

Chapter NR 104

INTRASTATE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND USE CLASSIFICATIONS

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NR 104.01 Goals. (1) Water quality standards for intrastate surface waters will be the same as those that have been adopted for interstate waters, Wis. Adm. Code, chapter NR 102.

(2) The long-range goal of Wisconsin water standards is to permit the use of water resources for all lawful purposes. It is equally a goal of the standards to restore and maintain the waters of the state as suitable for public water supply, whole body contact recreation, and the reproduction of game fish and minnows. It is the working objective of the department to achieve these goals within 10 years. Standards and use classifications which are presently inconsistent with the long-range goals are interim standards and use classifications and will be progressively upgraded until the goals are attained.

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NR 104.02 Standards applicable to region 1. Intrastate surface waters of region 1, consisting of Adams, Juneau, Monroe, La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, Richland, Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Jefferson, Dane, Iowa, Grant, Lafayette, Green and Rock counties, shall meet the standards for recreational use, and fish and other aquatic life, with these exceptions and additions:

(1) The following surface waters must meet minimum standards:
 (a) Badfish Creek from the east limits of the village of Oregon to the confluence with the Yahara River.

(b) West Branch of Sugar River from the south city limits of Mount Horeb to the east limits of the town of Blue Mounds in Dane county.

(2) The following surface waters must meet minimum standards and those for partial body contact recreation:

(a) Dead Creek downstream from the city of Juneau to its confluence with the Rock River at Lake Simmissippi in Dodge county.

(b) Brewery Creek from state highway 23 in the city of Mineral Point to the junction with the Mineral Point Branch.

(3) The following surface waters must meet minimum standards and those for industrial and cooling water use:

(a) Wisconsin River from the north Adams-Juneau county line downstream for about 5 miles to the southern boundary of sections 28, 29 and 30 in township 20 north, range 5 east.

(4) The following surface waters must meet minimum standards

and those for industrial and cooling water use and partial body contact recreation:

(a) Wisconsin River from the southern boundary of sections 28, 29 and 30 in township 20 north, range 5 east, downstream to Highway 82 Bridge from January 1 to April 15, annually.

(5) The following surface waters must meet minimum standards and those for industrial and cooling water use in addition to standards for recreational use and fish and other aquatic life:

(a) Lake Monona in Dane county.

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NR 104.03 Standards applicable to region 2. Intrastate surface waters of region 2, consisting of Washington, Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Walworth, Racine, and Kenosha Counties, shall meet the standards for recreational use, and those for fish and other aquatic life, with these exceptions and additions:

(1) The following surface waters must meet minimum standards:

(a) Underwood Creek in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

(b) Barnes Creek in Kenosha county.

(c) Belgium Creek in Ozaukee county.

(d) Rubicon River from the Wilson Avenue Bridge at Hartford extending downstream to the Dodge-Washington county line.

(e) Pike creek, a tributary of the Pike River, in Kenosha county.

(f) Pike River extending upstream from 2 miles above the mouth in Kenosha and Racine counties.

(g) Indian Creek in Milwaukee county.

(h) Honey Creek upstream from the Interstate Highway I-94 Bridge in Milwaukee county.

(i) Menomonee River downstream from the Hawley Road Bridge in Milwaukee county.

(2) The following surface waters must meet minimum standards and those for partial body contact recreation:

(a) Kinnickinnic River in Milwaukee county.

(b) Lincoln Creek in Milwaukee county.

(c) Menomonee River in Milwaukee county upstream from the Hawley Road Bridge in Milwaukee county.

(d) Sussex Creek in Waukesha county.

(e) Honey Creek downstream from the Interstate Highway I-94 Bridge in Milwaukee county.

(3) The following surface waters must meet minimum standards and those for partial body contact and industrial and cooling water use:

(a) Milwaukee River in Milwaukee county downstream from the North Avenue Street Dam.

(4) The following surface waters must meet minimum standards and those for partial body contact recreation and fish and other aquatic life:

(a) Menomonee River in Waukesha county.

(b) Little Menomonee River.

(c) Oak Creek in Milwaukee county.

(d) Root River.

(e) Root River Canal.

(f) Pike River from mouth to 2 miles upstream in Kenosha and Racine counties.