

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Certifying Analytical Laboratories (216-RICR-60-05-5)

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-60-05-5

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 02/01/2019

End of Public Comment: 03/04/2019

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-16.2-5(a)

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") is proposing rulemaking in order to implement requirements for reporting priority results (positive total coliform, E. coli, nitrate, nitrite, and lead) to public drinking water facilities and RIDOH's Center for Drinking Water Quality, in alignment with the regulations for Public Drinking Water (216-RICR-50-05-1).

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until March 4, 2019 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 an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The proposed amendments are not expected to incur additional costs to regulated entities. Priority reporting is expected to incur the benefit of notifying public drinking water facilities and RIDOH of results which could have an adverse public health

impact, leading to quicker redress of such and consequent increase in protection for public health from chemical/biological drinking water exposures.

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 on available information. RIDOH has determined that the benefits of the proposed rule justify the costs of the proposed rule.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.