



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3745-81-60 Inspections and response requirements.

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(A) Community water systems must undergo a sanitary survey at least every three years.

Noncommunity water systems must undergo a sanitary survey at least every five years. The director shall review the results of each sanitary survey to determine whether the existing monitoring frequency is adequate and what additional measures, if any, the public water system needs to undertake to improve drinking water quality.

(B) In conducting a sanitary survey at a public water system using ground water and having a drinking water source protection plan endorsed by the director, information on sources of contamination within the delineated drinking water source protection area that was collected in the course of developing and implementing the plan should be considered instead of collecting new information, if the information was collected since the last time the public water system was subject to a sanitary survey.

(C) Public water systems are responsible for ensuring that the required sanitary surveys are performed. If requested, public water systems shall provide any existing information that will enable a sanitary survey to be conducted. Sanitary surveys shall be performed in accordance with procedures endorsed by the director and will include, but not be limited to an evaluation of public water system components including the source; treatment; distribution system; finished water storage; pump, pump facilities, and controls; monitoring, reporting, and data verification; system management and operation; and operator compliance.

(D) A public water system shall respond to the director in writing, within thirty days following receipt of a sanitary survey letter, limited scope site visit report or any other inquiry from the director, unless a different response time frame is noted. The response shall indicate how and on what schedule the public water system will address any significant deficiencies and violations noted in the correspondence.

(E) A public water system shall correct significant deficiencies specified in the sanitary survey



report, through source water monitoring or a system assessment and according to the schedule accepted by the director as described in rule 3745-81-61 of the Administrative Code. A public water system shall also correct violations specified in the sanitary survey or limited scope site visit report according to the schedule accepted by the director. Failure to correct significant deficiencies in accordance with the schedule accepted by the director is a treatment technique violation.