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Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation
Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,
New Delhi

D.O. No.88/NCD/NPCCHH/2024-25/JAWQ; April 4, 2025

Dear Colleague,

We would like to refer to the Joint Guidelines issued vide D.O letter No. WQ-11031/8/2020-WQ-DDWS-Part (1) dated 12.03.2024 by Ministry of Jal Shakti and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to achieve assured safe drinking water for all rural households and to improve the health of rural communities. A copy of the letter is annexed at A-1.

2. To facilitate the collaborative efforts of officials and establish convergence between the Department of Health & Family Welfare and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Joint Action on Water Quality Monitoring and Health Outcomes has been developed in consultation with various stake holders. Copy of the SOP is annexed at A-2.

3. This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) outlines joint actions, roles, and responsibilities at each level between functionaries of health department and drinking water supply department at the State/District/Village level. Whereas it will be the responsibility of the officials and staff of Public Health Engineering Department/ Rural Water Supply Department and Health Department to prevent, manage, and control such outbreaks due to biological and chemical contaminants and ascertain their related health impacts through joint monitoring, preparedness, and timely response. It also envisages the engagement of the representatives and staff mainly of VWSC members/ VHNC members/ Pani Samitis/ Asha workers, and Health in the States/UTs for timely detection of water related diseases.

4. This document has been developed to translate the vision into actions and establish convergence between the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW). Adherence to this SOP is essential for protecting public health and preventing water borne diseases.

With regards,

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Enclosed: As above

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