taps for control purposes. Locate taps on each raw water source, treatment unit influent and effluent.

(2) Provide testing equipment with the capacity to accurately measure the iron content to a minimum of 0.1 mg/l and the manganese content to a minimum of 0.05 mg/l.

(3) Public water supply systems that feed polyphosphate or orthophosphate shall have test equipment capable of accurately measuring phosphates from 0.1 to 20 mg/l.

[**Source:** Amended at 31 Ok Reg 1301, eff 9-12-14; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-9-8. Clarification

(a) **Standard design.**

(1) **Rapid mix.** Rapid mix means the rapid dispersion of chemicals throughout the water to be treated. Provide for the following:

(A) equip mixing basins with mechanical mixing devices capable of adjustment to compensate for variations in raw water quality and flow. Commercial in-line static mixers capable of producing results equal to basins containing mechanical mixers at all anticipated flows will be acceptable,

(B) provide good mixing of the raw water with the chemicals applied and prevent deposition of solids in the mixing zone, and

(C) locate the rapid mix and flocculation basins as close together as possible.

(2) **Flocculation.** Flocculation means the agitation of water at low velocities through gentle stirring by hydraulic or mechanical means. Arrange piping to allow either unit to be removed from service without disrupting operation of the treatment plant.

(A) Flow-through velocity must be 0.5 to 1.5 ft/min, with a detention time for floc formation of at least 30 minutes.

(B) Provide variable speed drives to control the speed of agitators to a peripheral paddle speed of 0.5 to 3.0 ft/s.

(C) Locate flocculation and sedimentation basins as close together as possible. The velocity of flocculated water through pipes or conduits to settling basins must be 0.5 to 1.5 ft/s. Design to minimize turbulence at bends and changes in direction.

(D) Provide a basin drain line of at least four inches (4") in diameter.

(E) Baffling may be used to provide for flocculation. The design shall be such that the velocities and flows in this paragraph will be maintained.

(3) **Sedimentation.** Conventional horizontal flow sedimentation basins shall conform to the following.

(A) Sedimentation must follow flocculation. Arrange piping to allow either unit to be removed from service without disrupting operation of the treatment plant.

(B) The following criteria apply to conventional sedimentation units:

(i) a minimum detention time of 4 hours is required except when used for lime-soda softening of ground water, the settling time is reduced to a minimum of 2 hours,

(ii) design basins to prevent short-circuiting. Design inlets to distribute water equally and at uniform velocities. Open ports, submerged ports, or similar entrance arrangements are required. Design port to provide uniform flows across the basin and control headloss to prevent floc breakage,

(iii) provide outlet weirs and maintain velocities suitable for settling in the basin,

(iv) limit flow rate over the weir to 20,000 gal/day/ft of weir length,

(v) limit the velocity through the basin to 0.5 ft/min,

(vi) design basins with mechanical residuals removal and slope the floor to conform to manufacturer's recommendations. Provide a basin drain line of at least 4 inches in diameter,

(vii) rectangular basins must have a minimum length-to-width ratio of 2:1, and

(viii) make provisions for the operator to observe or sample residuals being withdrawn from the unit.

(C) **Tube settlers.**

(i) Set tubes at a 60-degree angle to the flow.

(ii) A minimum detention time of three (3) hours is required for surface water treatment and two (2) hours for groundwater treatment.

(iii) Design tube settlers to maintain velocities suitable for settling in the basin and to minimize short-circuiting.

(iv) Size drain piping to facilitate a quick flush of the settler units and to prevent flooding other portions of the plant.

(v) Provide sufficient freeboard above the top of settlers to prevent freezing in the units in outdoor installations

(vi) The maximum application rate is 2 gpm per square foot of cross-sectional area.

(vii) Provide flushing lines, equipped with backflow prevention, to facilitate maintenance and cleaning.

(b) **Solids contact unit.**

(1) **Installation of equipment.** Supervision of all mechanical equipment installation by a representative of the manufacturer at the time of installation and initial operation is required.

(2) **Sampling taps.** Adequate piping with sampling taps located to permit the collection of samples from critical portions of the units are required.

(3) **Chemical feed.** Apply chemicals at points and means necessary to ensure satisfactory mixing with the water.

(4) **Mixing.** Rapid mix units ahead of the solids contact units, must comply with OAC 252:626-9-8 (a)(1). Construct solids contact mixing devices to provide good mixing of raw water with previously formed residuals particles, and prevent deposition of solids in the mixing zone.

(5) **Flocculation.** Flocculation equipment must:

(A) be adjustable (speed or paddle pitch),

(B) provide for coagulation in a separate chamber or baffled zone within the unit, and

(C) provide a combined flocculation and mixing period of not less than 30 minutes.

(6) **Residuals concentrators.** Provide either internal or external concentrators to obtain concentrated residuals with a minimum of wastewater.

(7) **Residuals removal.** Provide units with suitable controls for residuals withdrawal and the following:

(A) residuals pipes not less than 4 inches in diameter and equipped with appropriate cleanouts to facilitate cleaning,
(B) entrance to residuals withdrawal piping that will prevent clogging,
(C) valves located outside the tank for accessibility, and
(D) the ability for the operator to observe and sample residuals being withdrawn from the unit.

(8) **Settling zone detention period.** Minimum detention times for the settling zone (excluding the zones for mixing, flocculation, and sludge collection) are:
(A) three hours for suspended solids contact clarifiers and for softeners treating surface water, and
(B) one and one-half hours for suspended solids contact softeners treating only groundwater.

(9) **Suspended slurry concentrate.** Design softening units so that continuous slurry concentrates of 1% or more, by weight, can be maintained.

(10) **Weirs or orifices.** Design overflow weirs so that water at the surface of the unit does not travel more than 10 feet horizontally to the collection trough.
(A) Weirs must be adjustable, and at least equivalent in length to the perimeter of the tank.
(B) Do not exceed weir loading rates of:
(i) 14,400 gal/day/ft of weir length for units used as clarifiers, and
(ii) 28,800 gal/day/ft of weir length for units used as softeners treating only groundwater.
(C) Weirs must provide uniform rise rates over the entire area of the tank.
(D) Where orifices are used, the loading rates per foot of launder rates shall be equivalent to the weir loading rates.

(11) **Upflow rates.** Do not exceed upflow rates of:
(A) 1.0 gal/min/ft^2 of area at the residuals separation line for units used as clarifiers, and
(B) 1.75 gal/min/ft^2 of area at the slurry separation line, for units used as softeners treating only groundwater.

[**Source:** Amended at 29 Ok Reg 1035, eff 7-1-12; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 43 Ok Reg, Number 21, effective 9-15-26]

252:626-9-9. Filtration

(a) **Filtration processes.** When filtration is required, utilize one of the following:
(1) Gravity sand filtration
(A) Slow sand filtration
(B) Rapid sand filtration
(2) Pressure sand filtration
(3) Membrane processes

(b) **Appurtenances.**
(1) Design filters with filter rate controllers that ensure the rated capacity of the filter will not be exceeded.
(2) Head loss through the filter media is monitored by differential pressure-cell devices that measure the water pressure above and below the filter media. The head loss sensor connection to the filter box should be located approximately four inches (4") above the top of the washwater collection trough to prevent the wash water from entering the sensor. A sediment trap with a drain shall be installed on the sensor line to capture any sediment that may enter the line. The end of the sensor shall be turned up, keeping a full column of water in the line at all times to minimize air entrainment. A fine mesh stainless steel screen shall be installed on the end of the sensor to prevent clogging of the filter media.
(3) Include provisions for draining the filters to waste with appropriate measures for backflow prevention.
(4) Provide a means to sample from the combined filter effluent line.

(5) Provide continuous online turbidimeters with a recording device on the effluent line of each filter.

(c) **Slow sand filter design.**

(1) Slow sand filters are allowed for water supplies where raw water turbidity is less than 10 NTU or where this turbidity value can be obtained by pretreatment. Slow sand filters consist of 24 to 48 inches of sand, which has an effective size of 0.15 to 0.30 mm and a uniformity coefficient equal to or less than 2.5 supported by torpedo sand and graded gravel.

(2) A minimum of two filters shall be provided. Design capacity shall be achievable with the largest filter out of service.

(3) Provide for piping for ripening of the filter media.

(4) Water depth above the filter sand surface must be 3 to 5 feet with 6 inches of freeboard.

(5) Provide an underdrain system consisting of a manifold and collector laterals. Construct laterals of open joint, porous or perforated pipe or conduits with even spacing between laterals.

(6) Support media must conform to OAC 252:626-9-9(d)(6).

(7) Provide an orifice on the outlet line from each filter, limiting the flow of water through the system to 50 gal/day/ft^2 of surface area. Size orifices in accordance with Appendix E, Table II. Locate the orifice at least 1 inch above the initial height of the filter sand surface. Alternatively, the outlet line equipped with an orifice may terminate in a weir box with the weir elevation at least 1 inch above the initial height of the filter sand surface.

(8) Equip each filter effluent line with a rate of flow indicator.

(9) Each filter shall be equipped with an indicating loss of head gauge or other means to measure head loss.

(d) **Rapid rate gravity filters.**

(1) **Pretreatment.** Pretreat water to be processed in rapid rate gravity filters prior to filtration by flocculation, coagulation and sedimentation.

(2) **Rate of filtration.**

(A) The maximum filtration rates:

(i) single media filter is 2 gal/min/ft2 surface area,

(ii) dual media filter is 3 gal/min/ft2 surface area, and

(iii) multi-media filter is 4 gal/min/ft2 surface area.

(B) Higher filtration rates will be considered only after pilot studies show that a higher rate is suitable for the raw water source. Approval of higher rates will require continuous monitoring of raw, settled and finished water for turbidity.

(3) **Structural details and hydraulics.**

(A) Define the hydraulic gradient across the rate-of-flow controller on the plans and specifications. Provide for a positive head at the throat of the controller when operating at the design flow rate. Show the entire hydraulic gradient from top of filter to clear well on the plans.

(B) Provide for the following:

(i) vertical walls within the filter,

(ii) no protrusion of filter walls into filter media,

(iii) head room to permit normal inspection and operation,

(iv) minimum depth of filter box of 8.5 feet,

(v) minimum water depth of 3 feet above the surface of filter media,

(vi) trapped effluent to prevent backflow of air to the bottom of the filters,

(vii) a minimum curb height of 4 inches must surround the filters to prevent the entrance of floor drainage,

(viii) overflow with discharge to backwash wastewater facilities,

(ix) maximum water velocity of 2 ft/s in pipes and conduits to filters,

(x) cleanouts and straight alignment for influent pipes or conduits where solids loading is heavy, or following lime-soda softening,

(xi) washwater drain capacity sufficient to carry maximum flow and equipped with an air gap a minimum of 2 times the diameter of the drain line,

(xii) walkways around filters to be a minimum of 24 inches wide,

(xiii) safety handrails or walls around filter areas adjacent to walkways,

(xiv) for each filter unit, a meter indicating the instantaneous rate of flow.

(4) **Washwater troughs.** Design washwater troughs as follows:

(A) bottom elevation above the maximum level of expanded media during washing,

(B) a 2-inch freeboard at the maximum rate of wash,

(C) the top edges to be level,

(D) spacing so that each trough serves an equal number of square feet of filter area, and

(E) do not exceed a 3 foot maximum horizontal travel of suspended particles to trough.

(5) **Filter material.** The media must be clean silica sand or other natural or synthetic material meeting AWWA standard specifications.

(A) Silica sand (single media) must be a total depth of not less than 24 inches and generally not more than 30 inches, an effective size of 0.45 - 0.55 mm and a uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.65.

(B) Anthracite coal (single media) must be a total depth of 30 to 36 inches of clean crushed anthracite coal, an effective size of 0.45 - 1.2 mm and a uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.65.

(C) Silica sand and anthracite coal (dual media) must be a total depth of 24 to 30 inches with at least 12 inches of sand.

(i) Sand must have an effective size of 0.45 - 0.55 mm and a uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.65.

(ii) Anthracite must have an effective size of 0.45 - 1.2 mm and a uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.85.

(D) Garnet, silica sand, and anthracite (multi-media) must have a total depth of media of at least 30 inches with a minimum of 4.5 inches of garnet, 9 inches of silica sand, and 16.5 inches of anthracite.

(i) Garnet must have an effective size of 0.15 - 0.35 mm.

(ii) Silica sand must have an effective size of 0.45 - 0.55 mm and a uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.65.

(iii) Anthracite must have an effective size of 0.45 - 1.2 mm and a uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.85.

(E) Granular activated carbon as a single media may be considered for filtration only after pilot or full scale testing and with prior approval of the DEQ. Granular activated carbon use is covered in 252:626-9-5.

(6) **Supporting media.**

(A) **Torpedo sand.** Provide a 3-inch layer of torpedo sand, with an effective size of 0.8 - 2.0 mm, and a uniformity coefficient not greater than 1.7, as a supporting media for filter sand.

(B) **Gravel.** Gravel, when used as supporting media, must consist of hard, rounded particles and not include flat or elongated particles. The coarsest gravel must be 2-½ inches in size when the gravel rests directly on the strainer system, and extends above the top of the perforated laterals.

(i) Provide at least 4 layers of gravel in accordance with Appendix E.

(ii) Reduction of gravel depths may be considered upon justification to the DEQ when proprietary filter bottoms are specified.

(7) **Underdrainage system.**

(A) Design all filter piping based on a minimum flow rate of 5 gal/min/ft^2 of surface area.

(B) Design underdrainage system to collect water with minimum uniform loss-of-head over the filter bed during filtration and for uniform upward velocities throughout the entire filter bed during the backwash process.

