



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 205
[2015 Senate Bill 567]

**Water Quality Standard and
Variance Review**

2015 Wisconsin Act 205 requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to review state water quality standards every three years to determine whether the standards should be modified or new standards should be adopted. The Act also requires the DNR to review variances to water quality standards that it has approved, including those issued under the statewide phosphorus variance, to determine if the requirements for which a variance was granted are now attainable. Further, the Act requires DNR to review the interim effluent limitations under the statewide phosphorus variance every five years to determine whether they are consistent with the highest attainable condition for those eligible for the variance.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.