

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to create ch. NR 854, relating to statewide water supply service area planning for municipalities serving populations greater than 10,000 people (Board Order DG-02-22), at the time and place shown below.

The hearing will also include:

- Board Order DG-03-22, a permanent rule to create ch. NR 851, relating to the management of diversions (transfers of water from the Great Lakes basin to outside of the Great Lakes basin) and intrabasin transfers including the application and review process and other related criteria.

Hearing Information

Date: October 5, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Location Link:

- Online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84073732724>
- Call in: 1 (646) 931-3860
- Meeting ID: 840 7373 2724

Rule Information

Section 281.348, Wis. Stats., requires the department to promulgate rules to establish a continuing water supply service area planning process for persons operating public water supply systems in Wisconsin that serve a population of 10,000 or more and that withdraw water from waters of the state. The purpose of water supply service area planning is for communities to document long-term planning to demonstrate that a public water supply system can supply an adequate and sustainable amount of water. Chapter NR 854 will provide clarity on: water supply service area plan content, public participation, department review and determinations related to water supply service area plans.

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, the department 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 [hearing appearance form](#) and send it to Christopher.Fuchsteiner@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before October 12th, 2023. 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 rules should be submitted to:

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

Comments can be made at: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

The rule may be reviewed, and comments made at:
<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/hearings>.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The rule is not expected to impact small businesses.

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