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Governor Daugaard's Red Tape Review Targets Bottled Drinking Water

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has streamlined regulatory oversight of companies in South Dakota that produce bottled drinking water.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard transferred the regulation of bottled drinking water from the Department of Public Safety to DENR through an executive reorganization order earlier this year. After a review of the regulatory program administered by Public Safety, DENR repealed the existing state rules and adopted new DENR rules that simply reference the pertinent sections of federal U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations for the production of bottled drinking water.

“These rule revisions make regulatory oversight of water bottlers more efficient by having just one set of rules to follow,” said DENR Secretary Steve Pirner. “Using Governor Daugaard’s Red Tape review process, we were able to eliminate seven sections and 1,023 words from the state’s administrative rules, but having the federal rules in place will still ensure bottled drinking water is safe.”

Prior to the rule revisions, which will become effective in early January, drinking water bottlers were subject to both state administrative rules and federal FDA regulations.

There are nine companies currently bottling drinking water in South Dakota. Bottlers are required to routinely submit water quality sample results to verify compliance with regulatory requirements.