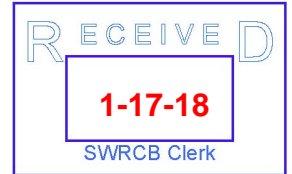




January 17, 2018

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Sent via electronic mail



**Re: Comments on final draft POU/POE permanent regulations**

Dear Chair Marcus and board members,

On behalf of the above-listed organizations, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed permanent regulations governing the approval of point-of-use (POU) and point-of-entry (POE) water treatment devices as an interim measure for small communities that lack safe drinking water. We share the Board's interest in ensuring that households have as little disruption as possible in accessing safe drinking water within their homes and share the following suggestions for improving the program.

Our organizations submitted comments at the November 30 deadline that reflected our experiences in implementing point-of-use and point-of-entry treatment, and provided specific language to address the concerns we raised. We appreciate that, having acknowledged our comments, the Board is under no requirement to actually respond to them. However, given our good relationship with staff, we were surprised and disappointed that we were not contacted about our suggestions, and that none of our proposed edits were incorporated into the final (Dec. 21, 2017) draft.

Rather than submit essentially the same letter, we would simply request a meeting with staff to review our suggestions and the reason for not incorporating them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "PSS".

Phoebe Seaton  
Leadership Counsel for Justice and  
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