(C) Do not use porous types of underdrainage systems where the water has appreciable iron or manganese content, or where softening by lime is considered.

(D) For underdrainage systems using strainers, the maximum ratio of area of strainer openings to area of filter is 0.003.

(E) Direct laterals perforations without strainers downward.

(F) Total cross-sectional area of laterals on underdrain systems must be twice the cross-sectional area of the final openings.
(G) Design the cross-sectional area of the manifold to be twice the cross-sectional area of the laterals in order to minimize friction loss.
(H) Design the manifold so that air cannot accumulate as the result of slope or connection to effluent piping.

(8) **Rate of flow controllers.** Equip each filter with a rate of flow controller to ensure that the rated capacity of each filter is not exceeded during operation of other filters.

(9) **Surface wash or subsurface wash.** Surface or subsurface wash facilities are required except for filters used exclusively for iron or manganese removal, and may be accomplished by a system of fixed nozzles or a revolving-type apparatus.

(A) Install a reduced pressure zone (RPZ) back-flow preventer on surface wash units and the potable water supply.
(B) Minimum water pressure is 45 psi on the high side of the pressure-reducing valve.
(C) Install a pressure regulator on the surface wash supply line.
(D) The minimum design flow rate is 2.0 gal/min/ft^2 of filter area for fixed nozzle designs and 0.5 gal/min/ft^2 for revolving arm designs.
(E) Air-operated surface wash systems are allowed.

(10) **Air scouring.**

(A) Design underdrain to accommodate air scour piping, when piping is installed in the underdrain.
(B) Air flow for scouring the filter must be 3-5 standard ft^3/min/ft^2 of filter area when introduced in the underdrain.
(C) Make provisions to avoid excessive loss of filter media during backwashing.
(D) Air must be free from contamination.
(E) Place the air scour distribution systems below the filter media and supporting bed interface.
(F) Do not use flexible hose piping that is capable of collapsing when not under pressure, or of materials easily eroded at the orifice by high velocity air.
(G) To prevent short-circuiting, do not place air delivery piping in the filter media.
(H) Design for ease of maintenance and replacement of air delivery piping.
(I) Design the backwash water delivery system for 15 gal/min/ft^2 of filter surface area. Where design includes air scour, backwash water rate must be variable with a normal operating range up to 8 gal/min/ft^2 unless experience shows that a higher rate is necessary to remove scoured particles from filter media surfaces.

(11) **Backwash.** Make provisions for backwashing filters as follows:

(A) a minimum backwash rate of 15 gal/min/ft^2, or at a rate necessary for 50 percent expansion of the filter bed. A reduced rate of 10 gal/min/ft^2 may be acceptable for full depth anthracite or granular activated carbon filter,
(B) filtered water must come from washwater tanks, washwater pump(s), high service main, or a combination of these,
(C) duplicate washwater pumps unless an alternate means of obtaining washwater is available,
(D) sufficient water to backwash 1 filter for at least 15 minutes at design backwash rate,
(E) regulator or control valve for each filter to obtain desired rate of filter wash,
(F) rate-of-flow indicator on main washwater line, located so that it can be easily read by the operator during the back-washing process, and
(G) design to prevent rapid changes in backwash water flow.

(e) **Rapid rate pressure filters.**

(1) **General.** Rapid rate pressure filters are only allowed for iron and manganese removal for ground water systems.

(2) **Details of design.** Provide the following:

(A) pressure gauges on inlet and outlet pipes of each filter,
(B) filtration and backwashing of each filter individually,
(C) minimum side wall shell height of 5 feet. A corresponding reduction in side wall height is acceptable where proprietary bottoms permit reduction of the gravel depth,
(D) top of washwater collectors to be at least 18 inches above surface of media,
(E) underdrain system to efficiently collect the filtered water and to uniformly distribute the backwash water at a rate no less than 15 gal/min/ft^2 of filter area,
(F) an air release valve on the highest point of each filter,
(G) an accessible manhole to facilitate inspections and repairs,
(H) means to observe wastewater during backwashing,
(I) construction to prevent cross-connection,
(J) rate of filtration must not exceed 3gal/ft^2 of filter area, and
(K) sufficient information on the filter media to allow review and approval on a case-by-case basis.

(f) **Membrane filtration.** There are four categories of membrane filtration: microfiltration (MF), ultrafiltration (UF), nanofiltration (NF) and reverse osmosis (RO). For the purposes of this design standard, membranes shall be defined strictly by pore size as follows: MF, 0.1 - 0.2 µm; UF, 0.01 - 0.1 µm; NF, 0.001 - 0.01 µm; and RO 0.0001 - 0.001 µm. Using these membrane sizes, MF and UF are used for particle and microbial removal, while NF and RO reject most dissolved contaminants.

(1) **Source water testing.** Source water shall be tested for all parameters that may affect membrane filtration and finished water quality. Historic information shall be reviewed to determine water quality extremes that may be expected. Tabulated results of tests done, summaries and conclusions shall be submitted as part of the engineering report proposing membrane filtration.

(2) **Pilot plant verification study.** Prior to initiating the design of a membrane treatment facility, the DEQ must be contacted to determine if a pilot plant study is required to determine the best membrane to use, type of pretreatment, type of post treatment, the blending ratio (blending is not allowed if the source water is surface water or GWUDI), the amount of reject water produced, process efficiency, process control monitoring, cold and warm water flux, fouling potential, operating and TMP, differential pressure and other design criteria. The DEQ must be contacted prior to iniating any pilot study to establish a protocol. The use of membrane processes for treatment of surface water shall require a pilot study for a minimum duration of three (3) months during the time period identified as having the historically poorest water quality for contaminants tested.

(3) **Log inactivation.** Challenge testing removal efficiency for *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* shall be accepted by the DEQ if the system or modules meet the following:

(A) Challenge testing shall be conducted according to the criteria established by 40 CFR § 141.179 (b)(2) and show at a minimum 2.5 log removal of *Giardia* and 2.0 log removal for *Cryptosporidium*.

(B) At least 0.5 log removal credit shall be from approved disinfection process using chlorine, chlorine dioxide, ozone or UV.

(4) **Membrane materials.** Provide for compatibility of membrane material and the use of oxidants in the engineering report.

(5) **Pretreatment.** Membrane processes treating surface water shall require pretreatment in accordance with OAC 252:626-9-2. NF or RO processes treating surface water shall require pre-sedimentation in accordance with OAC 252:626-9-2 (d).

(6) **Post treatment.** Post treatment shall be addressed in the engineering report, which shall demonstrate the degasification of carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide removal, organic removal, pH, hardness adjustment for corrosion control, and disinfection as a secondary pathogen control for the distribution system.

(7) **Cross-connections.** Membrane systems piping for feed water, filtrate, backwash water, waste and chemical cleaning shall be designed to prevent any cross connection with any potable water supply, in accordance with OAC 252:626-5-15.

(8) **Flow meters.** Flow meters shall be provided on the source water influent piping, the plant finish water piping and on membrane backwash piping.

(9) **Pressure gauges.** Pressure gauges shall be provided on the influent and effluent piping to each membrane unit.
(10) **Turbidity monitoring.** Turbidity monitoring equipment shall be required on all membrane processes treating surface water and GWUDI. Turbidity monitoring equipment shall be installed on all influent and effluent piping of membrane units. Continuous turbidity recording equipment shall be provided on the effluent piping and connected to an alarm system to warn operators of an excessive turbidity breakthrough.
(11) **Membrane cleaning.** A schedule and procedure for proper membrane cleaning shall be developed based on manufacturer's recommendations to prevent contamination of both raw and finished water. The Clean-In-Place procedures shall be approved by the DEQ. Chemicals shall meet AWWA, ANSI and/or NSF requirements, where applicable. Only treatment devices approved by ANSI or NSF shall be used.
(12) **Direct testing equipment.** Equipment for direct testing shall be provided to monitor membrane integrity and to detect and locate defects or breaches that could allow raw water to be diverted around the membrane process.
(13) **Indirect testing.** The membrane system shall be designed to conduct and record indirect integrity continuously on each membrane unit.
(14) **Redundancy.** Redundancy of control components, including, but not limited to, valves, air supply and computers shall be required. Provide membrane units to meet the design capacity with the largest unit out of service.
(15) **Flux rates.** The design engineer shall address the following factors in the engineering report and/or pilot study:

(A) Flux rate shall be based upon the coldest average monthly temperature anticipated and the reference temperature (20° Celsius for MF/UF and 25° Celsius for RO/NF).
(B) Chemical cleaning strategy shall be determined to restore membrane permeability and acceptable flux without damaging the membrane integrity.
(C) Backwash strategies shall be implemented for MF/UF membranes to enhance membrane flux and to extend intervals between chemical cleanings.
(D) Flux rate shall be guaranteed by the manufacturer for a minimum of one (1) year.

(16) **Backwashing.** Provisions for backwashing shall be included in the design according to the manufacturer's recommendations.
(17) **Disinfection.** The system shall be properly disinfected and water shall be run to waste each time the membrane units are opened for maintenance. Certain disinfectants shall not be used through the membranes, if prohibited by the manufacturer.
(18) **Reject water and solids.** Waste from membrane filtration shall be handled in accordance with the requirements in OAC 252:626-13.
(19) **Operation and maintenance requirements.** Operation and maintenance manuals for membrane filtration systems shall be in accordance with OAC 252:626-3-7 (c)(6).

[**Source:** Amended at 29 Ok Reg 1035, eff 7-1-12; Amended at 33 Ok Reg 1472, eff 9-15-16; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-9-10. Softening

Select the softening process based on mineral qualities of raw water, desired finished water quality, requirements for disposal of residuals or brine waste, cost of plant, cost of chemicals and plant location.

(1) **Lime or lime-soda process.**

(A) **Residuals removal.** Provide mechanical residuals removal equipment in the sedimentation basin.
(B) **Rapid mix.** In addition to the rapid mix requirements of OAC 252:626-9-8(a)(1), the design of a softening plant must allow for the recycling of previously formed calcium carbonate crystals (lime residuals) to the rapid mix basin, and a rapid mix detention time of not more than 30 seconds.
(C) **Filtration.** In addition to the requirements for filter design as set forth in OAC 252:626-9-9, equip filters with a mechanical surface sweep to assist filter backwashing.

(D) **Stabilization.** Equipment for stabilization of water softened by the lime or lime-soda process is required.

(2) **Cation exchange process.**

(A) **Pre-treatment.** Pre-treatment is required when the content of iron, manganese, or a combination of the two, is 1 mg/l or more.

(B) **Design.** Automatic regeneration based on volume of water softened is required unless manual regeneration can be justified and is approved by the DEQ. Provide a manual override on all automatic controls.

(C) **Exchange capacity.** Do not exceed the resin manufacturer's recommended design capacity for hardness removal and regeneration.

(D) **Depth of resin.** The depth of the exchange resin must be at least 3 feet.

(E) **Flow rates.** Do not exceed 7 gal/min/ft^2 flow rate for softening of bed area. Provide for backwash flow rate of 6 B 8 gal/min/ft^2 of bed area.

(F) **Freeboard.** The freeboard will depend upon the specific gravity of the resin and the direction of water flow. Washwater collector shall be twenty-four inches (24") above the top of the resin on downflow units.

(G) **Underdrains and supporting gravel.** Design the bottoms, strainer systems and support for the exchange resin to conform to criteria provided for rapid rate gravity filters.

(H) **Brine distribution.** Provide for even distribution of the brine over the entire surface of both upflow and downflow units.

(I) **Blending configuration.** Provide piping around softening units to produce blended water of desirable hardness. Provide an automatic proportioning or regulating device and shut-off valve on each line. Install totalizing meters on the bypass line and on each softener unit. Treatment of the water will be required when iron and/or manganese levels in the blended water exceed the levels for secondary standards found in 40 CFR, Part 143.

(J) **Additional limitations.** Do not apply water with turbidity of 5 NTU or more directly to the cation exchange softener. Do not use silica gel resins for waters having a pH above 8.4 or containing less than 6 mg/l of silica. When the applied water contains a chlorine residual, the cation exchange resin must be a type that is not damaged by chlorine.

(K) **Sampling taps.** Provide smooth-nose sampling taps for the collection of representative samples. Locate the taps to provide sampling of the softener influent, effluent, and blended water. Install sampling taps for the blended water at least 20 feet downstream from the point of blending.

(L) **Brine and salt storage tanks.** Cover brine measuring or salt dissolving tanks and wet salt storage facilities and construct them of corrosion-resistant material. The make-up water inlet must have a free fall discharge of two pipe diameters above the maximum liquid level of the unit or obtain DEQ approval of other methods of protection from back-siphonage. Support the salt on graduated layers of gravel with a suitable means of collecting the brine. Equip wet salt storage basins with manhole or hatchway openings having raised curbs and watertight covers with overhanging edges similar to those required for finished water reservoirs. Overflow, where provided, must have a free fall discharge and terminate at an approved brine waste disposal facility.

(M) **Salt storage capacity.** Design salt storage large enough to accommodate a 30-day supply.

(N) **Stabilization.** Provide stabilization for corrosion control.

(O) **Waste disposal.** Provide a DEQ approved disposal plan for brine waste. If disposal is to an impoundment, then the impoundment must be lined with a synthetic liner in accordance with the requirements contained in OAC 252:656.

(P) **Construction material.** Pipes and contact materials must be resistant to the aggressiveness of salt.

(Q) **Housing.** Enclose and separate salt storage from other operating areas.

(3) **New technology.** Other forms of softening not covered in this subchapter shall be considered for approval under the conditions of OAC 252:626-3-8 until data from a sufficient number of installations demonstrate their ability to perform satisfactorily.

