

567—43.12(455B) Turbidity optimization goals. SW and IGW systems must meet the requirements in this chapter. To encourage operational optimization, the department has adopted the following goals for systems using SW or IGW that wish to pursue the optimization of their existing treatment processes. These goals are voluntary. Data collected for optimization purposes will not be used to determine compliance with this chapter unless the optimization data are identical to the compliance data.

43.12(1) Sedimentation performance goals. The sedimentation performance goals are based upon the average annual raw water turbidity levels. When the annual average raw water turbidity is:

a. Less than or equal to 10 NTU over the course of the calendar year, the turbidity should be less than or equal to 1 NTU in at least 95 percent of measurements based on the maximum daily value of readings taken at least once every four hours from each sedimentation basin while the plant is operating.

b. More than 10 NTU over the course of the calendar year, the turbidity should be less than or equal to 2 NTU in at least 95 percent of measurements based on the maximum daily value of readings taken at least once every four hours from each sedimentation basin while the plant is operating.

43.12(2) Individual filter performance goals. Individual filter performance goals depend upon a system's capability of filtering to waste.

a. For systems that have the capability of filtering to waste, the individual filter turbidity should be less than or equal to 0.10 NTU in at least 95 percent of measurements over the course of the calendar year, based on the daily maximum value of readings recorded at least once per minute while the plant is in operation. The maximum individual filter turbidity must not exceed 0.30 NTU at any time. The filter must return to service with a turbidity of 0.10 NTU or less.

b. For systems that do not have the capability of filtering to waste, the individual filter turbidity should be less than or equal to 0.10 NTU in at least 95 percent of measurements over the course of the calendar year, excepting the 15 minutes following the completion of the backwash process, based on the daily maximum value of readings recorded at least once per minute while the plant is in operation. The maximum individual filter turbidity must not exceed 0.30 NTU following backwash and must return to a level at or below 0.10 NTU within 15 minutes of returning the filter to service.

43.12(3) Combined filter performance goal. The combined filter performance goal has two components:

a. CFE turbidity should be less than or equal to 0.10 NTU in at least 95 percent of measurements over the course of the calendar year, based on daily maximum value of readings recorded at least once per minute while the plant is operating.

b. The maximum CFE turbidity must not exceed 0.30 NTU at any time.

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