

EPA's IESWTR establishing treatment technique requirements for *Cryptosporidium* in ground water under the influence of surface water does not apply to ground water used for the production of bottled water.

In addition, according to industry information (Ref. 2), the remaining 25 percent of bottled water sold in the United States is derived from public water systems. Public water systems serving at least 10,000 people or more, using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water, must comply with EPA's IESWTR. In the **Federal Register** of April 10, 2000 (65 FR 19046), EPA published a proposed rule (Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment and Filter Backwash Rule (LT1FBR)) to establish NPDWRs consisting of treatment technique requirements for reduction of *Cryptosporidium* in surface water and in ground water under the direct influence of surface water that public water systems serving less than 10,000 people use as their source water. Therefore, public water systems serving less than 10,000 people using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water, will be subject to any EPA final rule on LT1FBR. Thus, under the EPA's IESWTR and LT1FBR if finalized as proposed, all water obtained from public water systems used for bottled water would be treated previously by public water systems to reduce the contaminant *Cryptosporidium*.

FDA concludes that because surface water and ground water under the direct influence of surface water would be subject to EPA's treatment technique requirements to reduce *Cryptosporidium*, a standard of quality regulation for bottled water derived from public water systems is not necessary to protect the public health. The contaminant may be contained in public water systems, which would be treated to reduce *Cryptosporidium* before such water would be used for bottled water. Further, because bottled water sources other than public drinking water are from ground water, which by definition (§ 165.110(a)(2)(ii)) must not be ground water under the direct influence of surface water, *Cryptosporidium* would not be expected to be present. Thus, FDA also concludes that a standard of quality regulation for bottled water derived from ground water is not necessary to protect the public health because *Cryptosporidium* would not be in ground water used for bottled water.

IV. References

The following references are on display in the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, and may be seen by interested persons between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

1. MacKenzie, W. R., N. J. Hoxie, M. E. Proctor, M. S. Gradus, K. A. Blair, D. E. Peterson, J. J. Kazmierczak, D. G. Addiss, K. R. Fox, J. B. Rose, and J. P. Davis, "A Massive Outbreak in Milwaukee of *Cryptosporidium* Infection Transmitted Through the Public Water Supply," *New England Journal of Medicine* 331:161-167 (1994).

2. Yablonski, C., International Bottled Water Association, letter to Henry Kim, March 23, 2001.

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