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## CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM POLICY

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### I. PURPOSE

- A. To protect the public potable water supply served by the City of Lockport Water Department (City) from contamination or pollution which could backflow or back siphon from a customer's internal distribution system.
- B. To eliminate existing cross connections.

### II. AUTHORITY

- A. The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended in 1986, and Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code, Subpart 5-1 Public Water Supplies, Section 5-1.31, states that the water supplier has the primary responsibility to protect the public water system by containing potential contamination within the premises of the customer through cross connection control by containment.

### III. REQUIREMENTS

#### A. CITY OF LOCKPORT WATER PURVEYOR

1. Upon request to the City for any type or size of water service, the customer will be given information describing the procedures and requirements for approval and installation of backflow prevention devices for containment of the premises.
2. The Water Purveyor will determine the potential for cross connections and the degree of hazard for any existing or proposed service connection. The customer will be notified in writing of the need to comply with the requirements for installation of the backflow prevention devices. Included with the notification letter will be information describing the requirements for approval and installation of backflow prevention devices for containment of the premises. The decision of the Water Purveyor regarding the need for backflow prevention is final. The Water Purveyor will meet with customers and perform a physical inspection of the premises as needed.
3. The installation of backflow prevention devices by large commercial/industrial customers with existing multiple service connections is complex and expensive. Implementation time tables will be established on an individual basis with consideration given to the degree of hazard, time required for design and approval, and budgetary constraints. The time period will be not less than 90 days and not more than 18 months starting with the date of written notification. No extensions of time past 18 months will be granted.

4. The Water Purveyor reserves the right to revise these requirements and to allow exceptions on a case by case basis.
5. If the Water Purveyor determines at any time that an immediate threat to the public health exists, the water service will be terminated.

#### **B. CUSTOMER**

1. The customer will provide the Water Purveyor any and all information concerning facilities, process, water usage, existing backflow prevention devices and other information as required by the City, in a timely manner.
2. The customer is responsible for all internal cross connection control.
3. The customer shall install backflow preventers only as approved by the Water Purveyor. No unauthorized modifications to the approved design are allowed. If uninterrupted water service is required, multiple backflow preventers shall be installed to allow for testing and maintenance. The customer shall not install an unprotected bypass around any backflow preventer. The customer shall not modify any backflow preventer in any way without the approval of the Water Purveyor.

#### **V. TESTING AND RECORD KEEPING**

- A.** The City will keep and maintain records of installed backflow prevention devices and records of periodic tests. Customers will be notified in writing by the Water Administration Office when a periodic test is past due. If a customer does not comply within 30 days of the test due date, water service may be terminated.
- B.** High hazard situations will not be allowed to continue operating unprotected if the backflow preventer fails the periodic test and cannot be repaired or replaced immediately.
- C.** The customer shall arrange for periodic testing of all backflow prevention devices, *to also include ALL Fire Protection Systems*, to be performed at his expense. All containment backflow prevention devices shall be tested at least once within a 12 month period, to be repeated annually, or more frequently if required by the Water Purveyor. All testing shall be performed by a New York State certified backflow prevention device tester. Any device which fails a test must be repaired or replaced at the customer's expense. The Tester and/or customer are required to immediately contact the Water Purveyor for any device that fails and cannot be immediately repaired / certified.
- D.** The customer is responsible for insuring that the tester has submitted a copy of New York State Department of Health Form DOH 1013, *Report of Test and Maintenance of Backflow Prevention Device*, to the Water Administration Office and The Niagara County Department of Health within 30 days of testing and/or repairs for every backflow preventer, including all fire protection services and maintain easily accessible records at the physical location of indicated device(s).

#### **VI. ENFORCEMENT**

- A.** Failure, refusal or inability on the part of the customer to comply with these requirements will result in termination of City water service, fines and or incarceration. (ref. § 185-20)

#### References

City of Lockport Water Code: § 185-19 Cross-connection control. § 185-20 Penalties for offenses.  
Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974  
Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code, Subpart 5-1 Public Water Supplies