

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Water Resources Board

RULE IDENTIFIER: 490-RICR-00-00-1(ERLID 6393)

RULE TITLE: Water Use and Efficiency Rule for Major Public Water Suppliers

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of the regulation is to establish targets and methods for efficient water use and annual data reporting requirements for major public water suppliers (suppliers that obtain, transport, purchase or sell more than fifty million gallons of water per year).

The amendments to the regulation standardize formatting, improve grammar, and reference rather than restate statutes. The changes also eliminate outdated references to the 2012 deadlines for submitting the first Demand Management Strategy (DMS) and clarify that they become amendments to the Water Supply System Management Plans.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: No comments or objections were received.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: There is no change in the text of the final rule as compared to the proposed rule published in the public notice.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: The changes amend an existing regulation, are not substantive and do not result in any changes to the mandates. Societal benefits include the efficient use of water which preserves infrastructure and water resources and enhances supply reliability for the benefit of current and future generations. In amending 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 and there is no impact on small business.

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