DRINKING WATER ADDITIVES JOINT COMMITTEE

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Regenerated and Reactivated Media Task Group

D. Purkiss gave a presentation to update the JC on the progress of this task group. His presentation walked through the proposed draft language that the task group had been working on since the 2006 JC meeting. He also pointed out that many requirements came from AWWA standard for reactivated carbon. He explained that he hoped to send the draft out for ballot within the next few months.

R. Lorenz stated that there is a section that specifies that certain media can have had no exposure to certain compounds, including herbicides. He stated that a large part of country has herbicides in the drinking water and asked if there is a limit or if that is an absolute. D. Purkiss explained that this became an issue for the task group because it is unknown if these compounds can be removed during regeneration, and the cost of testing every lot of regenerated media would be cost prohibitive. Therefore, this requirement is an absolute. S. Butterworth stated that this exclusion does not apply to reactivated carbon since it is well known that reactivation can remove herbicides, and most utilities should be using activated carbon ahead of other medias if they have a pesticide or herbicide problem. J. Cleland asked whether there would be limits to commingling. D. Purkiss stated that the standard only allows commingling of media from public drinking water supplies and any media that is commingled is clearly labeled as such.

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