(4) **Water quality test equipment.** Provide test equipment for pH, alkalinity and total hardness to determine treatment effectiveness.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Amended at 43 Ok Reg, Number 21, effective 9-15-26]

252:626-9-11. Disinfection

(a) **General.**

(1) **Surface and GWUDI.** All surface and GWUDI supplies require disinfection.

(2) **Groundwater.** Full-time disinfection of a groundwater supply is required whenever the record of bacteriological tests indicates the water is or was ever bacteriologically unsafe pursuant to 252:626-7-4(a)(2).

(3) **Modification to disinfection process.** Do not make any changes to the disinfection process unless approved by the DEQ.

(4) **CT Standards.** Design the system to meet the CT standards in accordance with 40 CFR § 141.72. CT shall provide 4.0 log inactivation for viruses.

(5) **Accomplished log inactivation.** Total log removal/inactivation required for *Giardia, Cryptosporidium* and viruses shall be accomplished through filtration and disinfection as described in the "Microbial and Disinfection Byproduct Rules Simultaneous Compliance Guidance Manual," EPA 815-R-99-015.

(b) **Chlorination.**

(1) **Chlorinators.** Provide solution-feed-gas-type chlorinators positive displacement hypochlorite feeders or tablet chlorinators. Only NSF approved tablet chlorinators are allowed.

(2) **Capacity.** Design the capacity of chlorine feeders to produce a free chlorine residual of at least 2 mg/l in the water after a contact time needed to meet the required CT Value. The equipment must accurately operate over the desired feeding range.

(3) **Stand-by equipment.** Provide stand-by equipment to replace the largest unit during shutdowns and adequate spare parts for chlorinators. Hypochlorinators of adequate capacity may temporarily replace gas-type chlorinators in small plants.

(4) **Proportioning.** Provide automatic proportioning chlorinators where the rate of flow or chlorine demand is not constant.

(5) **Contact time and point of application.**

(A) At plants treating surface water, make provisions for applying disinfectant to raw water, water applied to filters, filtered water, and water entering the distribution system. At plants treating ground water, make provisions for applying chlorine to the detention basin inlet and water entering the distribution system.

(B) Design all basins used for disinfection to minimize short-circuiting and increase contact time.

(C) If primary disinfection is accomplished using ozone, chlorine dioxide, or any other chemical that does not provide a residual disinfectant, then chlorine or chloramines must be added to provide a residual disinfectant.

(6) **Testing equipment.** Provide chlorine residual test equipment recognized in the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" published by AWWA, APHA, and WEF. Public water supply systems that serve a population greater than 3,300 shall have equipment that continuously measures and records chlorine residuals at the entry point to the distribution system.

(7) **Chlorinator piping.** Design the chlorinator water supply piping to prevent contamination of the treated water supply by back-siphonage or cross connections with non-potable water. At all facilities treating surface water, pre-chlorination and post-chlorination systems must be independent to prevent possible siphoning of partially treated water into the clear well.

(c) **Chloramines.** Disinfection with chloramines is not allowed for primary disinfection to meet CT requirements.

(d) **Chlorine dioxide.** Perform an oxidant demand study before selecting chlorine dioxide as a primary disinfectant.

(e) **Chlorine dioxide testing equipment.** When treatment with chlorine dioxide is used, provide equipment for testing concentrations of chlorine dioxide and chlorites.

(f) **Ultraviolet disinfection.** UV drinking water disinfection applications shall be closed channel reactors. Full-scale drinking water applications generally use UV low-pressure, UV low-pressure high-output, or UV medium pressure mercury vapor lamps. There are several factors to determine which lamp to use, including the number of lamps needed, lamp life, power usage, start-up time and germicidal efficiency.

(1) **Reactor dose monitoring approaches.** One of the following UV reactor dose-monitoring approaches shall be used:

(A) **UV intensity setpoint approach.** This approach relies on one or more "setpoints" for UV intensity that are established during validation testing, pursuant to the requirements contained in 252:626-9-11(f)(2)(C), to determine UV dose. During operations, the UV intensity as measured by the UV sensors must meet or exceed the setpoint(s) to ensure delivery of the required dose. In the UV intensity setpoint approach, UV transmittance does not need to be monitored separately. Instead, the intensity readings by the sensor account for changes in UV transmittance. The operating strategy can be with either a single setpoint (one UV intensity setpoint is used for all validation flow rates) or a variable setpoint (the UV intensity setpoint is determined using a lookup table or equation for a range of flow rates).

(B) **Calculated dose approach.** This approach uses a dose monitoring equation to estimate the UV dose based on the measured flow rate, UV intensity, and UV transmittance. The dose monitoring equation shall be developed through validation testing, pursuant to the requirements contained in 626-9-11(f)(2)(C). During reactor operations, the UV reactor control system inputs the measured parameters into the dose monitoring equation to produce a calculated dose. The water system operator divides the calculated dose by the validation factor and compares the resulting value to the required dose for the target pathogen and log inactivation level.

(2) **Design.** The following criteria shall be included in the design of the UV system:

(A) **Flow rate.** Maximum instantaneous flow rates shall be stated in the validation report pursuant to the requirements contained in 626-9-11(f)(2)(C).

(B) **Target pathogen(s) and log inactivation.** The log inactivation for the target pathogen(s) must be determined before sizing the UV reactor. The target microorganism(s) and their log-inactivation level shall be stated in the engineering report. The required UV doses for *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* inactivation are lower than those needed for the inactivation of viruses. Most viruses can be easily inactivated with chlorine.

(C) **Validation.** To ensure the validation testing and data analysis is conducted in a technically sound manner and without bias, a person independent of the UV reactor manufacturer shall oversee the validation testing. Individuals qualified for such oversight shall include engineers experienced in testing and evaluating UV reactors and scientists experienced in the microbial aspects of biodosimetry. Appropriate individuals should have no real or apparent conflicts of interest regarding the ultimate use of the UV reactor being tested. The range of validated operating conditions must be included in the validation testing and submittal of a validation report shall be required. The validation testing shall be completed in accordance with procedures outlined in the publication, "Ultraviolet Disinfection Guidance Manual for the Final Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule," EPA 815-R-06-007, (2006).

(D) **Sizing.** A fouling aging factor of 0.70 shall be used to size the UV reactor.

(E) **Required UV dose.** The validation process shall determine the dose monitoring for the required dose over the range of flow, UVT, lamp aging and fouling that will occur at the water treatment plant.

(F) **Water quality.** The following water quality parameters shall be included in the design of the system:

(i) Fouling factors, which include, temperature, pH, turbidity, iron, calcium, manganese, alkalinity and total hardness;

(ii) UV transmittance at 254 mn; and

(iii) UV transmittance from 200-300 mn for MP reactors only.

(G) **Operating pressure.** Provide the expected operating pressures for the UV system. The maximum operating pressure to be withstood by the lamp sleeves and UV reactor housing.

(H) **UV sensors.** A germicidal spectral response shall be specified. A minimum of one UV sensor shall be specified per UV reactor. The actual number shall be the same as used during the validation process pursuant to the requirements contained in 252:9-11(f)(2)(C). The following shall also be required:

(i) UV sensors used during validation shall read within 10% of the average of 3 or more reference sensor measurements.

(ii) UV sensors during operation shall be calibrated with 3 or more reference UV sensor measurements. Reference UV sensors are off-line UV sensors that shall be at least as accurate as the duty UV sensors and shall be constructed identically, unless changes are made to the reference sensor to make said sensor more accurate.

(iii) Reference UV sensors shall have calibration traceable to one of the following national standards:

(I) The National Physical Laboratory;

(II) The National Institute of Standards and Technology;

(III) Deutsche Vereinigung des Gas- und Wasserfaches (GVDW); and

(IV) Osterreichisches Normungsinstitut (ORNORM).

(I) **Hydraulics.** The following hydraulic information shall be provided:

(i) The maximum system pressure at the UV reactor;

(ii) The maximum allowable head loss through the UV reactor;

(iii) Special surge conditions that may be experienced; and

(iv) The hydraulic constraints based on the site-specific and validated conditions.

(J) **Location constraints.** Do not install UV disinfection upstream of filtration for surface and GWUDI water treatment plants due to the potential of particles interfering with UV disinfection.

(K) **Lamp Sleeves.** The following shall be applicable to all lamp sleeves installed:

(i) Lamp sleeves shall be annealed to minimize internal stress;

(ii) Lamp sleeve specifications shall describe the type of lamp sleeve cleaning system to be used, whether an off-line chemical clean, an off-line mechanical clean, or an on-line mechanical and/or chemical clean method is used. Indicate how the capacity of the system will be affected by the chosen cleaning system; and

(iii) Provide piping and valves necessary to properly dispose of chemicals used during the cleaning of the lamp sleeves.

(L) **Alarms.** At a minimum, the following UV reactor alarms shall be specified:

(i) Lamp or ballast failure;

(ii) Low UV intensity or low validated UV dose;

(iii) High temperature;

(iv) Operating conditions outside of validated range; and

(v) Wiper failure.

(M) **Instrumentation.** At a minimum, the following signals and indicators shall be specified:

(i) UV lamp status;

(ii) UV reactor status;

(iii) All signals used in the dose monitoring algorithm (e.g. at a minimum lamp output, UV intensity, flow, and UVT);

(iv) Lamp cleaning cycle and history;

(v) Accumulated run time for individual lamps or banks of lamps and reactors; and

(vi) Influent flow rate.

(N) **Controls.** At a minimum, the following UV reactor controls shall be specified:

(i) UV dose setpoints, UV intensity set points or UV transmittance setpoints as appropriate;

(ii) UV lamps, on and off control;

(iii) UV reactor, on and off control;
(iv) UV reactor manual and automatic control;
(v) UV reactor local and remote control;
(vi) Manual lamp power level control;
(vii) Manual lamp cleaning cycle control; and
(viii) Automatic lamp cleaning cycle setpoint control.

(O) **Startup Criteria.** The equipment installed shall meet the performance requirements contained in the specifications. The following specific performance criteria shall be included in the specifications:

(i) Allowable head loss at each design flow rate;
(ii) Estimated power consumption under the design operating conditions;
(iii) Disinfection capacity of each reactor under the design water quality conditions;
(iv) Sensitivity of equipment to variations in voltage or current; and
(v) Reference UV sensor, duty UV sensor, and UV transmittance analyzer performance.

(P) **Warranties.** A physical equipment warranty for a minimum of one year is required. Lamps shall be warranted to provide the lamp intensity under design conditions and warranted for a minimum number of operating hours taking into consideration the fouling and aging of the lamp.

(Q) **UV transmittance analyzer.** When a UV transmittance analyzer is provided, a calibrated spectrophotometer is required, capable to measure UV absorbance and/or UVT at 254 nm, across a 4 cm or 5 cm pathlength.

(R) **Back-up power supply.** Power surges and the appropriate power conditioning equipment must be addressed in the specifications.

[**Source:** Amended at 43 Ok Reg, Number 21, effective 9-15-26; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Amended at 31 Ok Reg 1301, eff 9-12-14]

252:626-9-12. Fluoridation [REVOKED]

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Revoked at 31 Ok Reg 1301, eff 9-12-14]

252:626-9-13. Stabilization and corrosion control

(a) **Stabilization and corrosion control.** Make provisions for corrective treatment of waters that are corrosive to distribution systems and plumbing. The use of lined and coated mains in accordance with the AWWA standard specifications will minimize corrosion of the distribution system but will not protect plumbing systems on private property.

(b) **Equipment.** Equipment for feeding of an acid, alkali or polyphosphate compound must comply with OAC 252:626-11.

(c) **Control procedures.** Include specifications for stability control equipment and laboratory equipment for determining the alkalinity and pH of the water.

(d) **Stabilization of alkaline (high pH) water.** Stabilization with carbon dioxide or acid must conform to one or more of the following:

(1) **Carbon dioxide addition.**

(A) Design recarbonation basin to provide:

(i) a total detention time of twenty minutes, and
(ii) two compartments, each with a depth of 8 feet, as follows:

(I) a mixing compartment having a detention time of at least 3 minutes,
(II) a reaction compartment.

(B) Take adequate precautions to prevent the possibility of carbon monoxide entering the plant from the recarbonation compartments.

(C) Make provisions for draining the recarbonation basin and removing residuals.

(2) **Acid addition.** Take adequate precautions for safety, such as not adding water to the concentrated acid.

(e) **Polyphosphate addition.** Polyphosphate addition for sequestering calcium in lime-softened water, and in conjunction with alkali feed following ion exchange softening must comply with the following:

(1) phosphate chemicals must be listed by NSF or the FDA as food grade,

(2) do not exceed 10 mg/l total phosphate applied as PO_4,

(3) keep stock phosphate solution covered and disinfected by carrying approximately 10 mg/l free chlorine residual, and

(4) maintain satisfactory chlorine residuals in the distribution system when phosphates are used,

(f) **Carbon Dioxide Reduction.** Carbon dioxide content of an aggressive water may be reduced by aeration. Aeration devices shall conform with OAC 252:626-9-3.

(g) **Other treatment.** Other treatment for controlling corrosive waters by the use of sodium silicate may be used where necessary. Any compound must be approved by the DEQ before use.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-9-14. Anion exchange

(a) **Pilot study.** A pilot study protocol shall be approved prior to conducting the pilot study. A pilot study is required prior to submission of an engineering report and must be conducted for a minimum duration of time sufficient to process water through at least one full bed volume and resin regeneration cycle, or 3 days, whichever is longer. The results of the pilot study shall be included in the engineering report.

(b) **Pretreatment.** Pretreatment shall be required if the total concentration of iron, manganese, and heavy metals exceeds 0.1 mg/L.

