

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES

**Changes to the RI DEM Groundwater Quality Rules (250-
RICR-150-05-3)**

After Close of Public Comment

December 17, 2018

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) made the following changes to the Groundwater Quality Rules (250-RICR-05-3) after the close of the public comment period, and these changes are included in the document filed with the RI Secretary of State:

- 1) In response to a comment submitted, Section 3.17, both 3.17(A) and (B), will be retained in the Rules as they existed prior to public notice. Therefore, the text marked for deletion in the public notice version will remain, and the text marked as an addition will be removed.
- 2) In section 3.11(A)(2), the CFR was incorrectly cited as 40 C.F.R §§ 140.60 through 140.66. This has been corrected to properly cite 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.60 through 141.66.
- 3) The Department discovered an oversight in regarding the proper citation for lead and copper in reference to the EPA National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The section for lead and copper in 40 C.F.R Part 141 was inadvertently omitted. Therefore, § 141.80 has been added to the references to the EPA National Primary Drinking Water Regulations in order to include lead and copper. The revised sections of the Groundwater Quality Rules are: 3.6(B), Incorporated Materials; and 3.11(A)(2), Groundwater Quality Standards and Preventive Action Limits. These standards for lead and copper are long-standing federal standards that were in the existing Groundwater Quality Rules. This change preserves the status quo for lead and copper in the groundwater quality standards for groundwater classified GAA and GA.