

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 037-25 (Board Order WA-01-25), which affects chs. NR 660-679 related to hazardous waste recordkeeping and reporting requirements, Canadian import-export operation codes, and standards for spent refrigerants being recycled for reuse.

Hearing Information

Date: August 21, 2025

Time: 10 AM (CST)

Virtual Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86328026082>

Join by telephone: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdVE3Jij2Z>

Meeting ID: 863 2802 6082

Rule Information

Chapters 660 to 679, Wis. Adm. Code, establish regulations pertaining to the management of hazardous waste. The three federal regulations outlined in this rule are effective at the national level, as indicated, and authorized states are required to align with these federal requirements.

Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements

The first federal rule that the department will evaluate for incorporation into administrative code is the U.S. EPA “Third Manifest Rule Integrating e-Manifest with Hazardous Waste Exports and Other Manifest-Related Reports,” promulgated on July 26, 2024. The majority of the elements of this rule became effective at the national level on January 22, 2025. This rule pertains to manifest regulations for the shipment of hazardous wastes that are exported for treatment, storage, and disposal. Additionally, this rule addresses reporting requirements and technical correction requirements pertaining to manifests tracking the movement of hazardous wastes.

Canadian Import-Export Operation Codes

The second federal rule that the department will evaluate for incorporation into administrative code is the U.S. EPA rule “Canada Import Export Recovery and Disposal Code Changes,” promulgated on October 1, 2021, and effective at the national level October 31, 2021. This rule modified regulations related to twelve hazardous waste import-export recovery and disposal operations. These regulations are used when U.S. exporters and importers submit hazardous waste export and import notices to U.S. EPA, and in movement documents that accompany export and import shipments.

Spent Refrigerants Being Recycled for Reuse

The third federal rule that the department will evaluate for incorporation into administrative code is the U.S. EPA rule “Management of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons and Substitutes,” promulgated on October 11, 2024, and effective at the national level December 10, 2024. This rule pertains to certain ignitable spent refrigerants being recycled for reuse and was established to promote emissions reduction and reclamation for the management of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and certain substitutes. Elements of this

rule would address requirements for the installation and use of automatic leak detection systems, servicing and repair, training, recordkeeping, reporting, and labeling.

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. To join via Zoom, please register or pre-register using the link above, which will prompt you to enter information required on the Hearing Appearance form. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. For those who plan to phone in, please download and complete the fillable [Hearing Appearance form](#) and send it to Catherine.Baerwald@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed scope statement must be received on or before August 21, 2025. 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 under NRB Order number WA-01-25 at:
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>

Comments can be made at: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

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