(c) **Process Design.**

(1) **Redundancy.** Redundancy of control components, including, but not limited to, valves, air supply and computers, shall be provided. Anion exchange units shall be provided that meet the design capacity at a level below the nitrate/nitrite MCL with the largest unit out of service.

(2) **Automatic controls.** Automatic regeneration based on volume of water treated shall be provided unless manual regeneration can be justified and is approved by DEQ. A manual override shall be provided for all automatic controls.

(3) **Exchange capacity.** The design capacity of the anion exchange system shall not exceed the manufacturer's recommended design capacity of the resin and regeneration.

(4) **Flow rates.** The design shall not exceed 7 gallons/min/ft^2 of bed area for the treatment flow rate. The backwash flow rate should be 2-3 gallons/min/ft^2 of bed area with a fast rinse approximately equal to the service flow rate.

(5) **Flow meters.** Flow meters shall be provided on the source water influent piping and the plant finished water piping.

(6) **Blending.** If a portion of the water is bypassed around the treatment unit and blended with the treated water, the maximum blend ratio allowable must be determined based on the highest anticipated raw water nitrate level. If a bypass line is provided, a totalizing meter and a proportioning or regulating device or flow regulating valves must be provided on the bypass line.

(7) **Stabilization.** Stabilization for corrosion control shall be provided.

(8) **Appurtenances.** An adequate underdrain and supporting gravel system, brine distribution equipment, and cross connection control shall be provided.

(9) **Construction material.** Pipes and contact materials must be resistant to the aggressiveness of salt.

(10) **Cross connections.** Anion exchange system piping shall be designed to prevent any cross connection with any potable water supply, in accordance with OAC 252:626-5-15.

(d) **Sampling and monitoring.**

(1) **Sampling taps.** Smooth-nose sampling taps for the collection of representative samples shall be provided. The taps shall be located to provide sampling of the anion exchange unit influent, effluent, and blended water. Sampling taps for the blended water shall be located at least 20 feet downstream from the point of blending.

(2) **Water quality test equipment.** Test equipment for pH, alkalinity, stability, total hardness, and nitrate shall be provided to determine treatment effectiveness.

(3) **Monitoring.** The treated water nitrate/nitrite level shall be monitored using continuous monitoring and recording equipment with a high nitrate level alarm. In addition to continuous monitoring and recording equipment, the finished water nitrate/nitrite levels shall be determined (using a test kit) no less than once per day, preferably just prior to regeneration of the unit.

(e) **Brine System.**

(1) **Brine and salt storage tanks.** Cover brine measuring or salt dissolving tanks and wet salt storage facilities and construct them of corrosion-resistant material. The make-up water inlet shall have a free fall discharge of two pipe diameters above the maximum liquid level of the unit or obtain DEQ approval of other methods of protection from back-siphonage. Support the salt on graduated layers of gravel with a suitable means of collecting the brine. Equip wet salt storage basins with manhole or hatchway openings having raised curbs and watertight covers with overhanging edges similar to those required for finished water storage. Overflow, where provided, must have a free fall discharge and terminate at an approved brine waste disposal facility.

(2) **Salt storage capacity.** Design salt storage large enough to accommodate a 30-day supply.

(3) **Housing.** Enclose and separate salt storage from other operating areas.

(f) **Waste disposal.** A DEQ approved disposal plan is required for brine waste. If brine waste is disposed of in a lagoon, then the lagoon must be permitted and constructed in accordance with OAC 252:656 and lined with a synthetic liner in accordance with the requirement contained in OAC:626-13-4.

[**Source:** Added at 29 Ok Reg 1035, eff 7-1-12; Amended at 33 Ok Reg 1472, eff 9-15-16]

SUBCHAPTER 11. CHEMICAL APPLICATION

252:626-11-1. Chemical application

Chemicals must be listed by NSF or UL as meeting ANSI/NSF Standards 60 and 61. All containers shall be labeled with the following information: chemical name, chemical purity, chemical concentration, supplier name and supplier address. Do not apply any chemical to drinking water unless specifically permitted by the DEQ.

(1) **Plans and specifications.** Include the following:

(A) description of equipment, including maximum and minimum feed ranges,

(B) location, piping layout and points of application,

(C) storage and handling facilities,

(D) specifications for chemicals to be used,

(E) operating and control procedures, including proposed applications rates, and

(F) descriptions of testing equipment and procedures.

(2) **Chemical application.** Include points of application to meet the following:

(A) assure maximum efficiency of treatment,

(B) assure maximum safety to consumer,

(C) provide maximum safety to operators,

(D) assure satisfactory mixing of the chemicals with the water,

(E) provide maximum flexibility of operation through multiple application points,

(F) prevent backflow or back-siphonage between common manifolds, and

(G) chemical's physical characteristics (viscosity, density, etc.) in determining the type and location of feed equipment.

(3) **General equipment design.** General equipment design must:

(A) ensure that feeders will be able to supply the necessary amounts of chemicals at an accurate feed rate throughout the plant operating range,

(B) specify chemical resistant material any place where operating procedures will require transport or contact with chemicals,

(C) ensure that corrosive chemicals are introduced in such a manner to minimize potential for corrosion, and

(D) ensure that incompatible chemicals are not fed, stored, handled, or disposed of together.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-11-2. Operator safety

Conveniently locate an eye-washing device and deluge shower in the chemical storage and handling area. Install a water holding tank that will allow the water feeding the shower and eye-washing device to come to room temperature. Other methods of water tempering will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-11-3. Facility design

(a) **Number of feeders.**

(1) Where chemical feed is necessary for the public health protection, such as chlorination, coagulation or other essential processes:

(A) provide a minimum of 2 feeders for each chemical applied,

(B) design the feed system to meet the maximum chemical demand with the largest unit out of service, and

(C) where a booster pump is required for feeder operation, provide duplicate pumps.

(2) Provide adequate spare parts for feed equipment.

(b) **Control.**

(1) Feeders may be manually or automatically controlled. Automatic controls must include a manual override.

(2) Provide control equipment to keep feed rates proportional to the plant flow rate.

(3) Provide flow measurement to determine chemical feed rates.

(4) Make provisions for measuring quantities of chemicals applied.

(5) Equip feeders with alarm devices to warn operators of failures.

(c) **Dry chemical feeders.**

(1) Provide for measurement of chemicals either volumetrically or gravimetrically.

(2) Feeders must be accurate to within 5% of any desired feed rate.

(3) Provide adequate solution water and agitation in the solution pot.

(4) Provide gravity feed from solution pots.

(5) Completely enclose chemicals to prevent emission of dust to the operating room.

(6) Do not use positive displacement solution feed pumps to feed chemical slurries.

(d) **Dust control.**

(1) Make provisions for the proper transfer of dry chemicals from shipping containers to storage bins or hoppers in order to minimize dust by using:

(A) vacuum pneumatic equipment (dust collectors),

(B) facilities designated for disposal of used shipping bags, or

(C) closed conveyor systems.

(2) Make provisions for wet mopping and for wiping of equipment, to remove any fluoride dusts, which might accumulate, unless a suitable type of vacuum cleaner is available for keeping the floor and equipment free from dust.

(3) Provide a floor drain.

(4) Equip all dry feeders with an enclosed hopper or cover to minimize dust problems.

(5) Use crystalline or granular forms of fluoride compounds in dry feeders when applicable.

(e) **Liquid chemical feeders.**

(1) Provide positive displacement solution feed pumps to feed liquid chemicals.

(2) Feeders must be accurate to within 5% of any desired feed rate.

(3) Design and install liquid chemical feeders to prevent the siphonage of chemical solution into the public water supply.

(f) **Chemical feed equipment location.** Chemical feed equipment must:

(1) be located in a separate room to reduce hazards and dust problems,

(2) be conveniently located near points of application to minimize length of feed lines, and

(3) be readily accessible for servicing, repair, and observation of operation.

(g) **Storage of chemicals.**

(1) Provide space for dry storage of at least a 30-day supply of chemicals.

(2) Separate the chemical storage rooms from the feed machine room. Liquid chemicals may be stored in the feed machine rooms where containment for spills is provided.
(3) Use storage tanks and pipelines for liquid chemicals specific to the intended chemicals.
(4) Provide liquid chemical storage tanks with:
(A) a device to measure the liquid level in the tank, and
(B) an overflow and a receiving basin or drain capable of receiving accidental spills or overflows.

(h) **Solution tanks.**
(1) Provide a measuring device to measure chemical addition and dilution water to maintain a uniform strength of solution.
(2) Provide continuous agitation to maintain slurries in suspension.
(3) Design solution tanks of adequate volume to assure continuity of supply in servicing a solution tank.
(4) Provide a device to measure the solution level in the tank.
(5) Keep chemical solution tanks covered.
(6) Design large tanks with access openings that are curbed and fitted with tight overhanging covers.
(7) Subsurface locations for solution tanks must:
(A) be free from sources of possible contamination, and
(B) assure positive drainage for ground waters, accumulated water, chemical spills and overflows.
(8) Overflow pipes must:
(A) be turned downward, with the end screened,
(B) have freefall discharge, and
(C) discharge through an air gap at least 6 inches or two pipe diameters whichever is greater above to an approved drain or containment area
(9) Vent acid storage tanks to the outside atmosphere, but not through vents in common with day tanks.
(10) Provide each tank with a valved drain, protected against backflow and cross-connection.
(11) Have an overflow and a receiving basin capable of receiving accidential spills or overflows without uncontrolled discharge; a common receiving basin may be provided for each group of compatible chemicals, that provides sufficient containment volume to prevent accidental discharge in the event of failure of the largest tank.
(12) Properly label tanks with the name of chemicals contained.

(i) **Day tanks.**
(1) Provide day tanks where design includes bulk storage of liquid chemical.
(2) Design day tanks to meet all the requirements of Section 252:626-11-3(h).
(3) Design day tanks to hold no more than a 30-hour supply.
(4) Day tanks must be scale-mounted, or have a calibrated gauge painted or mounted on the side if liquid level can be observed in a gauge tube or through translucent side walls of the tank. In opaque tanks, a gauge rod extending above a reference point at the top of the tank, attached to a float is allowed. The ratio of the area of the tank to its height must be such that unit readings are meaningful in relation to the total amount of chemical fed during a day.
(5) Provide hand pumps for liquid chemical transfer from a carboy or drum.
(6) Where motor-driven transfer pumps are provided, provide a liquid level limit switch and an overflow from the day tank, which will drain by gravity back into the bulk storage tank.
(7) Tank refilling line entry points shall be clearly labeled with the name of the chemicals contained.

(j) **Feed lines.** Design feed lines to:
(1) be as short as possible,
(2) be of durable, corrosion resistant material,
(3) be easily accessible throughout the entire length. Provide access to lines in floors or walks,
(4) be protected against freezing,
(5) be readily cleanable, open flumes are required for carrying suspensions of lime,

(6) have adequate flow velocity in the lines to keep the chemical in suspension,
(7) slope upward from the chemical source to the feeder when conveying gases,
(8) be designed consistent with scale-forming or solids depositing properties of the water, chemical, solution or mixture conveyed,
(9) be color-coded, per Appendix A, and
(10) keep chemicals from being located overhead.

(k) **Handling.**

(1) Provide carts, elevators or other appropriate means for lifting chemical containers.
(2) Make provisions for disposing of empty bags, drums or barrels by an approved procedure, which will minimize exposure to dusts.
(3) Make provisions for the proper transfer of dry chemicals from shipping containers to storage bins or hoppers to minimize dust. Provide control by using one of the following:
(A) vacuum pneumatic equipment or closed conveyor systems,
(B) facilities for emptying shipping containers in special enclosures, or
(C) exhaust fans and dust filters that can put the hoppers or bins under negative pressure.

(l) **Housing.**

(1) Construct floor surfaces to be smooth, impervious, slip-proof and with a minimum slope of 2.5 percent to an approved drain or containment area.
(2) Discharge vents from feeders, storage facilities and equipment exhaust to the outside atmosphere above grade and remote from air intakes.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-11-4. Additional requirements for specific chemicals

(a) **Chlorine gas.**

(1) **Housing.** Enclose chlorine gas feed and storage and separate them from other operating areas. The chlorine room must:
(A) have a shatter resistant, clear glass inspection window installed in an exterior door or interior wall to permit the chlorinator to be viewed without entering the room,
(B) be constructed so that all openings between the chlorine room and the remainder of the plant are sealed,
(C) be provided with doors equipped with panic hardware and opening only to the building exterior,
(D) be on ground floor with easy access for handling cylinders from a ramp or dock at floor level, and
(E) provide a gas-tight room to separate gas chlorination equipment, chlorine cylinders and ozone generation equipment from other parts of the building, if the building is used for other purposes. Do not connect floor drains from the chlorine room to floor drains from other rooms. Doors to this room shall only open to the outside of the building, with panic hardware, at ground level and allow easy access to all equipment. One-ton chlorine cylinders shall have separate storage and feed areas. All doors and emergency equipment shall be compatible with chlorine.

(2) **Ventilation.**

(A) Provide each room with a ventilating fan with the capacity to provide one complete air change per minute.
(B) Locate air inlets near the ceiling and the point of discharge near the floor. Locate the point of discharge to avoid contaminating air inlets to any rooms or structures.
(C) Locate switches for fans and lights outside of the room, at the entrance. Provide a labeled signal light indicating fan operation at each entrance where the fan can be controlled from more than one point.

(3) **Heat.** Provide the ability to heat the room to 60EF (15EC) and protect from excessive heat. Keep cylinders at room temperature.

