

Missouri Clean Water Commission  
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**Amendment to Water Quality Standards 10 CSR 20-7.031**

**Issue:** The Department is finalizing its recommendations on proposed revisions to the Water Quality Standards (WQS) at 10 CSR 20-7.031 and is informing the Commission of the availability of a Regulatory Impact Report (RIR) on the proposed changes to the standards.

**Background:** Pursuant to Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act, the Department has held workgroup and stakeholder meetings for the purpose of reviewing applicable Water Quality Standards and, as appropriate, modifying and adopting new or revised standards. The Water Quality Standards to be addressed during this interim rulemaking are primarily the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) disapprovals from previous rulemakings and include the following:

- Applying “fishable/swimmable” use designations to currently unclassified waters as required by Section 101(a) of the federal Clean Water Act
- Developing numeric nutrient criteria for lakes and reservoirs

The Department has prepared preliminary draft revisions to the WQS to address the above issues, to make the standards functionally equivalent to federal standards and to improve the clarity, specificity and effectiveness of the rule. Missouri’s statutes require a RIR to be prepared and made available for public comment for 60 days prior to filing a proposed rule affecting the WQS. The Department intends to publish the draft RIR for public comment for 60 days beginning on or about September 1, 2012 as directed by the Commission.

**Recommended Action:** None.

**Suggested Motion Language:** None.

**List of Attachments:** None.