

Missouri Clean Water Commission
Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center
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**Regulatory Impact Report on Proposed Revisions 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 status of the Regulatory Impact Report (RIR) on the proposed changes to the standards. 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 will strive to publish the RIR for public comment for 60 days by the date of the Commission's November 7, 2012 meeting.

Background: Pursuant to Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act, the Department has held, and continues to hold, 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 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) disapprovals from previous rulemakings and include applying "fishable/swimmable" use designations to currently unclassified waters as required by Section 101(a) of the federal Clean Water Act.

The Department is completing preliminary draft revisions to the WQS to address this issue, to make the standards functionally equivalent to federal standards and to improve the clarity, specificity and effectiveness of the rule.

Recommended Action: Information only.

Suggested Motion Language: None.

List of Attachments:

- None