

# REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM RULE (RTCR) – LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT

## For Transient, Non-Community Water Systems



This form is intended to assist public water systems in completing the investigation required by the federal revised Total Coliform Rule (rTCR) [effective April 1, 2016] and may be modified to take into account conditions unique to the water system. **To avoid a violation, an assessment report must be completed and returned to your local regulatory agency no later than 30 days after the coliform treatment trigger date.**

<b>SYSTEM NAME:</b>	<b>Trigger Date:</b>
<b>SYSTEM #:</b>	<b>Investigation Date:</b>

#	Issues	Yes/No	N/A	Potentially	If Yes or Potentially, Identify
<b>1</b>	<b>Unusual occurrences with the water system since the last negative routine bacteriological sample:</b>				
	Loss of pressure <5 psi	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Heavy precipitation and/or flooding	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Customer complaints of water quality or pressure	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Evidence of unauthorized access/vandalism	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Interruption in disinfection treatment	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Changes to water system since last negative routine bacteriological sample:</b>				
	Piping modified or repaired	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	System components replaced or repaired	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Changes in operational procedures or personnel	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Groundwater source contamination:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>		Proceed to section 4 if groundwater is not used.
	Repeat bacteriological sample(s) from raw source water is positive for total coliform	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	<b>Wells:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Cracks or holes in the well casing above grade	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Water can leak through well top seal	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	The well is not equipped with a downturned screened vent.	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Water can leak through well head penetrations for electrical or sounding equipment	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Leaking pipes or standing water around the well(s)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	<b>Springs and/or Horizontal Wells:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	The collection site is overgrown with vegetation.	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Flowing/standing water around the collection site	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Evidence of animal activity around the collection site (grazing/burrowing)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Rodents, insects or roots in the spring box	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<b>4</b>	<b>Surface water or GWUDI treatment issues</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	CT not met at all times	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Spikes in raw or filtered water turbidity	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Alarms and auto shutdowns are not properly set or functioning.	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>5</b>	<b>Tank(s) storage, clearwell, backwash return:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>		Proceed to section 6 if there are no tanks.
	Openings in tank roof that rain water can enter	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Rodents, birds, insects or other unexpected materials inside tank	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Tank air vents are not properly screened to prevent insects from entering.	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Hatches or access ladders left unlocked	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	For redwood tanks, signs of birds/animals burrowing or nesting into the tank	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	root intrusion, for underground tanks	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Distribution system</b>				
	Low pressure transmission lines	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Dead end lines	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Interties with non-potable water systems or sources (even if valved off)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Any certified backflow prevention devices not tested in the previous calendar year.	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Sample site and sampling procedures</b>				
	Is there a written sampling procedure and was it followed?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Sample sites are not the ones identified in the approved bacteriological sample siting plan.	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Sample taps are wet, leaking or dirty	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	The sample collector was not properly trained	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Were sample bottles delivered to the lab in a cooler and within allowable holding time?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Is there a seasonal pattern in positive samples when reviewing historical monitoring?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>8</b>	<b>Other</b>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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**SUMMARY:** Based on the results of your assessment and any other available information, what deficiencies do you believe to have caused the positive total coliform sample(s) within your distribution system? *(DO NOT LEAVE BLANK)*

Deficiency #	Deficiency Description
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** What actions have you taken to correct the above mentioned deficiencies? If additional time is needed to correct a deficiency, indicate the date that it will be corrected. *(DO NOT LEAVE BLANK)*

Deficiency #	Corrective Action	Date Completed
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Upon review of the Level 1 Assessment Form, the local regulatory agency may require submittal of the following additional information:**

- Sketch of system showing all sources, all treatment and chlorination locations, storage tanks, microbiological sampling sites and general layout of the distribution system including the location of all hazardous connections such as the wastewater treatment facility.
- A set of photographs of the source, pressure tanks, and storage tanks in the system may be submitted if they would show that the contamination is directly related and changes have been made since the last inspection by the local regulatory agency.
- Name, certification level and certificate number of the Operator in Responsible Charge.
- Copy of the last cross connection survey performed that identifies the location of all unprotected cross connections.