



Water Quality Standards
Staff Informational Forum

September 20, 2022, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Meeting Summary

1. 2022 Triennial Review Update Andrew Edwards

A. Discussion began related to the 2022 Triennial Review timeline. The following timeline was noted:

- (1) Notice of Drafting February 25, 2022
- (2) Notice of Proposed Regulation presented to DHEC Board August 11, 2022
- (3) Notice of Proposed Regulation published in August 26, 2022 State Register
- (4) Public comment period on Proposed Regulation ends September 26, 2022
- (5) Notice of Final Regulation potentially by November 2022
- (6) Public Hearing before the DHEC Board potentially by November 2022
- (7) Notice of Final Regulation to Legislature potentially by January 2023

B. Notice of Proposed Regulation was reviewed, and proposed amendments were highlighted as follows:

- (1) Grammar and other technical corrections throughout
- (2) Adding definitions for the Department and EPA, then renumbering definitions
- (3) Reorganizing antidegradation paragraphs to clarify the requirements of an alternatives analysis
- (4) Adding 10% exceedance to the geometric mean for bacteria standards and bacteria assessments

- (5) Technical correction to the cadmium listing in the Appendix, correcting the listing from the dissolved cadmium to total cadmium (see Appendix footnote D)
- (6) Adding aluminum criteria
- (7) Technical correction in Appendix Attachment 4, correcting CCC to CMC
- (8) Reclassify the waters of Sewee Bay and a portion of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from Shellfish Harvesting Water to Outstanding Resource Water
- (9) Reclassify portions of Running Lake and adding Bates Old River

2. Questions and CommentsStakeholders

A. Following the 2022 Triennial Review Update discussion was opened to stakeholders for questions and comments. The following topics were discussed:

- (1) Proposed Aluminum Criteria - A question was raised regarding whether the proposed aluminum criteria would apply to freshwater only or all waters. Clarification was provided that the proposed criteria was only applicable to freshwater. Department staff indicated that text clarifications would specify this criterion is applicable only in freshwater prior to finalizing the revisions.
- (2) Technical Correction – Attention was brought to paragraph R.61-68.E.2 requiring a technical correction to specify that section E includes 19 paragraphs instead of 17 paragraphs.
- (3) Comments/Response to Comments – Questions were asked about submitting comments via email and how would the Department communicate any response to comments. Staff noted that emailing comments was acceptable if they were submitted prior to the close of the comment period (September 26, 2022, at 5:00 pm). Staff confirmed that responses to all comments would be posted to the triennial review webpage prior to the public hearing.