



Implementation of the Environmental Advisory Rules
Committee's Recommendations
Cumulative Report

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Recommendation W-17: Safe Drinking Water – Cross Connection Inspections of Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Properties (COMPLETED)

Recommendation:

Amend R 325.10113 to set a standard for the frequency of testing residential cross-connections. The standard should be based on data that is compiled and analyzed to determine the number and frequency of failures and identification of cross connection problems in residential, commercial and industrial properties. A cost/benefit analysis should be undertaken as well.

Response:

On February 13, 2013, the U.S. EPA published the revised total coliform rule that required the DEQ to make additions and changes to Parts 1-28, Supplying Water to the Public, of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended. Recommendation W-17 has been addressed in these rule changes which were filed on October 16, 2015. R 325.11404 includes a provision allowing backflow preventers installed on a residential lawn irrigation system to be tested once every five years if no chemical treatment is involved, and the testing frequency is specified within the approved local cross connection control programs. R 325.11404 is on page 204 of the [rule set](#).

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