(4) **Storage of chlorine cylinders.** Full and empty cylinders of chlorine gas must be:
(A) isolated from operating areas,

(B) restrained in position to prevent upset,
(C) stored in rooms separate from ammonia storage,
(D) stored in areas not in direct sunlight or exposed to excessive heat, and
(E) a minimum of a one-ton chlorine container, if more than 150 pounds of chlorine per day is needed.

(5) **Scales.** Provide corrosion-resistant accurate scales for weighing chlorine cylinders. Provide at least a platform scale. Indicating and recording scales are required.

(6) **Chlorine gas line.** Do not allow chlorinator feed lines to carry chlorine gas beyond the chlorinator room, unless gas is fed under vacuum. Lines must be extra heavy weight pipes, resistant to corrosion and slope upward from the cylinder to the chlorinator.

(7) **Water supply.** Provide an ample supply of water to operate the chlorinator. Back-up any booster pumps, according to the back-up power requirements.

(8) **Handling Equipment.** For cylinders up to 150 pounds, provide securing restraints and a hand-truck designed for the cylinders. For one-ton cylinders, provide:
(A) a 4,000-pound capacity hoist,
(B) a cylinder lifting bar,
(C) a monorail or hoist with sufficient lifting height to pass one cylinder over another, and
(D) cylinder trunnions to allow exchanging the cylinders for proper connection.

(9) **Manifolds.** Gaseous chlorine cylinders may be connected to a manifold, if all cylinders are maintained at the same temperature or the system is designed for gas transfer from a warm container to a cool container. Do not connect liquid chlorine cylinders to a manifold.

(10) **Leak detection.** Provide an emergency response plan for chlorine leaks. Provide a bottle of 56% ammonium hydroxide solution for detecting chlorine leaks. Where one-ton containers are used, provide a leak repair kit approved by the Chlorine Institute and include caustic soda solution reaction tanks to absorb leaks. At large chlorination installations, provide automatic gas detection and related alarm equipment. Air pollution control regulations may require additional air scrubbing equipment be installed.

(11) **Evaporators.** The specifications shall demonstrate that a sufficient volume of chlorine can be supplied.

(12) **Respiratory protection.** Where chlorine gas is handled, provide respiratory air-pac protection equipment that meets the National Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) standards. Store the equipment and operating instructions at a convenient location outside the room where chlorine is used or stored. The units must use compressed air, with at least a 30-minute capacity. In the emergency response plan, describe how to maintain the air-pac protection equipment.

(b) **Acids and caustics.**

(1) Keep acids and caustics in closed acid-resistant or caustic resistant shipping containers or storage units.

(2) Design bulk acid and caustic storage systems with a liquid level indicator, overflow pipe, and receiving basin or drain capable of receiving accidental spills or overflows.

(3) Do not handle acids or caustics in open vessels. Pump acid or caustics in undiluted form from original containers through a suitable line to the point of treatment or to a covered day tank.

(4) Due to their potential explosive nature, do not store acids and bases together or allow discharge to a common drain.

(c) **Fluoride.** Documentation of approval from the Oklahoma State Department of Health for the use of fluoride for a PWS system shall be submitted to DEQ with the engineering report.

(1) **Approved fluoride compounds.** The following compounds may be used for the fluoridation of PWS systems when approved by NSF:
(A) sodium fluoride,
(B) sodium silicofluoride, and
(C) hydrofluosilicic acid.

(2) **Storage.**
(A) Store fluoride chemicals so that substitution for other chemicals used in water treatment can be avoided.

(B) Provide storage facilities so fluoride dry chemicals can be stored a minimum of 6 inches from floor surface to prevent moisture build up within chemical (dry chemicals only).

(C) Store fluoride compounds in covered or unopened shipping containers inside an enclosure.

(D) Do not reuse empty fluoride shipping containers (bags, drums, or barrels).

(3) **Chemical feed equipment and methods.**

(A) **Scales.** Provide accurate scales and loss-of-weight recorders for hydrofluosilicic acid solution feeders.

(B) **Solution feeders.** Provide a positive displacement pump having a stroke rate of not less than 20 strokes per minute for the application of fluoride solution. Do not introduce fluoride solution directly into the suction pipe of a pump or any other pipe or conduit that normally operates under atmospheric or negative pressure.

(C) **Feed lines.** Provide easily accessible feed lines made of corrosion resistant material. Protect feed lines from freezing. If using a horizontal pipe, apply the hydrofluosilicic acid into the lower half of the pipe. Provide anti-siphon devices for all fluoride feed lines. Do not add fluoride compounds before lime-soda softening or ion exchange softening.

(D) **Dry-chemical feeders.** Provide a minimum of 12 gallons of solution water per pound of sodium fluoride or silicofluoride applied. Provide agitation of the chemical and gravity feed from the solution pots. Provide a minimum retention period of 5 minutes for sodium fluoride or 15 minutes for sodium silicofluoride in the solution pot or basin.

(4) **Protective equipment.** Place a sign in fluoride feeding areas, stating that hands and other exposed areas must be washed with liberal quantities of water after handling fluoride materials.

(A) Provide the following protective equipment when sodium fluoride and sodium silicofluoride is utilized:

(i) gauntlet-type gloves made of neoprene, plasticized polyvinyl chloride, or other equally resistant material,

(ii) dust respirator of a type certified by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for toxic dusts,

(iii) an apron or other protective clothing, and

(B) Provide the following protective equipment when hydrofluosilicic acid is used:

(i) gauntlet-type gloves made of neoprene, plasticized polyvinyl chloride, or other equally resistant material,

(ii) chemical safety goggles or shield,

(iii) an acid resistant apron made of neoprene or other equally resistant material, and

(iv) an operational safety shower and eyewash device in case of emergency.

(d) **Powdered activated carbon.** Powdered activated carbon storage and handling must meet the following requirements:

(1) store activated carbon in a fireproof compartment or building. Do not store any other material in the same compartment or building with carbon. Provide explosion-proof lights, switches, and motors,

(2) install an exhaust fan with a dust collector for each room where carbon is stored or handled,

(3) provide wet carbon storage tank dust collectors at the charging point and an agitation device to keep the slurry in suspension,

(4) provide pumps for transfer of the slurry to the feeders,

(5) construct all tanks, pipes, valves, pumps, agitators, etc., which will come in contact with the carbon slurry, of materials that will withstand the corrosive action of the slurry, and

(6) the maximum slurry concentration is 1 pound of activated carbon per gallon of water.

(e) **Chlorine dioxide.**

(1) **Feed system.**

(A) Provide fiberglass reinforced vinyl ester plastic (FRP) or high density linear polyethylene (HDLPE) tanks with no internal insulation or heat probes for bulk storage of 25-38% solution sodium chlorite.

(B) If centrifugal pumps are used, provide Teflon packing material. Pump motors must be:

(i) totally enclosed,

(ii) fan-cooled,

(iii) equipped with permanently sealed bearings, and

(iv) equipped with double mechanical seals or other means to prevent leakage.

(C) Provide chlorinated PVC, vinyl ester or Teflon piping material. Do not use carbon steel or stainless steel piping systems.

(D) Provide glass view ports for the reactor if it is not made of transparent material.

(E) Provide flow monitoring on all chemical feed lines, dilution water lines, and chlorine dioxide solution lines.

(F) Do not use excessively hard dilution water in order to avoid calcium deposits. Dilution water must be near neutral pH.

(G) Control air contact with chlorine dioxide solution to limit potential for explosive concentrations building up within the generator.

(H) The maximum chlorine dioxide concentration in the air is 10% by volume.

(2) **Storage.**

(A) Designate space for storage and feeding.

(B) Do not store and handle combustible or reactive materials, such as acids or organic materials, in the sodium chlorite area.

(C) Provide non-combustible material for construction, such as concrete.

(D) Store chemicals in clean, closed, non-translucent containers.

(E) Avoid exposure to sunlight, UV light, or excessive heat.

(F) Provide a water supply near the storage and handling area for cleanup.

(G) Design the parts of the chlorine dioxide system in contact with the strong oxidizing or acid solutions of inert material.

(H) Provide adequate ventilation and air monitoring equipment.

(I) Provide gas masks and first aid kits outside the chemical areas.

(f) **Sodium chlorite.** The storage and use of sodium chlorite must be approved by the DEQ in the engineering report prior to the preparation of final plans and specifications. Provisions shall be made for proper storage and handling of sodium chlorite to eliminate any danger of fire or explosion associated with its oxidizing nature.

(1) **Storage.** Sodium chlorite shall be stored as follows:

(A) Sodium chlorite shall be stored alone in a separate room and in an outside building detached from the water treatment facility. The sodium chlorite shall be stored away from organic materials;

(B) Storage structures shall be constructed of noncombustible materials; and

(C) The storage structure shall be located in an area where water is provided for fire protection and the structure shall be in an area sufficiently cool to prevent heat induced explosive decomposition of the chlorite.

(2) **Handling.** Sodium chlorite shall be handled as follows:

(A) Sodium chlorite shall be handled to prevent spillage;

(B) An emergency operation plan shall be developed for the clean up of any spillage; and

(C) Storage drums shall be thoroughly flushed prior to recycling and/or disposal.

(3) **Feeding.** Sodium chlorite shall be fed as follows:

(A) Positive displacement feeders shall be provided;

(B) Tubing for conveying sodium chlorite or chlorine dioxide solutions shall be Type I PVC, polyethylene or materials recommended by the manufacturer;

(C) Chemical feeders installed in chlorine rooms shall provide sufficient space or facilities as approved in the specifications;

(D) Feed lines shall be installed in a manner to prevent formation of gas pockets and shall terminate at a point of positive pressure; and

(E) Check valves shall be provided to prevent backflow of chlorine into the sodium chlorite line.

(g) **Sodium hypochlorite.** Sodium hypochlorite storage and handling procedures shall be arranged to minimize the slow natural decomposition process either by contamination or by exposure. In addition, feed rates shall be regularly adjusted to compensate this progressive loss in chlorine content.

(1) **Storage.** Sodium hypochlorite shall be stored as follows:

(A) In the original shipping containers or in a sodium hypochlorite compatible container; and

(B) Storage containers or tanks shall be located in a cool area, away from any sunlight, and vented to the outside of the building.

(2) **Feeding.** Sodium hypochlorite shall be fed as follows:

(A) Positive displacement pumps shall be used;

(B) To avoid air locking, for or systems using self-priming pumps, the use of a foot valve is required;

(C) Where flooded suction is used, arrange pipe work to ease the escape of gas bubbles;

(D) Plants utilizing bulk storage of greater than 100 gallons shall be required to use calibration tubes or mass flow monitors which allow for direct physical checking of actual feed rates; and

(E) Injectors shall be removable to allow for regular cleaning.

(h) **Ammonia.** Ammonia for chloramine formation shall be added to water either as a water solution of ammonium sulfate, or as aqua ammonia (ammonia gas in water solution), or as anhydrous ammonia (purified 100% ammonia in liquid or gaseous form). Special provisions are required for each form of ammonia as follows:

(1) **Ammonium sulfate.** A water solution is made by addition of ammonium sulfate solid to water with agitation. The tank and dosing equipment contact surfaces shall be made of corrosion resistant non-metallic materials. The point of delivery to the main water stream shall be placed in a region of rapid and turbulent water flow.

(2) **Aqua ammonia.** Aqua ammonia (also known as ammonium hydroxide) feed pumps and storage shall be enclosed and separated from other operating areas. The aqua ammonia room shall be equipped as follows:

(A) A corrosion resistant, closed, unpressurized tank shall be used for bulk storage, vented through an inert liquid trap to a high point outside and an incompatible connector or lockout provisions shall be made to prevent the accidental addition of other chemicals to the storage tank.

(B) The storage tank shall be fitted with either a cooling/refrigeration and/or with a provision without opening the system to dilute and mix the contents with water to avoid conditions where temperature increases cause the ammonia vapor pressure over the aqua ammonia to exceed atmospheric pressure.

(C) An exhaust fan shall be installed to withdraw air from high points in the room and makeup air shall be allowed to enter at a low point.

(D) The aqua ammonia feed pump, regulators, and lines shall be fitted with pressure relief vents discharging outside the building away from any air intake and with water purge lines leading back to the headspace of the bulk storage tank.

(E) The aqua ammonia shall be conveyed direct from storage to the treated water stream injector without the use of a carrier water stream unless the carrier stream is softened.

(F) The point of delivery to the main water stream shall be placed in a region of rapid and turbulent water flow.

(G) Provisions shall be made for easy access for removal of calcium scale deposits from the injector.

(3) **Anhydrous ammonia.** Anhydrous ammonia shall be readily available in pure liquefied gas form under moderate pressure in cylinders or as a cryogenic liquid, boiling at -15EC at atmospheric pressure. Anhydrous ammonia shall be handled as follows:

(A) Anhydrous ammonia and storage feed systems (including heaters where required) shall be enclosed and separated from work areas and constructed of corrosion resistant materials.

(B) Pressured ammonia feed lines shall be restricted to the ammonia room.

