ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

Department for Environmental Protection

Division of Water

(Amended After Comments)

401 KAR 8:050. Drinking water program fees.


STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 223.220, 224.10-100(20), 224.10-110

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS[Chapter] 224.10-100(20)

authorizes the cabinet to establish, by administrative regulation, a fee or schedule of fees for the cost of processing applications for permits authorized by KRS Chapter 224. KRS 224.10-110 requires the cabinet to enforce cabinet administrative regulations for review, approval, or disapproval of plans for water purification and distribution systems. This administrative regulation establishes fees for reviewing plans and specifications of public water systems[—for operator certification] and for laboratory certification.


(1) Filing fees.

(a) Except as established[provided] in KRS 224.10-100, a person who submits the plans and specifications established[listed] in subsection (2) of this section shall simultaneously
submit a filing fee in the amount of twenty (20) percent of the required project fee

established[described] in subsection (2) of this section.

(b) A filing fee shall not be refundable if the plans and specifications for which the filing
fee is required are denied or withdrawn.

c) The filing fee shall be applied toward the project fee assessed as established in
subsection (2) of this section.

(d) 1. Plans and specifications not approved shall be returned to the applicant.

2. Further consideration of plans and specifications not approved shall require a new
submittal and payment of the appropriate filing fee.

(2) Project fees.

(a) Following preliminary review of the plans and specifications, the cabinet shall notify
the applicant whether or not the plans and specifications comply with 401 KAR 8:100. If the
applicant is notified that the plans and specifications comply, the applicant shall submit the
remainder of the fee required by paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(b) A fee for review and approval of the plans and specifications shall be assessed
according to subparagraphs 1. through 3. of this paragraph.[the following schedule:]

1. Fee for reviewing plans of community public water systems

   a. The fee for reviewing plans for a water treatment plant utilizing disinfection and all
      components of conventional filtration treatment shall be $800.

   b. The fee for reviewing plans for a water treatment plant utilizing disinfection, but not
      all components of conventional filtration treatment, shall be $525.

   c. The fee for reviewing plans for a water treatment plant utilizing only disinfection shall
      be $250.
d. The fee for reviewing plans for a change in design capacity of a water treatment plant involving disinfection and all components of conventional filtration treatment shall be $800.

e. The fee for reviewing plans for a change in design capacity of a water treatment plant involving disinfection, but not all components of conventional filtration treatment, shall be $525.

f. The fee for reviewing plans for a change in design capacity of a water treatment plant involving only disinfection shall be $125.

g. The fee for reviewing plans for a change in the structures and appurtenances, except for distribution lines of less than 10,000 feet, of a water supply system shall be $325.

h. The fee for reviewing plans of a water supply system for a change to the distribution lines of 10,000 feet or less shall be $150.

2. Fees for reviewing plans of noncommunity public water systems.

a. The fee for reviewing plans for a water treatment plant utilizing disinfection and all components of conventional filtration treatment shall be $800.

b. The fee for reviewing plans for a water supply system serving more than 100 people that utilizes disinfection, but not all components of conventional filtration treatment, shall be $200.

c. The fee for reviewing plans for a change to a water supply system serving more than 100 people shall be $100

d. The fee for reviewing plans for a water supply system serving 100 people or fewer, which utilizes disinfection, but not all components of conventional filtration treatment, shall be $100.

e. The fee for reviewing plans for a change to a water supply system serving 100 people or fewer shall be fifty (50) dollars.
3. Semipublic water systems. The fee for reviewing plans for a semipublic water system facility or a change to a semipublic water system shall be fifty (50) dollars.

Section 2. Fees for Laboratory Certification. (1) Fees shall be received by December 31[February 15] of each calendar year prior to the certification period.

(2) A fee received after December 31[February 15] and before January 15[March 14] shall incur a surcharge of fifteen (15) percent.

(3) Laboratory certification shall be revoked if fees are not received by January 15 of the certification year[March 15].

(4) To reinstate a laboratory certification that was revoked pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the laboratory shall comply with 401 KAR 8:040, Section 2, and shall pay a surcharge of twenty-five (25) percent of the certification fee established in Table A in subsection (5) of this section.

(5) The annual fee for certification by analysis category shall be as established in Table A:

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<td>All Other Chemical Analysis Categories</td>
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<td>Other audits resulting in a certification status change</td>
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(6) Fees shall apply to in-state and out-of-state laboratories.

(7)(a) A laboratory may request a ten (10) percent discount of the following year’s certification fee if it submits compliance data electronically for one (1) calendar year.
(b) To be eligible for the discount:

1. The laboratory's data shall not contain errors;

2. The laboratory shall not err in the electronic-submittal process; and

3. The laboratory shall comply with 401 KAR 8:040, Section 4.

(8) A laboratory certified by the National Environmental Laboratory Association Certification Institute (TNI) or a National Environmental Laboratory Association Program accrediting authority may request a ten (10) percent discount of the total certification fee for which it maintains the TNI certification.

[Section 3. (1) Fees for certification of water treatment plant and water distribution system operators.

(a) Certification application fee shall be $100.

(b) A renewal application fee shall be:

1. Fifty (50) dollars if renewed through the cabinet Web site; or

2. $100 if not renewed through the cabinet Web site.

