

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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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-00-00-7 (ERLID 2369)*

**RULE TITLE:** Water Quality Protection Charges

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:** The regulation prescribes procedures and requirements for the imposition, collection, remittance and distribution of the water quality protection charge authorized by R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 4615.3, as amended.

The amendments to the existing rule eliminate restatements of statute, clarify and simplify language and reformat the rule for inclusion in the Rhode Island Code of Regulations. The proposed changes also clarify the process and procedures related to the Water Resources Board (Board) and the RI Infrastructure Bank (Bank) for the collection, remittance and disbursements of water quality protection charges. Proposed revisions eliminate exhibits, sections that are no longer applicable (including those that applied only to the former Water Resources Board Corporate), are legally unnecessary, and/or redundant.

**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 assistance to public water systems in obtaining and delivering potable water to meet present and future needs throughout the state of Rhode Island. 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.