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## **Technical Update**

**For Municipal Residential Drinking Water Systems under O. Reg. 170/03**

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Following public consultation, on June 5, 2006, O. Reg. 170/03 was amended. These technical amendments are designed to safeguard the quality of Ontario's drinking water, while making the regulation more workable and affordable for owners and operators of municipal and non-municipal year round residential drinking water systems and systems serving designated facilities. They also add clarity and flexibility to the testing and operational regimes set out in O. Reg. 170/03. For full details, please see:

[http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/030170\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/030170_e.htm)

## **Annual Reports**

Ontario's Drinking-Water Systems Regulation (O. Reg. 170/03), made under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, requires that the owner of a drinking water system prepare an annual report on the operation of the system and the quality of its water.

- For all municipal residential systems, the reporting period is from January 1 to December 31
- The report is to be submitted by February 28 of the following year.

The annual report must be:

- Given without charge to every person who requests a copy. Effective steps must be taken to advise users of the system that copies of the report are available and how they can be obtained.
- Posted to the municipality's web site if the drinking water system is a large municipal residential system serving more than 10,000 people.
- Given to the owner of any other drinking water system that is connected to and receiving all of its drinking water from the system that is the subject of the annual report.

**Note: The annual reports are no longer required to be submitted to the ministry.**

An optional template (Part III-2) is available on the ministry's web site at [www.ene.gov.on.ca](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca) or owners can create their own template as long as it contains the information outlined in s.11 (6) of O. Reg. 170/03.

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