(C) An emergency air exhaust system, with an elevated intake, shall be provided in the ammonia storage room.
(D) Leak detection systems shall be fitted in all areas where the ammonia is piped.
(E) Special vacuum breaker/regulator provisions shall be made to avoid potentially violent results of backflow of water into cylinders or storage tanks.
(F) The ammonia injector shall either use a vacuum eductor or a perforated tube fitted with a closely fitting flexible rubber tubing seal punctured with a number of small slits to delay the fouling by lime deposits.
(G) A provision shall be made for the periodic removal of scale/lime deposits from injectors and carrier piping.
(H) Meet OSHA requirements for the installation of an emergency gas scrubber capable of absorbing the entire contents of the largest ammonia storage unit whenever there is a risk to the public as a result of potential ammonia leaks.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Amended at 31 Ok Reg 1301, eff 9-12-14]

SUBCHAPTER 13. RESIDUALS AND DECANT WATER MANAGEMENT

252:626-13-1. General

(a) Provide for proper disposal of WTP waste such as sanitary, laboratory, clarification residuals, softening residuals, iron residuals, filter backwash water, and brines.
(b) Do not discharge wastewater to waters of the state without first obtaining an OPDES permit from the DEQ.
(c) Discharge sanitary waste from water treatment plants, pumping stations, etc., directly to a sanitary sewer system or to an on-site waste treatment facility constructed and approved in accordance with OAC 252:641 or OAC 252:656.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Amended at 29 Ok Reg 1035, eff 7-1-12]

252:626-13-2. Residuals management plan

(a) An approved Residuals Management Plan is required for storage, disposal or reuse of WTP residuals, including residuals from iron and manganese removal plants. When a permit is required, a residuals management plan shall be filed with the DEQ and shall include the following:
(1) estimate the volume of residuals produced using Appendix F,
(2) method of residuals management and storage,
(3) method for drying residuals,
(4) characterization of residuals, and
(5) method of ultimate disposal or reuse.
(b) WTP residuals may be discharged to a sanitary sewer, provided the discharge will not cause pass-through or interference to the publicly-owned treatment works and the owner of the treatment works agrees to accept the discharge. A pre-treatment permit may be required if the discharge to the publicly-owned treatment works meets the requirements of 40 CFR, Part 403. When discharging to a sanitary sewer, a flow-equalization system may be required to prevent the overloading of the sewer and interference with the waste treatment processes.
(c) Mechanical dewatering of residuals is acceptable and shall be constructed in accordance with OAC 252:656-19-5(3),(4) and (5). Mechanical dewatering equipment will be approved on a case-by-case basis.
(d) Storage facilities shall be provided for concentrated residuals.
(e) An approved sludge management plan is required for the land application of WTP residuals. If the residuals are being applied as a fertilizer or soil-amendment, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry regulations apply.
(f) The requirements of OAC 252:515 apply to WTP residuals disposal in landfills.

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252:626-13-3. Drying beds

Drying beds shall be designed based on the amount of residuals produced and other site specific criteria including climatic conditions, quantity of residuals products, the method and frequency of solids removal, and land requirements. The design shall include the following:

(1) a minimum total filter area, regardless of the volume of water to be handled, of 100 ft^2,
(2) protection from flooding by surface runoff or floodwaters, in accordance with OAC 252:626-5-3,
(3) drying beds to facilitate maintenance, mechanical cleaning, and removal of surface sand and residuals,
(4) drying bed media consisting of a minimum of 12 inches of sand, 3 inches of supporting gravel or torpedo sand, and 9 inches of gravel in graded layers. Wash all sand and gravel to remove fines,
(5) drying bed sand with an effective size of 0.8 to 1.2 mm and a uniformity coefficient not to exceed 1.7. Alternate bed material will be considered on a case-by-case basis,
(6) an adequate under-drainage collection system to permit satisfactory discharge of the filtrate to the backwash lagoons, and
(7) surface area designed so that during any one filtration cycle, no more than 2 feet of wastewater will accumulate over the sand surface.

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252:626-13-4. Lagoons

(a) **General.** Lagoons used for the treatment of WTP waste shall be designed, permitted and constructed in accordance with OAC 252:656-11. In addition, lagoon designs shall include the following:

(1) two or more lagoon cells that provide for a minimum residual storage time of six (6) months per lagoon cell,
(2) design lagoons for the periodic removal of residuals as required in OAC 252:631-3-19,
(3) a minimum of 3 feet of freeboard,
(4) adjustable decanting device,
(5) effluent sampling point (if lagoon is permitted to discharge),
(6) a pond gauge, to measure the level of residuals in the lagoon.

(b) **Surface evaporation lagoons (total retention).**

(1) Size lagoons to store both the expected wastewater and residuals produced.
(2) Provide sufficient surface area to evaporate the wastewater generated.
(3) Base evaporation rates on the annual average pan evaporation minus the 90th percentile annual rainfall.

(c) **Surface water treatment wastewater handling.** Design for:

(1) at least 4-hours settling time prior to recycling,
(2) wastewater to be returned to a point prior to the point of primary coagulant addition,
(3) wastewater to be returned at an instantaneous rate of 10 percent or less of the raw water entering the plant. Total flow shall not exceed the WTP maximum design flow rate, and
(4) when wastewater is to be discharged, a plant outfall must be provided that is designed and constructed in accordance with OAC 252:656-9-3.

(d) **Sealing of lagoons.** Water treatment plants utilizing conventional, microfiltration or softening treatment may seal the lagoons with any approvable material listed in OAC 252:656. For all other types of treatment, the lagoons shall have a synthetic liner that meets the requirements of OAC 252:656.

(e) **Evaporation ponds.** The waste from ion exchange plants, demineralization plants, etc., that cannot flow to a sanitary sewer or meet discharge permit requirements without cost prohibitive treatment may flow to evaporation ponds meeting the requirements of OAC 252:619, 252:621 and 252:656.

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252:626-13-5. Land application of decant water or residuals

A permit is required if WTP decant water or WTP residuals are to be land applied from a water treatment plant.Refer to OAC 252:621, 252:627 and 252:656 for permit and operations criteria.

[**Source:** Added at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Amended at 29 Ok Reg 1035, eff 7-1-12]

SUBCHAPTER 15. PUMPING FACILITIES

252:626-15-1. General

(a) **Pumping facilities.**

(1) Pumping facilities must deliver the required pressure and volume of water without impairment of its sanitary quality.

(2) Design pumping stations to provide the required pressure and volume of water under expected suction and discharge head based on a hydraulic analysis of the affected area.

(b) **Location.** The facility must be accessible at all times. Elevate the pump station at least three feet (3') above the 100-year flood plain. Provide grading to divert surface drainage away from the station site.

[**Source:** Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-15-2. Pumping station building

(a) **General construction of building.**

(1) Locate pump station buildings on a concrete floor at least 6 inches above the surrounding surface and graded to prevent the entrance of water.

(2) Slope the floor at least 2.5% to a suitable drain.

(3) Construction materials shall be fire and weather resistant.

(4) Provide openings in the floors, roofs or other locations as needed for removal of large, heavy and/or bulky equipment.

(5) Doors must open outward.

(6) Size the building to house all pumping equipment and accessories including future units for expected growth with ample space around all moving mechanical parts and electrical equipment to ensure safety of personnel and permit ready removal or servicing of equipment.

(7) Construct all portions of the structure below the ground surface of waterproofed concrete or other impervious material.

(8) Design all floors, dry wells, meter pits, or other compartments not intended to contain water to be self-draining to a point where all drippage, condensation, cleanup water or spillage will flow away by gravity without possibility of backflow under maximum ground water levels or other adverse conditions or provide a suitable sump and sump pump to remove water without impairing the quality of the water handled by the station.

(9) All construction must be in accordance with state and local safety, building, electrical, plumbing, and sanitary codes.

(b) **Equipment servicing.**

(1) Arrange piping for ease of service and removal of pumps, valves or other parts requiring service and for removal with minimum disturbance to the system.

(2) Provide crane ways and hoists or other equipment to facilitate handling of heavy or bulky equipment when making repairs.

(c) **Wet wells or suction wells.** All wet wells and other water-containing compartments must:

(1) be constructed of waterproofed masonry or other impervious material,

(2) have floors with sufficient slope to permit the complete removal of the water and any entrained solids, and

(3) be covered or otherwise protected to prevent impairment of the quality of the water contained therein.

(d) **Stairways and ladders.** Provide stairways or ladders between all floors and in pits or compartments. Provide handrails on both sides and non-slip treads. The maximum height of risers is 9 inches with treads wide enough for safety.

(e) **Heating.** Provide sufficient heating for safe, efficient operation and to prevent freezing of equipment.

(f) **Ventilation.** Provide adequate ventilation for all pumping stations. Provide forced ventilation of at least 6 air changes per hour for:

(1) all rooms, compartments, pits and other enclosures below ground floor, and

(2) any area where unsafe atmosphere may develop or where excessive heat may build up.

(g) **Dehumidification.** Provide dehumidification in areas where excess moisture could cause safety hazards or equipment damage.

(h) **Lighting.** Adequately light pump stations and design all electrical work to conform to the requirements of relevant state or local codes.

(i) **Sanitary and other conveniences.** Install plumbing in stations with lavatory and toilet facilities to prevent contamination of the PWS. Discharge sanitary wastes to an approved sanitary sewer system or an approved on-site waste treatment facility.

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252:626-15-3. Pumps

(a) **General requirements.**

(1) All pumping stations shall have a minimum of two (2) pumping units. With any pump out of service, the remaining pump(s) shall be capable of providing the maximum pumping demand of the system.

(2) All pumping stations shall have ample capacity to supply the peak demand against the required distribution system pressure without dangerous overloading.

(3) All pumping stations shall be driven by prime movers able to meet the maximum horsepower condition of the pumps.

(4) All pumping stations shall be provided with readily available spare parts and tools.

(5) All pumping stations shall be served by control equipment that has proper heater and overload protection for air temperature encountered.

(6) All pumping stations shall provide standby power to ensure the continuous service when the primary power has been interrupted. Such a standby power supply shall be provided from at least two (2) independent sources or a standby or an auxiliary source shall be provided.

(b) **Lubrication.** Oil lubrication of water column vertical shaft bearings or other bearings coming in contact with potable water is not allowed.

(c) **Pump suction, priming and water seal.**

(1) Provide pump installations with a positive suction head where possible. Do not exceed a suction head of 15 feet, where installation precludes the use of a positive suction head. The pumps must be self-priming or equipped with suitable foot valves with a net valve area at least 22 times that of the suction piping. Pumps that are not self-priming must have adequate and positive means of priming by vacuum or with water equal in sanitary quality to that delivered by the pump.

(2) Supply water seals with water equal in sanitary quality to the water the pump is handling. Where potable water is supplied to seals for pumps handling non-potable water, supply the water from a tank fed by a water line terminating at a point at least 6 inches above the spill line of the tank, or from a water line equipped with a RPZ backflow preventer.

(3) Equip each pump with an individual suction line from the supply, unless the suction lines are manifolded to provide hydraulic conditions that will ensure that each pump will operate in accordance with its design.

(4) Where multiple suctions are installed in a wet well, space the suctions so that hydraulic interference and deposition of solids between the suction inlets will not occur.

(d) **Booster pumps.** Locate and control booster pumps used to increase water pressure in the distribution system so that in normal operation they will not reduce pressure below 25 psi within the distribution system or below 20 psi at any pump suction. Provide automatic cutoff of the pump when the pressure drops below 20 psi. Equip pumps with controls to prevent excessive cycling. Capacity shall meet instantaneous peak demands with the largest pump out of service. Provide a diversion line and valves to permit removal of the pump without disrupting water service. Private booster pumps shall not be allowed for any individual residential service from the public water supply.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-15-4. Automatic and remote controlled stations

Electrically operate and control all remote controlled stations and install a signaling apparatus. Installation of electrical equipment must meet the applicable state and local electrical codes.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-15-5. Appurtenances

(a) **Valves.**

(1) All pumps must have a non-slam type check valve located at each pump casing and a positive closing valve installed on the discharge line after the check valve. The check valve must work in conjunction with a surge suppressor, wherever conditions warrant.

(2) Provide shut-off valves on suction lines to all pumps except vertical turbine pumps. Design and locate valves so that disturbance is minimized.

(b) **Piping.** Piping must:

(1) be designed so that the friction losses will be minimized,

(2) not be subject to contamination,

(3) have watertight joints,

(4) be protected against surge or water hammer, and

(5) be protected against freezing.

(c) **Controls.** Positively and accurately control the pumps, their prime movers, and accessories for speed, pressures, quantities of discharge, operating temperatures, lubrication, voltages, and all other factors essential to proper operation. Provide for the following:

(1) controls for alternation of pumps,

(2) prevention of energizing the motor in the event of a backspin cycle, and

(3) location of electrical controls above grade.

(d) **Gauges, meters and sampling cocks.**

(1) Equip each pump with the following:

(A) standard pressure gauge on its discharge line,

(B) compound gauge on its suction line,

(C) smooth nosed sampling cocks on suction line and discharge line of booster pumps,

(D) recording gauges in the larger stations, and

(E) discharge measuring device.

(2) Equip pump stations carrying water from well fields or treatment facilities with flow indicating, totalizing and recording devices.

(e) **Water pre-lubrication.** When automatic pre-lubrication of pump bearings is necessary and an auxiliary power supply is provided, provide the pre-lubrication line with a valved bypass around the automatic control.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

SUBCHAPTER 17. FINISHED WATER STORAGE

252:626-17-1. General

(a) Construct tanks of reinforced concrete or steel in accordance with AWWA standard specifications. Adequately protect steel tanks against corrosion.

(b) Provide all tanks with a bypass.

(c) Provide safety equipment in accordance with OSHA standards.

(d) Maintain sufficient storage capacity to meet domestic demands and fire flow demands, where fire protection is provided.

(1) Satisfy fire flow requirements pursuant to the *International Fire Code,* published by the International Code Council, Inc., 2024 Edition, *Distribution System Requirements for Fire Protection, M31,* published by the AWWA, 4th Edition where fire protection is provided.

(2) Systems not providing fire protection are required to maintain a minimum storage capacity of 24 hours capable of delivering 25 psi throughout the distribution system.

