

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Title of Rule: Public Drinking Water

Rule Identifier: 216-RICR-50-05-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: October 8, 2025

Hearing Date: October 28, 2025

End of Public Comment: November 7, 2025

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-32-1 et seq.

R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-13-18(a)

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-1

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.7, notice is hereby given that the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) proposes amendments to the Public Drinking Water regulations (216-RICR-50-05-1) (Regulations) pursuant to its authority under R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-13-18(a) and Chapter 23-1. Most of the amendments are to incorporate the revisions to the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (“NPDWR”) for Consumer Confidence Reports (the “Revised CCR NPDWR”) promulgated in 2024 by the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (“SDWA”). The Revised CCR NPDWR was published as a Final Rule on May 24, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 45980). RIDOH is proposing amendments to the Regulations consistent with the Revised CCR NPDWR because RIDOH is the state primacy agency responsible for enforcing the federal NPDWRs in Rhode Island. In accordance with SDWA and 40 CFR Part 142, RIDOH must adopt state regulations that are at least as stringent as the NPDWRs in order to attain and maintain primacy.

The Revised CCR NPDWR provisions that RIDOH is proposing to adopt are located in 40 CFR 141 Subpart O, which are located in Sections 1.16.11 and 1.16.12 of the proposed amendments to the Regulations. To the extent helpful, the table below compares the section numbering for the Revised CCR NPDWR, RIDOH’s proposed CCR changes, and RIDOH’s current CCR regulations:

Revised CCR NPDWR	Proposed RI Regulation	Current RI Regulation
40 CFR 141 Subpart O – Consumer Confidence Reports	216-RICR-50-05-1.16.11 – Consumer Confidence Reports	216-RICR-50-05-1.16.11 – Consumer Confidence Reports
§ 141.151 – Purpose and applicability of this subpart	1.16.11 (A) – Purpose and Applicability of § 1.16.11 of this Part	1.16.11 (A) – Purpose and Applicability of this Subpart
§ 141.152 – Compliance dates	1.16.11 (B) – Compliance dates	1.16.11 (B) – Effective dates
§ 141.153 – Content of the reports	1.16.11 (C) – Content of the reports	1.16.11 (C) – Content of the reports
§ 141.154 – Required additional health information	1.16.11 (D) – Required additional health information	216-RICR-50-05-1.16.12 – Required additional health information
§ 141.155 – Report delivery, reporting, and recordkeeping	1.16.11 (E) – Report delivery, reporting, and recordkeeping	... 1.16.12 (G) – Report delivery and recordkeeping
§ 141.156 – Summary of report contents	1.16.11 (F) – Summary of report contents	
Appendix A to Subpart O of Part 141—Regulated Contaminants	216-RICR-50-05-1.16.12 – Appendix A to § 1.16.11 – Regulated Contaminants	216-RICR-50-05-1.16.13 – Appendix A to § 1.16.12 – Regulated Contaminants

RIDOH is also proposing some corrections and clarifications to other sections of the Regulations.

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 7, 2025 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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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 28, 2025

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Location: Department of Administration Building
One Capitol Hill
Conference Room 2A, 2nd Floor
Providence, RI, 02903

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 401-408-2747 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 development of this rule, 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 rule justify its costs.

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