

NEW DRINKING WATER SYSTEM ANNUAL OPERATING LICENSE FEES and CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE INCREASES

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

Senate Bill 1294 was enacted into law as Chapter 2008-150, Laws of Florida, on June 11, 2008. Effective July 1, 2008 the minimum drinking water construction permit fee is set at \$500.

This changes all drinking water general permits and other permit fees between \$100 to \$400 presently listed in Chapter 62-4, Florida Administrative Code. In addition, the law establishes a new annual operating license fee on each Safe Drinking Water Act public water system. Starting July 1, 2008 all water systems are required to pay an annual \$50 fee.

The billing for this fee will be delayed until the Florida Department of Environmental Protection establishes a billing protocol and mails out invoices to water systems later this year.

The law also requires the Department to increase the annual operating license fee and increase all other construction permit fees based upon system type and size through rulemaking scheduled for later this year.

If you have any questions on the new \$50 annual operating license or the minimum \$500 construction fees contact your local DEP District or approved county health department office.