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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE RULES PERTAINING TO WATER OPERATOR LICENSING

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BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 17-51-101 et seq., the Department has authority to promulgate the Rules Pertaining to Water Operator Licensing. These Rules are adopted for the purpose of ensuring that all public water systems in the State of Arkansas are operated by personnel who have shown their competence and knowledge of the public health and scientific principles necessary to produce and deliver adequate quantities of water which meets or exceeds the National Primary and Secondary Drinking Water Standards.

KEY POINTS

The proposed rule:

- Revises the Rules to conform with the licensures amendments pursuant to Acts 135, 725, and 811

DISCUSSION

The Rules Pertaining to Water Operator Licensing are duly adopted and promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health pursuant to the authority expressly conferred by the Laws of the State of Arkansas including, without limitation, Ark. Code Ann. § 17-51-101 et seq.

The following changes are proposed:

1. Updated rule to reflect requirements of Act 811 of the 2021 General Assembly.
 - SECTION VIII
2. Updated rule to reflect changes Act 725 of the 2021 General Assembly.
 - New SECTION XII. H
3. Updated rule to reflect changes related to Act 135 of the 2021 General Assembly
 - New SECTION XiV. F