

Department of Natural Resources
Water Protection Forum
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Subcommittees, Major Rules, and other Focus Areas

Water Quality Standards

1. Water body classification
 - a. Aquatic Life Use Attainability Analysis Protocol
 - b. Tiered Aquatic Life Use Designation Framework
2. Nutrient Criteria for Lakes/Reservoirs
3. Water Quality Criteria Updates – Section 304(a)
4. Variance Authorizing Provisions
5. Table G/Table H Updates
6. UAA disapprovals
7. Typographical errors and references

Effluent Regulations

1. Replace Existing Bypassing Provisions With Federal Regulatory Language
2. pH and Bacteria Requirements Consolidated Into One Section
3. Establish Bacteria Monitoring Frequencies In Accordance With Clean Water Commission Directive
4. Require Nutrient Monitoring For A Minimum Of One Permit Cycle (5-Years)
5. Removal Of Schedules For Phosphorus Limits And Disinfection Deadlines Because The Dates Are No Longer Relevant
6. Insert Provision to Limit Nitrate Concentrations For Discharges That Have The Potential To Affect Wells That Provide Drinking Water
7. Establish 1.0 mg/L Total Phosphorus and 10 mg/L Total Nitrogen As The Base Case For Antidegradation Review
8. Explicit Provisions To Impose: Water Quality-Based Effluent Limits, Ammonia Limits, Federal Effluent Limit Guideline Limits, Limits That Are Prescribed by Total Maximum Daily Load Studies, Effluent Limits Developed Through The Antidegradation Process, And Effluent Limits That Are Required As A Result Of Legal Agreements
9. Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Requirements
10. Allow Reporting Of Violations Via Electronic Methods
11. Update Appropriate Sampling Methods And References
12. Other Wording Clarifications