

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

1. Type of Estimate and Analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Updated <input type="checkbox"/> Corrected	2. Date September 20, 2024								
3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable) GHSS 1 and 2									
4. Subject Professional Development for Professional Geologists									
5. Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S	6. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected 20.165(1)(g)								
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8. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply) <table style="width: 100%;"><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> State's Economy</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Specific Businesses/Sectors</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Units</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Public Utility Rate Payers</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2"><input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)</td></tr></table>		<input type="checkbox"/> State's Economy	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Businesses/Sectors	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Units	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utility Rate Payers	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)			
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9. Estimate of Implementation and Compliance to Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(1). \$0									
10. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals Be \$10 Million or more Over Any 2-year Period, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(2)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No									
11. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule The Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists, and Soil Scientists would like to create continuing education requirements for license renewal for professional geologists. The board believes continuing education is important for the profession to stay current with knowledge of their field and provide the best possible service for the public. Currently, professional geologists do not have continuing education requirements. The proposed rule adds requirements for continuing education for professional geologists. Definitions and general requirements are added in ch. GHSS 1, and new continuing education and renewal requirements are added in ch. GHSS 2.									
12. Summary of the Businesses, Business Sectors, Associations Representing Business, Local Governmental Units, and Individuals that may be Affected by the Proposed Rule that were Contacted for Comments. The rule was posted to the public for Economic Impact Analysis comments as required, and will be subject to an official public hearing, along with other steps of the rule process.									
13. Identify the Local Governmental Units that Participated in the Development of this EIA. None.									
14. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred) DSPS estimates a total of \$6,000 in one-time costs for implementing this rule. The one-time staff costs support 0.1 limited term employee to undertake such tasks as legal review, rule drafting, amending renewal application forms, updating website, create training materials, training staff, creating new requirements in LicenseE, and revising operating procedures.									
15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule The benefit of the rule is that professional geologists will continuously improve their knowledge of the field and industry practices through continuing education. This is in line with the many other professions that require continuing education to practice in Wisconsin. It upholds the high standard of professional service and public safety we have in Wisconsin. If the rule does not go forward, geologists will continue not to need continuing education for license renewal.									

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16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The long range implication of implementing the rule is the field of licensed professional geology will maintain a high standard in the state of Wisconsin.

17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

None.

18. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Illinois:

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation is responsible for the licensure and regulation of professional geologists. The expiration date and renewal period are set by administrative rule [225 Illinois Combined Statutes 745]. The Illinois Administrative Code states that professional geologist licenses shall expire on March 31 of odd-numbered years and renewal may occur prior to the expiration date by payment of a fee [Illinois Administrative Code Title 68 Chapter VII Subchapter b Part 1252 Section 1252.70]. Continuing Education requirements are not included in the Illinois statutes or administrative code for professional geologists.

Iowa:

Iowa does not require licensure or registration of professional geologists.

Michigan:

Michigan does not require licensure or registration of professional geologists.

Minnesota:

The Minnesota Board of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Landscape Architects, Geoscientists, and Interior Designers is responsible for the licensure and regulation of geoscientists, among other professions. Geoscientists are required to complete at least 24 professional development hours, 2 of which must be on the topic of professional ethics per biennial renewal period [Minnesota Statutes 2022, Section 326.02 and 336.107]. The Minnesota Board currently recognizes geology and soil science as geoscience disciplines [Minnesota Administrative Rules Part 1800.3900].

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ATTACHMENT A

1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- ☐ Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
☐ Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
☐ Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
☐ Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
☐ Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
☐ Other, describe:

4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

☐ Yes ☐ No
