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Introduced by Representative McCullough of Williston

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; public water supply; water treatment

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit the use of chloramine as a disinfection chemical in any public water system between July 1, 2009 and December 31, 2011.

An act relating to the use of chloramine as a disinfectant in public water systems

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1675 is amended to read:

§ 1675. PERMITS; CONDITIONS; DURATION; SUSPENSION OF
REVOCATION

(a) Authority to issue, renew, or deny permit. The secretary may issue, renew, or deny a public water system permit required by this chapter. As part of this authority, the secretary may issue general operating permits for the operation of transient noncommunity water systems.

(b) Avoidance of public health hazard or risk. A public water system permit shall be issued or renewed only upon a finding by the secretary,

1 included in the permit, that operation of the system will comply with the
2 standards adopted under this chapter and will not constitute a public health
3 hazard or a significant public health risk.

4 (1) In making this finding for the issuance of a permit for a new public
5 water source, the secretary shall consider the probable effects of existing and
6 likely future land use practices, including the effects of the uses of agricultural
7 lands, that may affect the quantity or quality of the water associated with any
8 proposed public water source, and whether such practices are likely to
9 constitute a public health hazard relating to such source. The secretary shall
10 not issue a permit for a new public water source if he or she determines that
11 such existing or likely future land use practices are likely to constitute such a
12 public health hazard.

13 (2) In making this finding for the issuance of a permit for the addition of
14 a ~~new type of~~ disinfectant, the secretary shall, after consultation with the
15 department of health, consider the likely effects on health from the use of the
16 ~~new type of~~ disinfectant. The secretary shall not issue a permit for a new or
17 existing public water system if he or she determines that the use of a ~~new type~~
18 ~~of~~ disinfectant will result in a health effect that is likely to constitute a public
19 health hazard.

20 (c) Notice and hearing.

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1 water which is connected to a public water system.

2 Sec. 3. REPEAL

3 10 V.S.A. § 1678a (prohibition on use of chloramine) shall be repealed

4 December 31, 2011.