



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:3-62-04 Plant construction, design, and equipment.

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(A) The bottling room shall be separated from other plant operations or storage areas by tight walls, ceilings, and self-closing doors to protect against contamination. Conveyor openings shall not exceed the size required to permit passage of containers.

(B) If processing operations are conducted in other than a sealed system under pressure, adequate protection shall be provided to preclude contamination of the water and the system.

(C) Adequate ventilation shall be provided to minimize condensation in processing rooms, bottling rooms, and in container washing and sanitizing areas.

(D) The washing and sanitizing of containers for bottled water shall be performed in an enclosed room. The washing and sanitizing operation shall be positioned within the room so as to minimize any possible post-sanitizing contamination of the containers before they enter the bottling room.

(E) Rooms in which product water is handled, processed, or held or in which containers, utensils, or equipment are washed or held shall not open directly into any room used for domestic household purposes.

(F) When employee locker and lunchrooms are provided, they shall be separate from plant operations and storage areas and shall be equipped with self-closing doors. The rooms shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Packaging or wrapping material or other processing supplies shall not be stored in locker or lunchrooms.

(G) Suitability.

(1) All plant equipment and utensils shall be suitable for their intended use. This includes all collection and storage tanks, piping, fittings, connections, bottle washers, fillers, cappers, and other equipment which may be used to store, handle, process, package, or transport product water.



(2) All product water contact surfaces shall be constructed of nontoxic and nonabsorbent material which can be adequately cleaned or sanitized and is in compliance with section 3715.62 of the Revised Code.

(H) Storage tanks shall be of the type that can be closed to exclude all foreign matter and shall be adequately vented.