

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 001-25, which affects ch. NR 530, relating to implementation of electronics recycling program requirements, at the virtual time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: March 7, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Virtual Location Link using Teams: [Teams Meeting Link](#)

To phone in, dial: 608-571-2209 and enter conference ID: 236 298 056#

Rule Information

The proposed rule seeks to address issues in three areas related to the state's electronics recycling law and E-Cycle Wisconsin program. First, changes to s. 287.17, Wis. Stats., enacted in March 2024 from 2023 Wisconsin Act 108, require rulemaking for full implementation. Second, the department has identified problems with electronics collectors inaccurately reporting information about collection sites they do not directly operate. Third, improper disposal of rechargeable batteries and battery-containing devices has caused hundreds of fires in Wisconsin garbage and recycling trucks and facilities.

To address these issues, the proposed rule would do the following:

- Consistent with requirements established under 2023 Wisconsin Act 108, codify procedures for calculating and assigning electronics manufacturers' annual recycling targets. This includes addressing requirements for manufacturers that register in the middle of a program year and changes to manufacturer-reported sales data used to calculate targets.
- As directed by 2023 Wisconsin Act 108, establish criteria for what will constitute "good faith progress" toward meeting a manufacturer's recycling target, and for how a manufacturer can demonstrate good faith progress.
- Clarify registration and reporting requirements for electronics collectors.
- To reduce the fire risk posed by devices powered by rechargeable batteries during garbage and recycling collection and processing, consider whether additional types of these devices should be included as eligible electronic devices under E-Cycle Wisconsin.

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 Teams, 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 Sarah.Murray@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed scope statement must be received on or before March 7, 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 at:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent>

The scope statement may also be reviewed and comments made at:

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment.