

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section § 42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Water Resources

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-30-00-2

RULE TITLE: RULES RELATED TO ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT SUBMISSIONS

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: To allow for the submission of “electronic signature agreements” electronically, in addition to the existing paper submissions and to allow for the reporting of compromises of electronic security to DEM designated system administrators.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: *(if any)* None.

TESTIMONY, COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS: The Department received no comments or objections to this direct final rulemaking during the public notice period.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: In section 2.4(A)(6) the term “paper or electronic format” has been added to the definition of “Electronic signature agreement”. In section 2.6(B) the words “in writing and” and “via the U.S. postal service or by hand delivery” have been deleted from the first sentence. In section 2.7(B)(2) the term “or the DEM designated electronic document receiving system administrator “ has been added to where reports of compromises of electronic device security shall be reported.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

Not applicable – technical revision only.

DATE THE FINAL RULE WAS SIGNED BY THE AGENCY HEAD: