

APPENDIX 210-2

I. Recommendations For Disinfection of Wells

Every newly constructed, altered, or repaired well should be assumed to be contaminated by micro-organisms. Before the initiation of use, each well must be thoroughly and carefully cleaned and treated to ensure that all disease carrying organisms are eliminated. Care should be exercised to make certain that all areas of the well come into contact with a solution containing enough available chlorine to completely destroy all harmful bacteria. An initial chlorine concentration of 50 parts per million (ppm) with a residual chlorine requirement of 25 ppm after 24 hours is considered adequate for this purpose. Either domestic laundry bleaches containing sodium hypochlorite, such as Clorox or Purex, or calcium hypochlorite in powder or tablet form (Olin HTH) may be used.

Hypochlorite solutions should be thoroughly mixed throughout the well either by the use of drilling tools, a pump, or by placing a calculated number of HTH tablets at regular intervals on a nylon string and dissolving them in places throughout the well. In all cases, the well casing and pump column standing above the water table should be thoroughly cleaned of all grease and oil and should be carefully washed down with the hypochlorite solution.

The well should be allowed to remain undisturbed after the treatment for a period of 24 hours. Then it is recommended that the well be tested for residual chlorine (at least 25 ppm must remain). After successful treatment, all water remaining in the well and supply system should be run to waste and a sample of fresh water from the well tested by the local county sanitarian for bacteriological purity.

SOLUTIONS CONTAINING HYPOCHLORITES

Laundry Bleach

Common domestic laundry bleaches contain from 5.25 percent to 6.00 percent sodium hypochlorite. These amounts are equivalent to approximately 2.5 percent available chlorine or about 25,000 ppm as originally purchased. A one gallon container of liquid bleach mixed with 500 gallons of water will dilute the original solution to approximately 50 ppm available chlorine.

High-Test Hypochlorite Compounds

Calcium hypochlorite (Olin HTH) in powder or tablet form contains about 50 percent active chlorine. One ounce of dry HTH powder mixed with 75 gallons of water will result in a solution containing approximately 50 ppm available chlorine. Eight tablets $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. each) of HTH are equivalent to one ounce of dry powder or granules.

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QUALITY OF HYPOCHLORITE NEEDED TO PROVIDE 50 PPM ACTIVE CHLORINE IN WELL WATER

(1) If using liquid bleaches, the following formula is applicable:

$$\frac{\text{Feet of water in well} \times \text{Gallons per foot}}{62} = \text{Pints of bleach needed}$$

Feet of water = Total depth of well minus static water level multiplied by gallons per foot (See Table II).

(2) If using HTH compounds, the following formula is applicable:

$$\frac{\text{Feet of water} \times \text{Gallons per foot}}{75} = \text{Ounces HTH needed}$$

(3) If HTH tablets are used:

$$\frac{\text{Feet of water} \times \text{Gallons per foot}}{9} = \text{Number of 1/8 oz. tablets needed}$$