

	West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources				
	MANUAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES				
Section	Drinking Water	Date	May 29, 2001	Procedure #	DW-29
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Revised [Public Water Supply Operator Regulations, 64 CSR 04](#), effective May 14, 2001, require each Class II, III and IV public water system to have a certified operator present at all times the water is undergoing treatment. To further enhance the interpretation and understanding of these regulations, the following guidelines have been adopted:

1. Section 5.3.b.1.
 - A. **Class II Ground Water Source Systems** may be operated by a Class I certified water treatment plant operator, provided the system treats only ground water and the chief operator is a certified Class II water treatment operator.
 - B. **Class II Surface Water Source Systems** must always be operated by certified Class II water treatment plant operators. Class I operators must be under the direct supervision of a Class II operator. Operators-in-training may never operate without the direct, in-plant supervision of a Class II operator. OIT's and Class I operators should successfully complete the Class II operator exam as soon as possible. In emergency situations and for a limited time period, Class I operators may operate a Class II surface supply without the direct supervision of a certified Class II operator, but **only** when the following requirements have been met:
 - The system's chief operator must hold a Class II, or higher, water treatment plant operator certification. In the event the chief operator has resigned, etc., the water system must obtain the temporary assistance of a certified Class II operator to act as chief operator until other permanent arrangements may be made.
 - The Class I operator must have successfully completed the Class II water treatment plant operator certification examination.
 - The water system has made every effort to obtain proper and adequate operator coverage.
 - The water system has submitted a written request to the Director describing the situation, stating the anticipated duration of the emergency, the system's size and treatment processes, and detailing a compliance schedule for obtaining a sufficient number of Class II operators to assure proper operator coverage.

- The Director has granted written approval specifying a time limit the system will be permitted to use the operators and any other specifications according to the particular situation. This approval will be based upon the satisfaction of the aforementioned requirements and the recommendations of district engineers.

2. In evaluating public water systems as provided in Section 4.1, any community or non-transient non-community system that only rechlorinates using a hypochlorinator and provides no other treatment will be classified as a Class I public water system regardless of points assigned or population served, effective July 1, 2004.

References [64 CSR 04, Public Water Supply Operator Regulations](#)

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Attachments