

15A NCAC 18A .2117 WATER SANITATION AND QUALITY

(a) A water supply shall be provided that complies with the provisions of 15A NCAC 18A .1700.

(b) Prior to occupancy of a migrant housing facility, water samples for bacteriological analysis shall be collected by an environmental health specialist and submitted to the Division of Laboratory Services of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources or another laboratory certified pursuant to 15A NCAC 20D for analysis. A sample negative for coliform organisms shall be obtained prior to the issuance of health department approval.

(c) An environmental health specialist may collect water samples after occupancy for analysis by the Division of Laboratory Services of the Department or another laboratory certified pursuant to 15A NCAC 20D to determine the continued safety of the water supply for domestic use. The water supply shall be deemed unsafe for domestic use and action taken as follows:

- (1) The water supply shall be deemed immediately unsafe upon confirmation of the presence of fecal coliform bacteria or, upon determination by the Environmental Epidemiology Section of the Department that the presence of chemical constituents poses an immediate threat to life. Under these circumstances, the Department shall immediately contact both the migrant housing operator and the Migrant Housing Division, North Carolina Department of Labor. All verbal contact made by the environmental health specialist shall be confirmed in writing.
- (2) The water supply shall be deemed unsafe for long-term usage upon confirmation of a positive total coliform test or upon determination by the Environmental Epidemiology Section of the Department that the presence of chemical constituents poses a threat to health. Under these circumstances, the Department shall, within three days, notify the migrant housing operator and the Migrant Housing Division, North Carolina Department of Labor. All verbal contacts made by the environmental health specialist shall be confirmed in writing.

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