(c) A renewal late fee shall be $250.

(d) A reciprocity fee shall be $500.

(2) Each year the cabinet, in consultation with the board, shall establish fees for operator training conducted by the cabinet.

(3)(a) The fees established in subsection (1) of this section shall be nonrefundable.

(b) Fifty (50) percent of the fees established in subsection (2) of this section shall be refundable if registration is canceled at least two (2) business days prior to the beginning of the training event.

(c) The fees in subsection (2) of this section shall be fully refunded if the training event is
cancelled by the cabinet]
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Date
REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

401 KAR 8:050

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(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: This administrative regulation establishes fees for review of plans and specifications for new and existing public and semipublic water systems, laboratory certification, and drinking water operator certification.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation is necessary to establish fees for cabinet review of plans and specifications for new and existing public and semipublic water systems, laboratory certification, and drinking water operator certification.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 224.10-100(20) authorizes the cabinet to establish, by administrative regulation, a fee or schedule of fees for the cost of processing applications for permits authorized by KRS Chapter 224. KRS 224.10-110 requires the cabinet to enforce cabinet regulations for review, approval, or disapproval of plans for water purification and distribution systems. This administrative regulation establishes fees for reviewing plans and specifications of public water systems, operator certification, and laboratory certification.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation establishes fees for the drinking water program, including laboratory certification fees.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 224.10-100(20) authorizes the cabinet to establish, by administrative regulation, a fee or schedule of fees for the cost of processing applications for permits authorized by KRS Chapter 224. KRS 224.10-110 requires the cabinet to enforce cabinet regulations for review, approval, or disapproval of plans for water purification and distribution systems. This
administrative regulation establishes fees for reviewing plans and specifications of public water systems, operator certification, and laboratory certification.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: Certified drinking water treatment plant and distribution system operators, as well as operator candidates, will be affected by this amended regulation. State or local governments that operate drinking water treatment plants or distribution systems will be affected if they pay certification fees for their employees. There are approximately sixty (60) certified microbiology and chemistry laboratories in Kentucky, thirty (30) of which are municipally owned, and approximately twenty-nine (29) laboratories outside Kentucky. These laboratories service 436 public, 52 semipublic, and 5 bottled water systems in Kentucky.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: The regulated entities will not need to take further action. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): The amendments to this administrative regulation will not result in additional costs. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: The amendment to this administrative regulation will not result in additional costs. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(b) On a continuing basis: The amendment to this administrative regulation will not result in additional costs. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.
(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: There is no source of funding necessary for implementation of the amendment. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: The amendment to this administrative regulation will not require an increase in fees or a change in funding sources. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or indirectly increased any fees: This administrative regulation establishes fees for the review of plans and specifications for new and existing public and semipublic water systems, certified water operators, and laboratory certification. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? (Explain why or why not) Tiering is applied. Fees vary according to the type and level of application for new and existing public and semipublic water systems and laboratory certification. Fees for operator certification are tiered based on the type of certification application being made.
FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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(1) What units, parts, or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? This administrative regulation applies to certified drinking water operators, laboratories hired by public and semipublic water systems, and review of plans and specifications for new and existing water systems. A public water system is often owned by a city government or is organized under county government.

(2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 224.10-100(20) authorizes the cabinet to establish, by administrative regulation, a fee or schedule of fees for the cost of processing applications for permits authorized by KRS Chapter 224. KRS 224.10-110 requires the cabinet to enforce cabinet regulations for review, approval, or disapproval of plans for water purification and distribution systems. This administrative regulation establishes fees for reviewing plans and specifications of public water systems, operator certification, and laboratory certification.

(3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? The amendment to this administrative regulation will not generate any revenue. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? The amendment to this administrative regulation will not generate any revenue. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? The amendment to this administrative regulation will not result in additional costs. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? The amendment to this administrative regulation will not result in additional costs. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.
Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-): NA
Expenditures (+/-): NA

Other Explanation: The amendment to this administrative regulation will not result in additional costs or generate revenue. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.
FEDERAL MANDATE ANALYSIS COMPARISON

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1. Federal statute or regulation constituting the federal mandate. There is no federal statute or regulation that addresses operator certification fees or laboratory certification, although 40 C.F.R. 142 requires these activities as a condition of receiving primary responsibility for the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

2. State compliance standards KRS 224.10-100(20), 224.10-110

3. Minimum or uniform standards contained in the federal mandate. 40 C.F.R. Part 141 and Part 142 establish national Primary Drinking Water regulations and implementation standards for those regulations.

4. Will this administrative regulation impose stricter requirements, or additional or different responsibilities or requirements than those required by the federal mandate? No. There is no federal statute or regulation that addresses operator certification fees or laboratory certification, although 40 C.F.R. 142 requires these activities as a condition of receiving primary responsibility for the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.

5. Justification for the imposition of the stricter standard, or additional or different responsibilities or requirements. KRS 224.10-100(20) authorizes the cabinet to promulgate regulations establishing a fee or schedule of fees for permits authorized by KRS Chapter 224. This amendment is only to correct regulatory language and paragraph numbers to conform with KRS 13A.