MICROBIAL POLLUTION OF SURFACE WATERS

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The aim of this study is a summary of problems dealing with microbial pollution of flowing surface waters in the Czech Republic. Limits of counts of indicator microorganisms in current legislation and technical standards are presented, together with characteristics of the mostly used indicators of faecal pollution and methods of their detection. The paper is intended for workers, engaged in the evaluation of microbiological results and the water quality.