**Section 681.215 Certified Operator Requirement**

a) *Every community water supply shall* employ *on its operational staff at least one natural person certified as competent as a water supply operator under the provisions of the* Law and this Part.[415 ILCS 45/1]

b) *All portions of a community water supply system shall be under the direct supervision of a properly certified community water supply operator.* [415 ILCS 45/1]

c) Certified operators must be of the required class or higher:

1) A Class A facility must employ and be supervised by a Class A certified operator.

2) A Class B facility must employ and be supervised by either a Class A or Class B certified operator.

3) A Class C facility must employ and be supervised by a Class A, Class B or Class C certified operator.

4) A Class D facility must employ and be supervised a certified operator of any class.

d) A community water supply that meets all of the following is exempt from the requirements of this Section:

1) *consists only of distribution and storage facilities and does not have any collection and treatment facilities;*

2) *obtains all of its water from, but is not owned or operated by, a community water supply that is required to employ a Class A, Class B, Class C, or Class D community water supply operator;*

3) *does not sell water to any person; and*

4) *is not a carrier that conveys passengers in interstate commerce.* [415 ILCS 45/9.1]

e) *A community water supply may satisfy the requirements of this Section by contracting the services of a properly qualified certified operator*. [415 ILCS 45/1(3)] The contract between the community water supply and the contract operator must be approved by the Agency and meet the requirements of Subpart J and the Law*.*