Notice of Preliminary Hearing on Statement of Scope

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a preliminary public hearing on Statement of Scope SS 022-22 (Board Order WA-13-21) at the virtual time and place shown below. The scope statement for WA-13-21 affects chs. NR 500, 502, 520, 542, and 544, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to statewide materials recycling and effective recycling programs.

Hearing Information

Date: June 6, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Virtual Location:

- Online via Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85957147815</u>
- Meeting ID: 859 5714 7815
- Join by Telephone: 1-312-626-6799, 85957147815#

Rule Information

The department is directed by s. 287.03, Wis. Stats., to promulgate rules necessary to implement ch. 287, Wis. Stats., including the designation of effective recycling program criteria. In 2020, a legislative audit of statewide recycling programs prompted the department to review relevant administrative code and engage with stakeholders in an effort to determine if improvements of recycling regulations are needed. Applicable recommendations from the audit will be addressed through this rulemaking. The objectives of this rulemaking are to correct, clarify, and update effective recycling program criteria throughout ch. NR 544, Wis. Adm. Code, as well as amend sections of other code chapters related to waste reduction, recovery, and recycling efforts.

Accessibility

For the hearing or visually impaired, non-English speakers, or those with other personal circumstances which might make communication at the meeting/hearing difficult, DNR will, to the maximum extent possible and with reasonable advance notice, provide aids including an interpreter, or a non-English, large-print, or recorded version of hearing documents. To access these resources, please contact the email address or phone number listed below as soon as possible.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

The public has the opportunity to testify at the hearing. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, either use the Zoom link above prior to the day of the hearing or download and complete the fillable <u>hearing</u> appearance form and send it to <u>KathrynM.StromHiorns@wisconsin.gov</u>

Comments on the proposed scope statement must be received on or before June 6, 2022. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, E-mail, or through the internet and will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing.

Written comments and any questions on the proposed scope statement should be submitted to:

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The scope statement may be viewed at: <u>https://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html</u>

Comments can be made at: DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

The scope statement may be reviewed, and comments made at: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment.