

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-140-30-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 10/09/2018

Hearing Date: 10/30/2018

End of Public Comment: 11/08/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-35, 23 19.1, 23-19.14, 46-12, 46-13.1

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-17.1-2

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23 19.1 6, 23 19.1 10.3, 23 19.1 11.1, 46-12-3, and 46-12-5

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of these regulations is to create an integrated program requiring reporting, investigation and remediation of Contaminated-Sites in order to eliminate and/or control threats to human health and the environment in a timely and cost-effective manner. To ensure consistency and certainty in the process, clean up objectives for soil and groundwater have been developed to manage the risks to human health and the environment, and are to be applied in a manner consistent with the current and reasonably expected future use of the contaminated property.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 8, 2018 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on October 30, 2018 at 3:00 pm at Room 300,

3rd Floor, DEM Headquarters, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-222-5300 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The purpose of this amendment is to reformat the regulation in accordance with the RICR, to add an Incorporated Materials section, to remove non-regulatory language and appendices, and to make additional non-technical changes. Reformatting of the regulation in accordance with RICR includes, but is not limited to, renumbering, movement of text, and elimination of duplicative or non-regulatory text, among other format changes.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.