bromide in the water to form bromate. Bromate has been shown to produce cancer in rats. EPA has set a drinking water standard to limit exposure to bromate.

(81) Chlorite. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets drinking water standards and has determined that chlorite is a health concern at certain levels of exposure. Chlorite is formed from the breakdown of chlorine dioxide, a drinking water disinfectant. Chlorite in drinking water has been shown to affect blood and the developing nervous system. EPA has set a drinking water standard for chlorite to protect against these effects. Drinking water which meets this standard is associated with little to none of these risks and should be considered safe with respect to chlorite.

(f) Public notices for fluoride. Notice of violations of the maximum contaminant level for fluoride, notices of variances and exemptions from the maximum contaminant level for fluoride, and notices of failure to comply with variance and exemption schedules for the maximum contaminant level for fluoride shall consist of the public notice prescribed in §143.5(b), plus a description of any steps which the system is taking to come into compliance.

(g) Public notification by the State. The State may give notice to the public required by this section on behalf of the owner or operator of the public water system if the State complies with the requirements of this section. However, the owner or operator of the public water system remains legally responsible for ensuring that the requirements of this section are met.

[52 FR 41546, Oct. 28, 1987, as amended at 54
FR 15188, Apr. 17, 1989; 54 FR 27527, 27566,
June 29, 1989; 55 FR 25064, June 19, 1990; 56 FR
3587, Jan. 30, 1991; 56 FR 26548, June 7, 1991; 56
FR 30279, July 1, 1991; 57 FR 31843, July 17,
1992; 59 FR 34323, July 1, 1994; 60 FR 33932,
June 29, 1995; 63 FR 69464, 69515, Dec. 16, 1998;
65 FR 26022, May 4, 2000]

§141.33 Record maintenance.

Any owner or operator of a public water system subject to the provisions of this part shall retain on its premises or at a convenient location near its premises the following records: 40 CFR Ch. I (7–1–02 Edition)

(a) Records of bacteriological analyses made pursuant to this part shall be kept for not less than 5 years. Records of chemical analyses made pursuant to this part shall be kept for not less than 10 years. Actual laboratory reports may be kept, or data may be transferred to tabular summaries, provided that the following information is included:

(1) The date, place, and time of sampling, and the name of the person who collected the sample;

(2) Identification of the sample as to whether it was a routine distribution system sample, check sample, raw or process water sample or other special purpose sample;

(3) Date of analysis;

(4) Laboratory and person responsible for performing analysis;

(5) The analytical technique/method used; and

(6) The results of the analysis.

(b) Records of action taken by the system to correct violations of primary drinking water regulations shall be kept for a period not less than 3 years after the last action taken with respect to the particular violation involved.

(c) Copies of any written reports, summaries or communications relating to sanitary surveys of the system conducted by the system itself, by a private consultant, or by any local, State or Federal agency, shall be kept for a period not less than 10 years after completion of the sanitary survey involved.

(d) Records concerning a variance or exemption granted to the system shall be kept for a period ending not less than 5 years following the expiration of such variance or exemption.

(e) Copies of public notices issued pursuant to Subpart Q of this part and certifications made to the primacy agency pursuant to \$141.31 must be kept for three years after issuance.

 $[40~{\rm FR}$ 59570, Dec. 24, 1975, as amended at 65 FR 26022, May 4, 2000]

§141.34 [Reserved]

§141.35 Reporting of unregulated contaminant monitoring results.

(a) Does this reporting apply to me? (1) This section applies to any owner or