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Bureau of Watershed Management
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TITLE: CONSTANT GALLONS PER CAPITA PER DAY (GPCD)

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AUTHORITY: Water Rights Act of June 24, 1939, P.L. 842, No. 365, as amended, 32 P.S., 631 *et seq.*

POLICY: For purposes of determining reasonable future needs of applicants, the Department will apply a constant per capita rate of water use, as may be adjusted to reflect extraordinary circumstances or improvements in unaccounted-for water usage.

PURPOSE: This policy establishes a uniform basis upon which future needs of public water supply systems will be determined in order to test against the reasonable future needs clause of the Water Rights Act.

APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all applications for surface water allocation submitted by a public water supply agency, both for direct withdrawal of surface waters and for purchase of surface waters from another public water supply agency.

DISCLAIMER: The policies and procedures outlined in this guidance document are intended to supplement existing requirements. Nothing in the policies or procedures shall affect regulatory requirements.

The policies and procedures herein are not an adjudication or a regulation. There is no intent on the part of the Department to give these rules that weight or deference. This document establishes the framework, within which DEP will exercise its administrative discretion in the future. DEP reserves the discretion to deviate from this policy statement if circumstances warrant.

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TECHNICAL GUIDANCE:

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