

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations for the Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Facilities (250-RICR-150-10-4)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-150-10-4

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: August 12, 2025

End of Public Comment: September 11, 2025

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 46-12

42-17.1

42-17.6 and 42-35

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

To modernize the regulations to reflect industry-wide changes to incorporate cybersecurity/resiliency to the operations and maintenance at wastewater treatment facilities. Also, to stay consistent with the federal electronic rule.

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 September 11, 2025 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

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.