

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**Title of Rule:** Groundwater Quality Rules

**Rule Identifier:** 250-RICR-150-05-3

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: October 3, 2023

Hearing Date: October 19, 2023

End of Public Comment: November 3, 2023

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 46-12

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 46-13.1

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-18.9

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-19.1

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-17.1

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-17.6

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

It is the purpose of these Rules to protect and restore the quality of the state's groundwater resources for use as drinking water and other beneficial uses, and to assure protection of the public health and welfare and the environment.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 3, 2023 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Jonathan Zwarg  
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Office of Water Resources  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908  
[jonathan.zwarg@dem.ri.gov](mailto:jonathan.zwarg@dem.ri.gov)

**Public Hearing:**

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

**Public Hearing Information:**

Date: October 19, 2023

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: RI Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street  
Room 300, 3rd Floor  
Providence, RI, 02908

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-423-1927 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. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) the benefits and costs of a reasonable range of regulatory alternatives reflecting the scope of discretion; (2) alternative approaches; (3) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (4) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.

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