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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Title of Rule: Water Resources Board & Resources Board Corporate Records (WRB)

Rule Identifier: 100-RICR-50-20-39

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: October 14, 2026

End of Public Comment: November 13, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws Title 38

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 38-3-1 et seq.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This adoption outlines the acceptable retention of public records created or received in the course of public business for the State of Rhode Island. It incorporates all prior approved record series per R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 38-3.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until November 13, 2026 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:

The proposed adoption will have little to no impact on small business. The requirements in this proposed adoption do not differ monetarily from the requirements in the currently effective Records Retention Schedules for proper care and legal destruction of public records.

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