

## NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of Public Health

Sanitary Code—Bottled Water for Emergencies  
(Chapter VI)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health proposes to amend and enact rules pertaining to the processing and bottling of drinking water for limited use under emergency circumstances by those institutions and facilities that require a source of potable drinking water.

This measure will amend and enact certain sections of Chapter VI, Part 5 of the State Sanitary Code which governs the processing and bottling of bottled water. This proposal stems from requests by hospitals and nursing homes made to certain food processing plants to process and package bottled drinking water for their use as a source of potable drinking water for patients and residents of those facilities. These amendments to the Sanitary Code will provide guidance and set uniform rules for processing of drinking water strictly for use under emergency situations which may occur.

The text of this proposed rule may be viewed in its entirety in the emergency rule section of this issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

Interested persons may submit written comments or views on this proposal to William Swiler, Food and Drug Unit, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, 325 Loyola Avenue, Room 208, New Orleans, LA 70160. A public hearing on the proposed changes will be held September 27, 1996 at the Department of Health and Hospitals, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. The hearing will be conducted in the fourth floor conference room at 10 a.m. All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views or arguments, orally or in writing at said hearing.

Bobby P. Jindal  
Secretary

### **FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Bottled Water for Emergencies**

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)  
Implementation costs will be less than \$50 for mailing expenses.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)  
There should be no impact on revenue collections. It is estimated that not more than 20 food processing plants will qualify for and obtain permits to bottle water for emergency use. There will be no fee charged for this permit.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)  
Firms wanting to bottle drinking water for emergencies will need a permit to operate, must supply containers and labels for containers. Most companies should have necessary equipment but some may opt to buy or lease equipment. There will be no fee charged for this permit.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)  
There may be an effect on employment due to the fact that some firms may have to hire additional personnel, extend production hours, overtime, or add another shift to keep up with production.

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