

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 058-25 (Board order WA-09-25) which affects ch. NR 660-679, related to technical corrections, clarifications, and minor modifications to hazardous waste regulations, and repeal of superseded NR 187 household hazardous waste grant program regulations.

Hearing Information

Date: October 30, 2025

Time: 10 AM (CST)

Virtual Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81300561180>

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

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Meeting ID: 813 0056 1180

Rule Information

The purpose of the proposed rulemaking is to amend chs. NR 660 to 679, Wis. Adm. Code, to make necessary corrections and modifications to the state regulations and to repeal ch. NR 187, Household Hazardous Waste Grant program, from Wis. Adm. Code.

Technical Corrections, Clarifications, and Minor Modifications to Hazardous Waste Regulations

The EPA promulgated rules that correct or clarify specific provisions in the existing hazardous waste regulations in the federal Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements rule, the Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals rule, and the Definition of Solid Waste rule. These corrections became effective at the federal level on December 7, 2023, and five withdrawn amendments to the corrections were finalized on February 10, 2025. The department's proposed rule will make corresponding corrections in the hazardous waste regulations of chs. NR 660 to 679, Wis. Adm. Code, and additional corrections or clarifications that are independent of these three federal rules. Examples of the types of corrections being made in this rule include: correcting typographical errors, correcting incorrect or outdated citations, making minor clarifications or modifications, expanding definitions, and updating addresses.

Repeal of Superseded NR 187 Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program Regulations

The "Clean Sweep program" is a program for the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste. Household hazardous waste could include any product found in your home, yard or garage generated by normal household activities such as used oil, paints, and batteries. The purpose of the grant program is to provide financial assistance to municipalities to create and operate local "Clean Sweep" programs for the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste. These programs are intended to divert such wastes away from municipal landfills, sewers, and septic systems and to provide for the management of household hazardous waste in a licensed hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility. Chapter NR 187, Wis. Adm. Code, is obsolete because the household hazardous waste grant program is currently being managed by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) under the ch. ATCP 34, Wis. Adm. Code, Clean Sweep program.

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 October 30, 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-09-25 at:
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>

Comments can be emailed to: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

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