(e) **Location of standpipes and finished water storage.**

(1) Place the bottom of standpipes on a suitable foundation at the normal ground surface and above the 100-year flood plain.

(2) When the bottom of a finished water storage structure must be below normal ground surface, place it above the ground water table. Sewers, drains, standing water, and similar sources of possible contamination must be kept at least 50 feet from the finished water storage structure. Do not locate below ground finished water storage structures within 20 feet of a sanitary sewer or 50 feet from pressure sewer lines.

(3) The top of a reservoir must be at least two feet above the normal ground surface. Clearwells constructed under filters may be exempted from this requirement when the total design gives the same protection.

(f) **Protection.**

(1) **Cover of finished water storage.** Storage of treated water must have a watertight roof or cover, which will exclude birds, animals, insects and excessive dust. Locate the top of all finished water storage structures above possible flood elevations.

(2) **Protection from trespasses.** Provide fencing, locks on access manholes, and other necessary precautions to prevent vandalism, pilfering, trespassing, or sabotaging.

(g) **Drains.** Connection through a 6 inch air gap or two pipe diameters of the drain whichever is greater is allowed.

(h) **Overflow.** Provide all water storage structures with an overflow that terminates at an elevation between 12 and 24 inches above the ground surface, and release water over a drainage inlet structure or splash plate.

(1) Do not connect the water storage structure overflow line to a sewer or storm drain.

(2) Locate all overflow pipes so that any release of water is visible.

(3) Equip the ends of the pipes with flex gates.

(4) Design the overflow pipe with sufficient diameter to permit wasting of water in excess of the filling rate.

(i) **Access.** Design finished water storage structures with convenient access to the interior for cleaning and maintenance. Manholes located on top of storage structures must:

(1) be surrounded with a frame at least 4 inches in height above the surface of the roof at the opening,

(2) be elevated 24 to 36 inches above the top of sod covering ground level structures,

(3) be fitted with a solid watertight cover, which overlaps the framed opening and extends down around the frame at least 2 inches,

(4) be hinged at one side, and

(5) have a locking device.

(j) **Vents.** Vent all finished water storage structures. Overflows are not considered vents. Open construction between the side wall and roof is not allowed. Design of vents must:

(1) prevent the entrance of surface water, rainwater, birds, insects and animals,

(2) limit the introduction of dust,

(3) terminate in an inverted U with the opening 24 to 36 inches above the roof or sod covering on ground-level structures, and

(4) be covered with a 24 mesh corrosion resistant screen installed at a location least susceptible to vandalism.

(k) **Roof and side wall.** Make the roof and side walls of all structures watertight with no openings except properly constructed vents, manholes, overflows, risers, drains, pump mountings, control ports, and piping for inflow and outflow.

(1) Any pipes running through the roof or side wall of a metal finished water storage structure must be welded, or properly gasketed. In concrete storage structures, connect pipes to standard wall castings poured in place during the forming of the concrete. The wall castings must have seepage rings imbedded in the concrete.

(2) Curb and properly sleeve all openings in the storage structure roof or top to prevent entrance of surface water or floor drainage into the structure.

(3) Locate valves and controls outside the storage structure so that valve stems and similar projections will not pass through the roof or top of the structure.

(l) **Drainage of roof.** The roof of the storage structure must be well drained and designed not to hold water or snow. Do not allow downspout pipes to enter or pass through the reservoir.

(m) **Freezing.** Design finished water storage structures and their appurtenances to prevent freezing.

(n) **Internal catwalk.** Every catwalk over finished water in a storage structure must have a solid floor with raised edges so shoe scrapings and dirt will not fall into the water.

(o) **Outlet piping.** Locate the outlet pipes from all storage structures in a manner that will prevent the flow of sediment into the distribution system.

(p) **Grading.** Grade the area surrounding a ground level structure to prevent surface water from standing within 50 feet of the structure.

(q) **Painting and cathodic protection.** Provide proper protection to metal surfaces by paints or other protective coatings. Paint systems must be listed by NSF or UL as meeting the ANSI/NSF Standards for contact with potable water. Cathodic protective devices are required where soil conditions warrant.

(r) **Disinfection.** Disinfect finished water storage structures in accordance with AWWA standard specifications.

[**Source:** Amended at 43 Ok Reg, Number 21, effective 9-15-26; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-17-2. Plant storage

(a) **Backwash water.** Provide adequate backwash water storage tanks, pump units, or finished water storage, to adequately backwash filters.

(b) **Clearwell.** In addition to the requirements of OAC 252:626-17-1 (a) - (c) and (f) - (r), the following requirements shall apply to clearwells:

(1) Construct the top of the clearwell at least 5 feet above the 100-year flood plain.

(2) Size clear wells to provide adequate reserves of treated water for filter washing, pumping to distribution, and for emergencies.

(3) Do not locate the clear well under any part of a building where contamination is probable.

(4) Do not allow a common wall with any basin holding untreated water.

(5) Construct clearwells to prevent external leakage or seepage.

(c) **Basins and wet-wells.** Design receiving basins and pump wet-wells for finished water as finished water storage structures.

[**Source:** Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-17-3. Pressure tanks

Hydropneumatic (pressure) tanks, provided as the only storage facility, are acceptable only in small water systems serving not more than 30 homes. Pressure tank storage is not adequate for fire protection purposes. Pressure tanks must meet American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code requirements or an equivalent requirement of state and local laws and regulations for the construction and installation of unfired pressure vessels.

(1) Provide at least 2 pressure tanks.

(2) Locate the tanks above normal ground surface.

(3) Pressure tanks must be completely housed.

(4) Design the capacity of the wells and pumps in a hydropneumatic system to be at least 10 times the average daily consumption rate. The gross volume of the hydropneumatic tank, in gallons, must be at least 10 times the capacity of the largest pump, rated in gal/min.

(5) Provide diversion piping for each tank to permit operating the system while it is being repaired or serviced.

(6) Provide each tank with:

(A) an access manhole,

(B) a drain, and

(C) control equipment including:

(i) pressure gauge,

(ii) manual air blow-off,
(iii) addition of air, and
(iv) pressure operated start-stop controls for the pumps.

[**Source:** Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-17-4. Distribution storage

The maximum design variation between high and low levels in storage structures providing pressure to distribution system is 30 feet.

(1) **Drainage.** Design storage structures that provide pressure directly to the distribution system so they can be isolated from the distribution system and drained for cleaning or maintenance without losing pressure in the distribution system. Pipe the drain to the ground surface with no direct connection to a sewer or storm drain.

(2) **Level controls.** Provide adequate controls to maintain levels in distribution system storage structures.

(A) Control pumps by sensing tank water levels and transmitting the signal by telemetering equipment when any appreciable head loss occurs in the distribution system between the pump and the storage structure.

(B) Provide altitude valves or equivalent controls for a second and subsequent structures on the system based on the hydraulic profile.

(C) Provide overflow and low-level warnings or alarms.

(3) **Inlet and outlet lines.** Provide separate inlet and outlet lines for positive circulation of water in the tank. Terminate the inlet line at a minimum elevation of 30% or greater tank height to ensure adequate circulation in the tank. Locate the outlet line at least 18 inches above bottom of tank to prevent withdrawal of sediment.

[**Source:** Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

SUBCHAPTER 19. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

252:626-19-1. General

(a) **Pressure Requirements.** Design the distribution system to provide a minimum of 25 psi throughout the distribution system under normal operating conditions including peak demand and fire flows where fire protection is provided.

(b) **Hydraulic analysis.** Submit a hydraulic analysis of the system that demonstrates:

(1) a minimum of 25 psi shall be maintained throughout the distribution system during peak demand, and

(2) that flows are calculated at not less than one (1) gallon per minute per service connection.

(c) **Standards.** All materials, including piping, fittings, valves, fire hydrants, gaskets, packing and other joint materials shall meet the latest specifications issued by the AWWA, ASTM, ANSI, NSF, or the federal government.

(d) **Dead ends.** Minimize dead ends by looping of all mains whenever practical. Where dead end mains occur, provide an approved flushing hydrant or blow-off for flushing purposes. Do not connect flushing devices directly to any sewer. A fire hydrant is an approved flushing device.

(e) **Air relief and blow-off valves.** Locate air relief valves at high points in lines where air can accumulate. Do not use automatic air-relief valves where flooding of the valve exhaust may occur. Locate sufficiently sized blow-offs at low points of large mains to effectively remove accumulated sediments. Extend the open end of the exhaust line from automatic valves to at least 1 foot above grade and terminate with a screened, downward-facing elbow. Do not connect air reliefs or blow-offs directly to any sewer.

(f) **Enclosure drainage.** Do not connect chambers, pits or manholes containing valves, blow-offs, meters or other appurtenances to a distribution system directly to any storm drain or sanitary sewer. Drain chambers or pits to the surface of the ground where they are not subject to flooding by surface water, or to underground absorption pits.

[**Source:** Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-19-2. Installation of piping

(a) **Standards.** The standards in this Section apply to the installation of piping in public water supply distribution systems. Specifications must incorporate the provisions of the AWWA standards.

(b) **Bedding.** Provide continuous and uniform bedding in the trench for all buried pipe. Tamp backfill material in layers around the pipe and to a sufficient height above the pipe to adequately support and protect the pipe. Remove all stones found in the trench to a depth of at least 6 inches below the bottom of the pipe.

(c) **Cover.** Provide all water mains with at least 30 inches of cover or with sufficient insulation to prevent freezing.

(d) **Blocking.** Provide reaction blocking, tie rods, or joints designed to prevent movement at all tees, bends, plugs and hydrants to prevent movement of the pipe.

(e) **Pressure and leakage testing.** Test the installed pipe for leakage in accordance with AWWA standard specifications. Leakage must not exceed 10 gal/inch diameter per mile of pipe per 24 hours at 150 psi testing pressure.

(f) **Disinfection and testing.** Disinfect all waterlines according to AWWA standard specifications. Obtain safe bacteriological samples on two consecutive days before placing the waterline into service.

(g) **Permeation of system by organic compounds.** Where distribution lines are installed in areas of soil or groundwater contamination by organic compounds use:

(1) pipe and joint materials that are not subject to permeation by organic compounds.

(2) non-permeable materials for all portions of the system including water mains, service connections, and hydrant leads.

(h) **Separation of water mains and sewers from contamination sources.**

(1) **Horizontal separation.**

(A) Measure the separation distance edge to edge.

(B) Locate water mains at least 10 feet horizontally from any existing or proposed sewer lines.

(C) Locate water mains at least 5 feet horizontally from any existing or proposed storm sewers, raw water lines, petroleum product lines, natural gas lines, and other buried utility lines.

(D) Locate cast iron waterlines at least 10 feet from any gasoline storage tank and lines and PVC water lines at least 50 feet horizontally from any gasoline storage tank and lines.

(E) Locate waterlines at least 15 feet from all parts of septic tanks and absorption fields, or other sewage treatment and disposal systems.

(2) **Vertical Separation.**

(A) Measure the separation distance from edge to edge.

(B) Lay waterlines crossing sewer lines to provide a minimum vertical distance of 24 inches between the water main and the sewer line. Arrange the piping so that joints in a 20-foot length of PVC or 18-foot length of cast iron sewer pipe will be equidistant from the water main. Where a water main crosses under a sewer, provide adequate structural support for the sewer to prevent damage to the water main.

(C) Maintain a 2-foot vertical separation between waterlines and any existing or proposed storm sewers, raw water lines, petroleum product lines, natural gas lines, and other buried utility lines.

(3) **Special conditions.** When it is impossible to obtain proper horizontal and vertical separation as stipulated in (1) and (2) of this subsection, design and construct the other line equal to water pipe, and pressure test it to assure water tightness of joints adjacent to the water line prior to backfilling.

(i) **Surface water crossings.**

(1) **Above-water crossings.** Adequately support and anchor the pipe. Provide protection from damage and freezing. Make waterline accessible for repair or replacement.

(2) **Underwater crossings.** Provide a minimum cover of 2 feet over the pipe. For waterlines crossing a well defined channel bottom greater than 15 feet in width, construct the waterline as follows:

(A) design the pipe for river crossings and have flexible, restrained or welded watertight joints,
(B) provide valves at both ends of water crossings so that the section can be isolated for testing or repair. The valves must be easily accessible and not subject to flooding. The valve closest to the supply source must be in a manhole, and
(C) make permanent taps on each side of the valve within the manhole to allow insertion of a small meter for testing to determine leakage and for sampling purposes.

(j) **Tracer wire.** Install metal tracer wire on all non-ferrous piping used for public water supply mains.

[**Source:** Amended at 33 Ok Reg 1472, eff 9-15-16; Amended at 31 Ok Reg 1301, eff 9-12-14; Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

252:626-19-3. Water main design for all systems providing fire protection

(a) **Sizing of mains.** Size all lines after a hydraulic analysis pursuant to the *International Fire Code,* published by the International Code Council, Inc., 2024 Edition, *Distribution System Requirements for Fire Protection, M31,* published by the AWWA, 4th Edition or other recommendations of similar organizations for the fire service area. The minimum main size is 6 inches in diameter.

(b) **Hydrants.**

(1) Fire hydrants must have a 4-1/2 inch pumper outlet and at least two 2-1/2 inch hose outlets.
(2) Fire hydrants shall only be connected to water systems and mains designed to carry fire-flows.
(3) Locate and space hydrants pursuant to the *International Fire Code,* published by the International Code Council, Inc., 2024 Edition, *Distribution System Requirements for Fire Protection, M31,* published by the AWWA, 4th Edition or other recommendations of similar organizations for the fire service area.
(4) The minimum hydrant lead size is 6 inches in diameter.
(5) Provide a shut-off valve to allow hydrant maintenance or replacement.
(6) The lowest outlet shall be installed no less than 18 inches above the surrounding grade and the operating nut no higher than 4 feet above grade.
(7) Drains from fire hydrant barrels shall not be connected to sanitary sewers or storm drains.

