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NITRATE MONITORING – WAIVERS

Purpose: To identify those public water systems that are susceptible to nitrite

contamination and must monitor for the presence of nitrate.

All public water system must monitor for the presence of combined nitrate and nitrite as nitrogen. If the combined result is less than 0.5 mg/l, testing for nitrite is not required. Systems having a combined level in excess of 0.5 mg/l, must monitor for the presence of nitrite in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations.

Background: The regulated monitoring for nitrite is not required for systems that can

show a nitrite level less than 0.5 mg/l. If a combined nitrate/nitrite test result is less than this level, then the nitrite level is such that no further

sampling for nitrite would be required.