

## Chapter SPS 174

### REGISTERED SANITARIANS AUTHORITY, SCOPE, PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

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**Note:** Chapter RL 174 was renumbered chapter SPS 174 under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671.

**SPS 174.01 Authority and intent.** The rules in chs. SPS 174 to 177 are adopted pursuant to s. 440.98, Stats.

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**SPS 174.02 Scope.** The rules in chs. SPS 174 to 177 shall apply to all persons educated and experienced in the field of environmental health who desire to be registered as a “registered sanitarian.”

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**SPS 174.03 Purpose.** Sanitarian registration minimum qualifications are established to:

- (1) Safeguard life, health and the environment.
- (2) Identify persons qualified in environmental health services.
- (3) Develop reciprocity agreements with states having equivalent registration requirements.
- (4) Promote the delivery of environmental health services by qualified individuals certified on the basis of recognized examination.

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**SPS 174.04 Definitions.** In chs. SPS 174 to 177:

- (1) “Accredited college or university” means an educational institution that is accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- (2) “Department” means the department of safety and professional services.
- (3) “Environmental health” means the science and art which pertains to the protection of human health through the assessment, management, control and prevention of environmental factors that may adversely affect the health, comfort, safety or well being of individuals or the environment.

(4) “Field of environmental health” means employment, whether private or public, where the principles of environmental health are directly applied to one or more of the following areas:

- (a) Air quality.
- (b) Food protection.
- (c) Hazardous substances.
- (d) Product safety.
- (e) Housing.
- (f) Institutional health and safety.
- (g) Radiation protection.
- (h) Recreational areas and waters.
- (i) Solid waste management.
- (j) Vector control.
- (k) Water quality.
- (L) Wastewater technology and management.
- (m) Hazardous waste management.
- (n) Industrial hygiene.
- (o) Water supply.

(5) “Full-time equivalent employment” means an accumulation of 2,080 hours for one year of creditable employment experience in the field of environmental health. All creditable hours shall be within the scope of environmental health practice.

(6) “Nationally recognized professional examination” means a department-approved written examination designed to assess the knowledge and competence of professional sanitarians.

(7) “Registered sanitarian” means a sanitarian or environmental health professional registered in accordance with the provisions of chs. SPS 174 to 177 and s. 440.98, Stats.

(8) “Registered sanitarian advisory committee” means the committee established by the secretary of the department, pursuant to s. 440.042, Stats., to advise the department in matters related to the administration of chs. SPS 174 to 177.

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