

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND CONNECTICUT WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) Section 22a-426, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, will be conducting a public hearing to receive oral and written testimony on proposed amendments to the Connecticut Water Quality Standards. The proposed amendments relate to a number of revisions to the surface water quality standards, surface water quality criteria, and surface and ground water quality classifications.

Changes and amendments proposed for revision include, but are not limited to:

- numeric criteria for toxic pollutants;
- standards for temperature;
- standards for dissolved oxygen in marine waters;
- standards for biological condition;
- allowable discharges to Class A water bodies;
- the antidegradation implementation policy;
- surface water quality classification maps; and
- other minor changes or clarifications.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Planning and Standards Division, 2nd Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. A link to the proposed amendments is available on the Department's web site at <http://www.ct.gov/dep/publicnotices>. The proposed amendments can also be obtained by contacting Traci Iott at the above address, or by phone at (860) 424-3082.

All interested parties are invited to express their views on the proposed amendments at a hearing to be held at the following place and times:

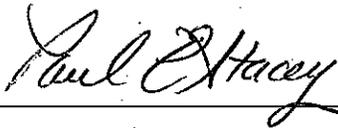
February 3, 2010 (snow date February 4, 2010)
1:30 p.m. – until all comments have been heard
Phoenix Auditorium, 5th Floor,
Department of Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Speakers are requested, although not required, to submit a written copy of their comments. Written comments on the proposed amendments may also be submitted to Traci Iott, Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Planning & Standards Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106-5127 by February 15, 2010.

In addition, the Department provides notice that an informational session will be provided on January 26, 2010 (snow date January 28, 2010) at 9:30 in the Russell Hearing Room, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Interested persons are advised, however, that these informational sessions are not a substitute for submitting comments in the manner described above in this notice and that the Department will not be receiving public comments during these informational sessions. Any person seeking to comment on the proposed amendments will need to submit a comment in writing or at the public hearing, even if the same matter is discussed during these informational sessions.

In conformance with the ADA individuals with disabilities who need this information in an alternative format, to allow them to benefit and/or participate in the agency's programs and services, should call (860)-424-3051 or (860) 418-5937 or e-mail Marcia Z. Bonitto, ADA Coordinator, at: Marcia.Bonitto@ct.gov. Requests for accommodations must be made at least two weeks prior to the program date.



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Date