

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 050-24 (Board Order DG-04-24) which affects ch. NR 809, and is related to updating lead and copper requirements for public drinking water in order to be consistent with revised federal requirements, at the virtual time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: July 11, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Location Link:

— Online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82322713229>

— Call in: +1 305 224 1968 (US)

— Meeting ID: 823 2271 3229

Rule Information

The objective of the proposed rule is to update ch. NR 809, Wis. Adm. Code, related to control of lead and copper in public drinking water, to be consistent with 2021 Federal Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) under 40 CFR 141.80 to 141.93, the anticipated 2024 Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI), and other federal law addressing lead and copper in public drinking water.

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) establishes regulations that public drinking water systems must meet. Under Section 1413 of the Act, EPA authorizes states, territories, and Indian Tribes to have primary responsibility for administration and enforcement of these drinking water regulations (also called primacy) if they meet certain requirements. When EPA issues new drinking water regulations, primacy agencies are required to adopt these new requirements, or EPA would administer and enforce the regulations. Under the LCRR all systems are required to submit an initial lead service line (LSL) inventory by October 16, 2024; this requirement remains in the proposed LCRI. Proposed changes in the LCRI require a timeframe for full LSL replacement at all systems and lowering the lead action level to 10 ug/L. The proposed LCRI also strengthens inventory and monitoring requirements; adds more requirements if the lead action level is exceeded; and adds new requirements to monitor in schools and childcare facilities.

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. Registration will take place at the hearing by completing a Hearing Appearance form, which is available here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82322713229>. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, please download and complete the fillable [Hearing Appearance form](#) and send it to BruceD.Rheineck@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed scope statement must be received on or before July 11, 2024. 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:
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent>

Comments can be made at: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

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