

## Rule update: Requirements for the quality standards to be met by safe water supply projects submitted prior to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014

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In January 2014, a rule update was released<sup>1</sup> to clarify the requirements for treated water quality standards to be met by safe water supply projects in relation to Annex 3: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption Version 1.0. The rule update provided requirements for the treated water quality standards to be met by safe water supply projects with the time of first submission after 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

During the aforementioned update, it was intimated that Gold Standard would provide an update on whether these guidelines would also be applicable for projects submitted before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014. In this regard, Gold Standard would like to announce the water quality standards for treated water that shall be applicable to projects submitted prior to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014 through this rule update.

### Requirements:

The project developer shall meet one of the following options for water quality standards requirement for treated water for projects submitted prior to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014:

*As a first option, projects shall meet host country standards (where available) for treated water quality. Where national standards are not available, projects shall meet WHO standard of less than 1 Colony Forming Unit (CFU) of E.Coli /100 ml<sup>2</sup>. The 90/10 precision rule must be followed in calculating the sample size required for testing water quality. For 'point of use' technologies such as water filters, the quality testing shall be done for samples taken at the water outlet. For boreholes and chlorine dispensers, testing shall be done for samples collected at source as per national/or the above mentioned criteria.*

The project developer shall update the monitoring plan for such projects and meet the above requirements for treated water quality for all future issuance requests that will be submitted after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> Rule update: Requirements for the quality standards to be met by safe water supply projects published on 31 Jan 2014 available at <http://www.goldstandard.org/sites/default/files/documents/rule-update-requirements-for-treated-water-quality.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> World Health Organization 2011, Guidelines for drinking-water quality, available at (accessed 12 SEP 2015 [http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789241548151\\_eng.pdf?ua=1](http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789241548151_eng.pdf?ua=1))