

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: RI Water Resources Board

RULE IDENTIFIER: 490-RICR-00-00-2 (ERLID 2370)

RULE TITLE: Rules and Procedures for Water Supply System Management Planning

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: These rules prescribe procedures for administering the water supply systems management planning process. The purpose of the regulations is to implement the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 4615.3, as amended, to ensure the effective conservation, development, utilization, and protection of the state's finite natural resource in ways that meet the present and future needs of the state and its people. The regulation applies to all water suppliers and institutional water suppliers which obtain, transport, purchase, or sell more than 50,000,000 gallons of water per year.

The amendments to the existing regulation contain general revisions to standardize formatting, improve grammar, update citations, and reference rather than restate statutes. Provisions related to the 30-month update are eliminated as it is no longer required by statute.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: No comments or objections were received.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: There are no changes between the text of the rule as proposed in the notice of proposed rulemaking and the text of the final rule.

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 protection and preservation of ample, quality drinking water supplies for present 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..