

**Title 15 - Mississippi Department of Health**

**Part 20: Bureau of Public Water Supply**

**Subpart 72: Public Water Supply**

**CHAPTER 1. MISSISSIPPI PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATION**

**Subchapter 1. General Provisions:**

Rule 1.1.1. **Legal Authority.** This regulation has been promulgated under the authority of and pursuant to the Mississippi Safe Drinking Water Act of 1997 (Section 41-26-1 through Section 41-26-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated).

*SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §41-26-6*

Rule 1.1.2. **Definitions.**

10. **Public water system** means a system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption through pipes or, after August 5, 1998, other constructed conveyances, if such system has at least fifteen service connections or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. Furthermore, two or more water systems that are adjacent, that are owned or operated by the same supplier of water, that individually serve less than 15 service connections or less than 25 persons but in combination serve 15 or more service connections or 25 or more persons, shall also be defined as a public water system. Such term includes: Any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of the operator of such system and used primarily in connection with such system; and any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control which are used primarily in connection with such system. Such term does not include any “special irrigation district.” Service connection, as used in the definition of public water system, does not include a connection to a

system that delivers water by a constructed conveyance other than a pipe if:

- a. The water is used exclusively for purposes other than residential uses (consisting of drinking, bathing, cooking, or other similar uses);
- b. The Director or Administrator determines that alternative water to achieve the equivalent level of public health protection provided by the applicable national primary drinking water regulation is provided for residential or similar uses for drinking and cooking; or
- c. The Director or Administrator determines that the water provided for residential or similar uses for drinking, cooking, and bathing is centrally treated or treated at the point of entry by the provider, a pass-through entity, or the user to achieve the equivalent level of protection provided by the applicable national primary drinking water regulation.
- d. Special irrigation district means an irrigation district in existence prior to May 18,

1994, that provides primarily agricultural service through a piped water system with only incidental residential or similar use where the system or the residential or similar users of the system comply with the exclusion provisions in Section 1401(4)(B)(i)(II) or (III) of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

*SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §41-26-6*