(c) **Valves.** Install valves on all small distribution lines branching from larger mains. Locate positive closing valves for isolating a line so that a single break will:

(1) require no more than 500 feet of pipe be removed from service in high-service areas,
(2) require no more than 1,320 feet in other sections, and
(3) not require shutting down an artery.

[**Source:** Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Amended at 43 Ok Reg, Number 21, effective 9-15-26]

252:626-19-4. Water main design for systems providing domestic water only

This section applies only to water systems without full fire protection capabilities.

(1) **Sizing of mains.** Size all water mains after a hydraulic analysis based on flow demand of not less than 1 gal/min per service connection. The minimum size of water mains is 2 inches in diameter.
(2) **Hydrants.** Fire hydrants with pumper outlets shall not be connected to water systems or mains unless the system is designed to carry fire-flows.
(3) **Valves.** Locate valves at not more than 1 mile intervals and at all branch lines from the main line.

[**Source:** Amended at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08; Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

SUBCHAPTER 21. DESIGN STANDARDS FOR MINOR SYSTEMS [REVOKED]

252:626-21-1. General requirements for permittees [REVOKED]

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252:626-21-2. Water wells [REVOKED]

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Revoked at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

252:626-21-3. Slow sand filter systems [REVOKED]

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Revoked at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

APPENDIX A. Piping Color Code

Figure 1

WATER LINES:	
Type	**Color**
Raw	Olive Green
Settled or Clarified	Aqua
Finished or Potable	Dark Blue
CHEMICAL LINES:	
Type	**Color**
Alum	Orange
Ammonia	White
Carbon Slurry	Black
Caustic Soda	Yellow with Green Band
Chlorine (Gas and Solution)	Yellow
Chlorine Dioxide	Yellow with Violet Band
Fluoride	Light Blue with Red Band
Lime Slurry	Light Green
Ozone	Yellow with Orange Band
Phosphate Compounds	Light Green with Red Band
Polymer or Coagulant	Orange with Green Band
Potassium Permanganate	Violet
Soda Ash	Light Green with Orange Band
Sulfur Dioxide	Light Green with Yellow Band
Sulfuric Acid	Yellow with Red Band
WASTE LINES:	
Type	**Color**
Backwash Waste	Light Brown
Residuals	Dark Brown
Sewer (Sanitary or Other)	Dark Gray
OTHER LINES:	
Type	**Color**
Compressed Air	Dark Green
Natural or LPG Gas	Red
Other Lines	Light Gray

In situations where two colors do not have sufficient contrast to easily differentiate between them, a six-inch (6") band of contrasting color should be on one of the pipes at approximately 30-inch (30") intervals. The name of the liquid or gas should also be on the pipe. In some cases it may be advantageous to provide arrows indicating the direction of flow.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Revoked and reenacted at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

APPENDIX B. Filtration Galleries

Figure 1

The introduction of the Zebra Mussel to waters used as a source for water systems has created the necessity for intake designs that will not be affected by plugging by mussels. The infiltration gallery may be a solution where conditions are favorable for their installation.

(1) Design consideration. Design and location shall consider the following.

(A) Yield requirements. Galleries placed under a water body initially produce twice the yield of galleries placed adjacent to the water body. Normal sedimentation will reduce the transmissibility values as finer grained particles infiltrate the filter pack surrounding the screens.

(B) Water quality requirements. Galleries located adjacent to a water body usually produce a lower turbidity water with fewer bacteria than bed-mounted galleries.

(C) Construction difficulties. It will generally be more difficult to install a gallery beneath a stream or lake bed.

(D) Maintenance considerations. Maintenance and repairs are easier to perform on galleries installed adjacent to water body.

(E) Stability of river course or lake level. Rivers may meander and either carry away a gallery placed on the bank or cover completely a bed-mounted gallery. Changes in elevation of the water body may affect the availability of water.

(2) Design Principles. A major design principle for infiltration galleries involves the orientation of the screen relative to the surface of the water or groundwater flow direction. For bed-mounted galleries, the screen is oriented perpendicular to the stream flow. For bank-mounted galleries, the screen is placed parallel to the stream or river and perpendicular to the ground water flow. Design criteria for infiltration galleries include the following:

(A) Entrance velocity through the screen slot openings shall not exceed 0.1 ft/sec.

(B) The axial velocity inside the screen shall not exceed 3 ft/sec so that head loss will not exceed 1.0 ft/sec. Equation (7.1) is used to determine velocity.

$$V = \frac{2.228X10^{-3}Q}{\pi r^2} \qquad (7.1)$$

where:

V = velocity, in ft/sec

Q = yield, in gpm

r = radius, in ft

(C) Screen slot size is dependent on grain-size distribution of the filter pack and must always retain 100 percent of the filter pack.

(D) The surface area of the filter pack material is based on water entering the pack at a rate of 2 to 5 gpm per ft^2 of surface area. The hydraulic conductivity of the pack must be higher.

(E) Filter pack material should be clean, siliceous, rounded and uniform.

Figure 2

(3) Bed-mounted galleries. Design criteria applying specifically to bed-mounted galleries include the following:

(A) Screen burial depth 3 to 5 feet below the stream bed with 1 ft of filter pack beneath the screen.

(B) Space screens approximately 10 ft apart.

(C) A single screen should be oriented parallel to the bank if possible of streams having a large bedload transport.

(D) Where possible place screens in straight reaches of the river or stream.

(E) Double the screen area requirements to allow for plugging from sedimentation.

(F) For screens designed for backwashing, the backwash rate is twice the design pumping rate.

(4) Equation (7.2) is used to determine the length of screen required for a trench design installed in a stream or lake bed:

$$L = \frac{528 Q \log\left(\frac{1.1d}{r}\right)}{0.25KH} \qquad (7.2)$$

where:

the width of the trench is approximately equal to two times the burial depth, d, that is, the distance between the bottom of the stream and the center of the screen, in ft.

d = burial depth

L = length of the infiltration screen, in ft.

K = hydraulic conductivity of filter pack material in gpd/ft^2.

H = submergence of infiltration screen, that is, the distance between the stream surface and the center of the screen (available head), in ft.

(5) **On-land infiltration galleries.** On-land galleries are suitable for installation adjacent to a stream or river. A single screen is located parallel to the bank or shore. The burial depth is at least 4 feet beneath the static water level, but not more than 25 feet. Virtually all of the flow entering the gallery comes from one side of the screen. Equation 7-3 will describe the flow rate into the gallery.

$$Q = \frac{KL(D^2 - d^2)}{2880 r_0} \qquad (7.3)$$

where:

K = hydraulic conductivity of the sediments, in gpd/ft^2

D = depth of the ditch below static water level, in ft.

d = water above the ditch bottom while operating, in ft.

Figure 3

r_0 = distance to point of no drawdown, in ft. The distance to the point on no drawdown is obtained by conducting a pumping test using a series of observation wells laid out in a line from the proposed gallery location toward the water body, perpendicular to the source of recharge

Equation (7.4) can be used to determine the length of the screen.

$$L = \frac{2880 r_0 Q}{K(D^2 - d^2)} \qquad (7.4)$$

(6) **Screen end area.** The length of the screen may be reduced by taking into account the flow entering one or both ends. The flow from the ends may be significant from large diameter screens. Flow entering ends of a screen may be calculated by equation(s) (7.5) and (7. 6):

$$Q_{[one\ end]} = \frac{K(D^2 - d^2)}{2111 log(\frac{2r_0}{w})} \qquad (7.5)$$

$$Q_{[both\ ends]} = \frac{K(D^2 - d^2)}{1055\ log(2\frac{r_0}{w})} \qquad (7.6)$$

where:
w = width of the ditch in ft.

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01]

APPENDIX C. Steel Pipe

Figure 1

Abstracted from AWWA Standard for Deep Wells, AWWA A100
Multiply the inch by 2.54 to get equivalent measurement in centimeter.
Multiply the pound by 0.453 to get equivalent weight in kilogram.

SIZE (INCHES)	DIAMETER (INCHES)		THICKNESS (INCHES)	WEIGHT PER FOOT (POUNDS)	
	EXTERNAL	INTERNAL		PLAIN ENDS (CALCULATED)	WITH THREADS AND COUPLINGS (NOMINAL)
6 id.	6.625	6.065	0.280	18.97	19.18
8	8.625	7.981	0.322	28.55	29.35
10	10.750	10.020	0.365	40.48	41.85
12	12.750	12.000	0.375	49.56	51.15
14 od.	14.000	13.250	0.375	54.57	57.00
16	16.000	15.250	0.375	62.58	
18	18.000	17.250	0.375	70.59	
20	20.000	19.250	0.375	78.60	
22	22.000	21.000	0.500	114.81	
24	24.000	23.000	0.500	125.49	
26	26.000	25.000	0.500	136.17	
28	28.000	27.000	0.500	146.85	
30	30.000	29.000	0.500	157.53	
32	32.000	31.000	0.500	168.21	
34	34.000	33.000	0.500	178.89	
36	36.000	35.000	0.500	189.57	

[**Source:** Added at 18 Ok Reg 1612, eff 6-1-01; Revoked and reenacted at 25 Ok Reg 2304, eff 7-11-08]

APPENDIX D. Gravel Support for Slow Sand Filters

Figure 1

	Depth	Size
Bottom layer	four inches	1 1/4 - 1 1/2 in (35 - 40 mm)
Third layer	four inches	3/4 - 1 1/8 in (20 - 30 mm)
Second layer	four inches	3/8 - 3/4 in (10 - 20 mm)
Top layer	four inches	3/16 - 3/8 in (5 - 10 mm)

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APPENDIX E. Gravel Support for Rapid Rate Sand Filters

Figure 1

Figure 2

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APPENDIX F. Quality of Water Plant Residuals Generated

Figure 1

Most conventional coagulation plants produce two major residuals – residuals from sedimentation basin (commonly referred to as *sludge*) and residuals from back-washing A filter (referred to as *filter backwash water*).

The quantity of these residuals generated from water treatment plants depends upon the raw water quality, dosage of chemicals used, performance of the treatment process, method of sludge removal, efficiency of sedimentation, and backwash frequency.

Alum and Iron residuals.

The amount of alum (or iron) residuals can be calculated fairly closely by considering the reactions of alum or iron in the coagulation process. Using an empirical to account for the residual contribution from turbidity will improve the estimate, and the contribution from other sources can be added as required.
When alum is added to water as aluminum sulfate, the reaction with respect to residual production is typically by the following simplified equation:

$$Al_2(SO_4)_3 . 14\ H_2O + 6HCO_3^- = 2Al(OH)_3 . 3H_2O + 6CO_2 + 11H_2O + 3SO_4^{-2}$$

If inadequate alkalinity is present, lime or sodium hydroxide is normally added to maintain proper pH.
Commercial alum has a molecular weight of 594 and contains two moles of aluminum. Therefore, alum is about 9.1 percent aluminum. The resulting aluminum hydroxide species has a molecular weight of 132, and therefore, 1 mg/l of aluminum will produce 4.89 mg/l solids, or 1 mg/l alum added to water will produce approximately 0.44 mg/l of inorganic aluminum solids. Suspended solids present in the raw water produce an equivalent weight of sludge solids because they are non-reactive.
The amount of residual produced in an alum coagulation plant for removal of suspended solids is then:

$$S = 8.34\ Q\ (0.44\ Al + SS + A)$$

Where:
S = residual produced (lb/day)
Q = plant flow (mgd)
Al = dry alum dose (mg/l) (as 17.1 percent Al_2O_3)
SS = raw water suspended solids (mg/l)
A = additional chemicals added, such as polymer, clay, powdered activated carbon (mg/l)

If iron is used as the coagulant, then the solids production equation becomes:

$$S = 8.34\ Q\ (2.9\ Fe + SS + A)$$

where the iron dose is expressed as mg/l of Fe^{3+} added or produced via Fe^{2+} oxidation

Figure 2

(note that significant Fe^{2+} in the raw water will produce sludge at a factor of 2.9 if it is oxidized).

The above equations can be used to track yearly or even daily variation changes in residuals dry weight produced. One difficulty in applying the relationship is that most plants do not routinely analyze raw water suspended solids concentrations. The logical correlation is to equate a turbidity unit to a suspended solids unit. Unfortunately, the relationship is generally not 1 to 1.

$$SS\ (mg/l) = b.TU$$

The value of b for low-color, predominantly turbidity removal plants can vary from 0.7 to 2.2. It may vary seasonally for the same raw water supply. A utility can therefore either continually measure suspended solids, or it may be possible to develop a correlation between turbidity and suspended solids.

Lime Softening Residuals

Through similar theoretical considerations, a general equation has been developed for plants that use a lime softening process for carbonate hardness removal with or without the use of alum, iron or polymer. The equation is:

$$S = 8.34\ Q\ [2.0\ Ca + 2.6\ Mg + 0.44\ Al + 2.9\ Fe + SS + A]$$

Where
S = residuals production (lb/day)
Ca = calcium hardness removed as $CaCO_3$ (mg/l)
Mg = magnesium hardness removed as $Mg(OH)_2$ (mg/l)
Fe = iron dose as Fe (mg/l)
Al = dry alum dose (mg/l) (as 17.1 percent Al_2O_3)
Q = plant flow (mgd)
SS = raw water suspended solids (mg/l)
A = other additives (mg/l).

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APPENDIX G. Minor Waste Systems [REVOKED]

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