

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

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**Title of Rule:** Water Use and Efficiency Rule for Major Public Water Suppliers

**Rule Identifier:** 490-RICR-00-00-1

**Rulemaking Action:** Direct Final Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: 09/14/2018

End of Public Comment: 10/15/2018

**Authority for this Rulemaking:**

R.I. General Laws §§ 46-15-8, 46-15.3-5.1, 46-15.7-3, and 46-15.8-5

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

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 proposed amendments do not result in substantive changes. There are general revisions to standardize formatting, improve grammar, and reference rather than restate statutes. The changes to the rule eliminate outdated references to the 2012 deadlines for submitting the first Demand Management Strategy (DMS) and clarify that they become amendments to the Water Supply System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.

**Additional Information and Comments:**

If no formal objection is received on or before October 15, 2018, Water Resources Board will file the Amendment without opportunity for public comment..

Objections should be addressed to:

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**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

This regulation does not impact small business.

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

