

Contaminants Regulated Under the Safe Drinking Water Act

	1976	1979	1986	1987	1989		1991			1992			
Final Regulations	NIPDWRs 12/75; 7/76	TTHMs 11/79	Fluoride 4/86	Phase I (VOCs) 7/87	TCR 6/89	SWTR 6/89	Phase II 1/91; 7/91			LCR 6/91	Phase V 7/92		
Summary of Final Action	New regs	New reg	<i>Revision</i>	New regs	<i>Revision</i>	1 <i>Revision</i> 4 New regs	38 SOCs & IOCs; 11 <i>Revisions</i> 27 New regs 1 Deletion			1 <i>Revision</i> 1 New reg	23 SOCs & IOCs: 1 <i>Revision</i> 22 New regs		
# in Regulation	22	1	1	8	1	5	39			2	23		
Cumulative # of regulated contaminants	22	23	23	31	31	35	61			62	84		
Contaminants regulated	2,4-D 2,4,5-TP (Silvex) arsenic barium cadmium chromium coliform bacteria endrin fluoride gross alpha gross beta	lead lindane mercury methoxychlor nitrate radium-226 ¹ radium-228 ¹ selenium silver toxaphene turbidity	total THMs ²	<i>fluoride</i>	benzene carbon tetrachloride 1,2-dichloroethane p-dichlorobenzene 1,1-dichloroethylene 1,1,1-trichloroethane trichloroethylene vinyl chloride ³	<i>total coliforms</i> ²	Giardia ⁴ turbidity ⁴ HPC bacteria ⁴ Legionella ⁴ viruses ⁴	2,4-D 2,4,5-TP acrylamide ⁴ alachlor aldicarb ⁵ aldicarb sulfone ⁵ aldicarb sulfoxide ⁵ asbestos atrazine <i>barium</i> <i>cadmium</i> carbofuran chlordane	(mono) chlorobenzene <i>chromium</i> dibromochloropropane o-dichlorobenzene cis-1,2-dichloroethylene trans-1,2-dichloroethylene 1,2-dichloropropane epichlorohydrin ⁴ ethylbenzene ethylene dibromide heptachlor heptachlor epoxide <i>lindane</i> <i>mercury (inorganic)</i>	<i>methoxychlor</i> <i>nitrate</i> nitrite total nitrate/nitrite PCBs pentachlorophenol <i>selenium</i> <i>silver</i> styrene tetrachlorethylene toluene <i>toxaphene</i> xylenes	copper ⁴ <i>lead</i> ⁴	adipate, di(2-ethylhexyl) antimony beryllium cyanide dalapon dichloromethane ⁶ dinoseb dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD) diquat endothall <i>endrin</i> glyphosate	hexachlorobenzene hexachlorocyclopentadiene nickel oxamyl (vydate) PAHs (benzo(a) pyrene) phthalate, di(2-ethylhexyl) picloram simazine thallium 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene 1,1,2-trichloroethane

	1995	1998	2000	2001	
Final Regulations		Stage I DBPR 12/98	Interim ESWTR 12/98	Radionuclides 12/00	Arsenic 1/01
Summary of Final Action	<i>Remand</i>	1 <i>Revision</i> 6 New regs	2 <i>Revisions</i> 1 New reg	4 <i>Revisions</i> 1 new reg	1 <i>Revision</i>
# in Regulation	1	7	3	5	1
Cumulative # of regulated contaminants	83	89	90	91	91
Contaminants regulated	<i>nickel</i>	bromate chloramine chlorine chlorine dioxide chlorite haloacetic acids (HAA5) ² <i>TTHMs</i>	Cryptosporidium <i>Giardia</i> <i>turbidity</i>	<i>gross alpha</i> <i>gross beta</i> radium-226 ¹ radium-228 ¹ uranium	<i>arsenic</i>

Notes:

1. Radium-226 and radium-228 are counted as two contaminants although their standard is combined.
2. Total THMs, haloacetic acids, and total coliforms are counted as one contaminant although both are combined standards: THMs (chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, bromoform); TC (total coliform bacteria including fecal coliforms and E.coli); HAA5 (monochloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, bromoacetic acid, and dibromoacetic acid).
3. Vinyl chloride is also known as chloroethylene & monochloroethylene.
4. These nine contaminants have a treatment technique instead of a MCL.
5. Aldicarb, aldicarb sulfone, and aldicarb sulfoxide are considered regulated contaminants although their MCLs are stayed.
6. Dichloromethane is also known as methylene chloride.

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