

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

1. Type of Estimate and Analysis
X Original Updated Corrected

2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number
SPS 384, Plumbing Products

3. Subject
Water Treatment Devices

4. Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S	5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected 20.165(2)(j)
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6. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule
 No Fiscal Effect Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs
 Indeterminate Decrease Existing Revenues Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget
 Decrease Cost

7. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)
 State's Economy Specific Businesses/Sectors
 Local Government Units Public Utility Rate Payers
 Small Businesses **(if checked, complete Attachment A)**

8. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?
 Yes No

9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule
Under current rules, water treatment devices – including water softeners – may need two separate approvals before being used in Wisconsin. The first approval is typically from a third party, such as NSF International, and is based on an industry standard. The second approval is under SPS chapter 384, which addresses situations where a plumbing product must receive approval from the Department. Due to prolonged extreme weather conditions this past winter, spring, and summer, more private well owners than usual have chosen to upgrade their water supply systems this year. The Department has reason to believe that its secondary review is delaying some of these well owners from accessing plumbing products which would improve the safety of their drinking water. These products have been approved under industry standards and are available to consumers in other states but have not yet received approval from the Department.

10. 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.

11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

12. 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)
No significant negative economic or fiscal impact is expected.

13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule
Well owners who are waiting to upgrade their water supply systems until the Department's duplicative review is completed could stop waiting for this upgrade.

14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule
Same as number 13.

15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government
See comparison in the rule analysis that accompanies the proposed rule revisions.

16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)
See comparison in the rule analysis that accompanies the proposed rule revisions.

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