

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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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-150-05-3

**RULE TITLE:** GROUNDWATER QUALITY RULES

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:** The purpose of these rules and regulations is to set groundwater quality standards for certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. These changes are necessary to implement legislation passed by the General Assembly during the 2022 legislative session. Specifically, RIGL § 46-32-5. **Groundwater quality standards for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances** directs the Department to establish groundwater quality standards for certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances by December 31, 2023. The rules were amended to align the groundwater quality standard applicable to groundwaters classified GAA or GA with the interim drinking water maximum contaminant level specified in state law which is 20 parts per trillion for the sum of six specified PFAS compounds.

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

**TESTIMONY, COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS:** The Department received one comment on the proposed rule amendment during the public notice period.

**CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:** Amendment to existing regulation.

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:**

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

**DATE THE FINAL RULE WAS SIGNED BY THE AGENCY HEAD:**

