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WISCONSIN STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MADISON

Regulations Relating to Camp Sanitation

The State Board of Health hereby publishes the following regulations, relating to the construction and operation of industrial camps, to be of general application throughout the state. These regulations were adopted by the board on January 9, 1914, and were published in the official state paper on March 27, 1914. Such regulations, therefore, have the full force of the law.

REGULATION 1. Hereafter operators, contractors and all other persons, who may establish an industrial camp or camps, for the purpose of logging, ice cutting or any like industry, or for the purpose of construction of any road, railroad or other work requiring the maintenance of camps for men engaged in such work, or any other temporary or permanent industrial camp of whatever nature, shall report to the State Health Officer concerning the location of such camp or camps, and shall arrange and maintain such camp or camps in a sanitary condition as outlined in these regulations.

REGULATION 2. The term "camp" as used in these regulations shall include any lumbering, mining, railway construction or other camp where men are employed and housed in temporary quarters; such as cars, tents, buildings or other enclosures other than the bona fide homes of the employees.

REGULATION 3. Every camp must be located on a site that is high, well drained and shall be selected with regard to its healthfulness.

REGULATION 4. The general scheme of the structure of the camps should be as follows: Stable and kitchens should be separated by a distance as great as consistent with the natural topography of the land and so located as to prevent any pollution of the water supply with the necessity for convenient access to the stables. The stables and toilets for the men in the camp must be so located that their natural drainage is away from the water supply.

REGULATION 5. The use of the toilets provided for the men should be made obligatory and instant discharge of any employees polluting the soil must be rigidly enforced.

REGULATION 6. Every building, car, tent or other enclosure occupied as sleeping quarters by the employees engaged in any camp or works shall contain at least 225 cubic feet of air space for every occupant thereof, and shall be supplied with windows for purposes of light and ventilation, constructed to open.

REGULATION 7. In addition to windows there shall be other means for ventilating sleeping, dining and living quarters, by having inlet and outlet ducts of sufficient area provided to keep the atmosphere reasonably pure. Such provision shall be to the satisfaction and meet the approval of the State Board of Health.

REGULATION 8. The kitchen and eating house should be effectively screened when used during the summer months. The bunk houses should also be screened if used during the summer. All food supplies must be carefully screened from flies and other vermin.

REGULATION 9. All garbage must be collected in covered cans and incinerated, buried, fed or hauled away to some remote place.

REGULATION 10. Non-inflammable refuse, such as tin cans, should be collected daily and placed in a deep earth pit and covered with a light covering of earth each day, or covered with oil and burned over. During the winter season, this material as well as the garbage may be deposited at a point at least 100 feet from the camp and then properly cared for at the first opportunity in the spring.

REGULATION 11. Waste water from the kitchen, wash and bunk houses in summer camps must be carried to trenches lined with quick lime and at a safe distance from water supply.

REGULATION 12. There must be a thorough and systematic scrubbing of kitchen and eating-houses, at least once each week. The

floors should be swept daily. (Dry sweeping is prohibited by law.)

REGULATION 13. The supply of water for the camp should be carefully decided upon, and an adequate supply free from any possible chance of contamination must be provided.

REGULATION 14. All sick from whatever cause must be isolated from the remainder of the crew immediately.

REGULATION 15. All persons engaged in the care of the premises and handling of the food, particularly cooks and helpers, should be carefully examined and particular attention paid to the point as to whether or not they have suffered from typhoid fever or tuberculosis within recent years.

REGULATION 16. Floors in bunk houses should be swept daily and scrubbed with hot suds at least once each week. (Dry sweeping is prohibited.)

REGULATION 17. All bunk houses should be provided with floors, and the lower tier of bunks should be raised at least six inches above the floor.

REGULATION 18. All blankets should be hung outside for airing at least twice a month. Bunks should be furnished with clean straw, hay or ticks filled with same. Mattresses are not recommended as they cannot be cleaned easily.

REGULATION 19. Privy vaults shall be so constructed at every camp that they can be effectively cleaned of the contents. Pits shall not be less than four feet in depth and the contents shall be treated daily, when used during the summer season, either by a solution of milk of lime (strong whitewash of fresh slaked lime) one gallon to every square yard of pit, or the sprinkling of five pounds of powdered chloride of lime to the same area. A liberal sprinkling of fresh chloride of lime shall also be applied daily to the floors of privies and lavatories. All closets shall be at least 100 feet distant from the water supply, and so located that drainage from privy vaults toward water supply is impossible.

REGULATION 20. Whenever smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever shall appear in any camp, it is the duty of the physician in charge, the contractor or the superintendent of such camp to notify the local health officer in whose district such camp is located, within twenty-four hours, and it is the duty of such health officer when thus notified to see that said patient is removed to a proper place of isolation, or place such patient or patients under quarantine at such camp, and the contractor or superintendent, when necessary, shall provide suitable accommodation for such patient or patients.

REGULATION 21. Copies of these regulations shall be hung or posted in every kitchen, dining-room, sleeping room or other building in camps where employees may frequent the same in order that all may be conversant with their requirements.

The following information should be furnished on the establishment of any camp, and thereafter annually to the State Board of Health, Madison, Wisconsin, by the owner or operators of all camps to which the foregoing regulations apply. Returns to be made each year during the first month of the operation of the camp.

SCHEDULE

- Name of Owner or Agent.....
- Name of Camp or Camps.....
- Location of each Camp.....
- Easiest means of access to each Camp.....
- Number of men employed.....
- When was Camp established and how long will it be occupied.....