

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-00-00-3 (ERLID 2371)

RULE TITLE: Emergency Water Systems Interconnections

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: These rules prescribe procedures for administering grant funds to water suppliers to cover a portion of the costs of emergency water system interconnections. The regulation establishes program requirements for emergency interconnections, is adopted per the same authority of water facilities assistance grants and is a type of water facilities assistance grant. The regulation applies to municipal, quasi municipal or private potable water supply agencies that apply for/receive a grant pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations.

The proposed amendments make general revisions to remove outdated references and improve grammar.

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 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..

