



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3745-95-04 Where protection is required.

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(A) An approved backflow preventer shall be installed on each service line to a consumer's water system serving premises, where in the judgment of the supplier of water or the director, a polluttional, system, health or severe health hazard to the public water system exists.

(B) An approved backflow preventer shall be installed on each service line to a consumer's water system serving premises where any of the following conditions exist:

(1) Premises having an auxiliary water system on the premises, unless such auxiliary system is accepted as an additional source by the supplier of water and the source is approved by the director.

(2) Premises on which any substance is handled in such a fashion as to create an actual or potential hazard to a public water system. This shall include premises having sources or systems containing process fluids.

(3) Premises having internal cross-connections that, in the judgment of the supplier of water, are not correctable, or intricate plumbing arrangements which make it impracticable to determine whether or not cross-connections exist.

(4) Premises where, because of security requirements or other prohibitions or restrictions, it is impossible or impractical to make a complete cross-connection survey.

(5) Premises having a repeated history of cross-connections being established or re-established.

(6) Others specified by the director.

(C) The following requirements apply to premises that have an auxiliary water system on the real property that is owned or under control of the consumer and adjacent to the premises:



- (1) A physical separation shall be maintained between the public water system or a consumer's water system and the auxiliary water system as required by paragraph (B) of rule 3745-95-02 of the Administrative Code.

- (2) An approved backflow preventer shall be installed on each service connection serving the consumer's water system, unless the supplier of water does all of the following:
 - (a) Determines, on a case-by-case basis, that the installation of an approved backflow preventer on a service connection is not required in consideration of factors including, but not limited to, the past history of cross connections being established or re-established on the premises, the ease or difficulty of connecting the auxiliary water system with the public water system on the premises, the presence or absence of contaminants on the property or other risk factors.

 - (b) Requires the consumer to sign an agreement which specifies the penalties, including those set forth in rule 3745-95-08 of the Administrative Code, for creating a connection between the public water system and the auxiliary water system.

 - (c) Conducts or causes to be conducted an inspection at least every twelve months to certify that no connection or means of connection has been created between the public water system and the auxiliary water system.

 - (d) Maintains an inventory of each consumer's premises where an auxiliary water system is on or available to the premises, or on the real property adjacent to the premises.

 - (e) Develops and implements an education program to inform all consumers served by the public water system about the dangers of cross-connections and how to eliminate cross-connections.

- (D) An approved backflow preventer shall be installed on each service line to a consumer's water system serving, but not necessarily limited to, the following types of facilities unless the director determines that no severe health, health, system or pollutional hazard to the public water system exists:
 - (1) Hospitals, mortuaries, clinics, nursing homes.



- (2) Laboratories.
 - (3) Piers, docks, waterfront facilities.
 - (4) Sewage treatment plants, sewage pumping stations, or storm water pumping stations.
 - (5) Food or beverage processing plants.
 - (6) Chemical plants.
 - (7) Metal plating industries.
 - (8) Petroleum processing or storage plants.
 - (9) Radioactive material processing plants or nuclear reactors.
 - (10) Car washes.
 - (11) Others specified by the director.
- (E) An approved backflow preventer shall be installed at any point of connection that is approved in accordance with paragraph (B) of rule 3745-95-02 of the Administrative Code between a public water system or a consumer's water system and an auxiliary water system, unless such auxiliary system is accepted as an additional source by the supplier of water and the source is approved by the director.