

IS 10500 : 2012 Drinking Water — Specification (Second Revision), Gr 6

As per the eleventh five year plan document of India (2007-12), there are about 2.17 lakh habitations in the country affected with water quality problems with more than half affected with excess iron, followed by fluoride, salinity, nitrate and arsenic in that order. Further, approximately, 10 million cases of diarrhoea, more than 7.2 lakh typhoid cases and 1.5 lakh viral hepatitis cases occur every year a majority of which are contributed by unclean water supply and poor sanitation. The eleventh five year plan document of India recognizes dealing with the issue of water quality as a major challenge and aims at addressing water quality problems in all quality affected habitations with emphasis on community participation and awareness campaigns as well as on top most priority to water quality surveillance and monitoring by setting up of water quality testing laboratories strengthened with qualified manpower, equipments and chemicals.

Keeping this in view, the second revision of IS 10500 was undertaken to upgrade the requirements of the standard and align with the internationally available specifications on drinking water. In this revision assistance has been derived from the following:

- a) EU Directives relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption (80/778/EEC) and Council Directive 98/83/EC.
- b) USEPA standard — National Primary Drinking Water Standard. EPA 816-F-02-013 dated July, 2002.
- c) WHO Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality. 3rd Edition Vol. 1 Recommendations, 2008.
- d) Manual on Water Supply and Treatment, third edition — revised and updated May 1999, Ministry of Urban Development, New Delhi.

This Indian Standard (Second Revision) prescribes the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for drinking water.

This standard specifies the acceptable limits and the permissible limits in the absence of alternate source. It is recommended that the acceptable limit is to be implemented as values in excess of those mentioned under 'Acceptable' render the water not suitable. Such a value may, however, be tolerated in the absence of an alternative source. However, if the value exceeds the limits indicated under 'permissible limit in the absence of alternate source', the sources will have to be rejected.

In this revision, additional requirements for ammonia, chloramines, barium, molybdenum, silver, sulphide, nickel, polychlorinated biphenyls and trihalomethanes have been incorporated while the requirements for colour, turbidity, total hardness, free residual chlorine, iron, magnesium, mineral oil, boron, cadmium, total arsenic, lead, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, pesticides and bacteriological requirements have been modified.

In this revision, requirement and test method for virological examination have been included. Further, requirements and test methods for cryptosporidium and giardia have also been specified.