

FACTS about Point of Use Water Cooler System (POUS)

Q. Who tests the water from **Point of Use Water Cooler Systems (POUS)** on a weekly, monthly or annual basis for coliform, e-coli bacteria & disease-causing micro-organisms?

A. **Absolutely No One does!**

Q. Who tests **Le Bleu Bottled Water** on a weekly, monthly or annual basis for coliform, e-coli bacteria and disease-causing micro-organisms?

A. Weekly – **Le Bleu Corporation**

Quarterly – **NC Dept of Agriculture / NC Dept of Agriculture – Food & Drug Division**

Annually – **National Testing Laboratory**

Q. Who regulates the quality of the water dispensed from **POUS**?

A. There are **absolutely NO regulations** or controls for the quality of water from **POUS**.

Q. Who regulates the quality of Le Bleu Bottled Water?

A. **NC Dept of Agriculture (NCDA)**

NC Dept of Agriculture – Food & Drug Division

The United States Army

Le Bleu Corporation

Q. Who is testing the water that your employees are drinking from the **POUS** for coliform, e-coli bacteria & disease-causing micro-organisms or for inorganic chemicals, pesticides & herbicides?

A. **Absolutely no one** is testing the water for these disease-causing micro-organisms in **POUS**.

Q. Who is testing **Le Bleu Water** for coliform, e-coli bacteria & disease-causing micro-organisms or for inorganic chemicals, pesticides & herbicides?

A. **NC Dept of Agriculture (NCDA)**

NC Dept of Agriculture – Food & Drug Division

National Testing Laboratory

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Q. **Who is liable** or first in line to be sued by an employee if they become ill from disease-causing micro-organisms such as coliform and e-coli bacteria found in the water from **POUS**?

A. **YOU, the EMPLOYER, will be liable** because you are the one guaranteeing the purity of the water from the **POUS**.

Q. Does the person or company putting in the POUS have liability insurance?

A. Ask them and get proof of coverage.

If the filters and membranes in a **POUS** are not changed, cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis they become a breeding ground for bacteria and other micro-organisms. If no one is checking the bacteria levels, how do you know when it's time to change the filters and membranes? If bacteria is present, how long have you been consuming water with bacteria in it?

We strongly encourage employers to consider **the disadvantages of POUS** when considering the health and welfare of your employees. We assure you that when it comes to the health and welfare of our employees, "cheap" isn't always the cheapest!

"When someone looks at price only, they become the other person's lawful prey."