

## **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 008-25 which affects ch. NR 140, related to numeric standards to minimize the concentration of polluting substances for certain Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in groundwater based on the 2025 DHS recommendations.

### **Hearing Information**

Date: March 6, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m. (CST) to end of agenda

Virtual Location Link: Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84631519683>  
Meeting ID: 846 3151 9683  
Call-in number: 312-626-6799

### **Rule Information**

The proposed rule will add public health groundwater standards for six PFAS, using Department of Health Services' (DHS) January 2025 recommendations. DHS's recommendations rely on new federal drinking water standards issued on April 10, 2024, that are based on newly available science and protection of public health. The six PFAS include the contaminant compounds perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS), and hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA, commonly known as GenX Chemicals). Setting standards will allow for consistent use in state regulatory programs to minimize the concentration of these polluting substances in the groundwater resources of the state.

The objective of the proposed rule is to protect public health, given that groundwater is the primary source of drinking water throughout the state. PFAS breaks down very slowly and can accumulate in people. PFAS may cause reproductive effects such as decreased fertility and pregnancy-induced hypertension, developmental effects or delays in children including birth defects and low birth weight, increased risk of some cancers including prostate, kidney, and testicular cancers, decreased antibody response to vaccines, and increased cholesterol.

### **Accessibility**

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## **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 [DNR140GroundwaterQualityStandards@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNR140GroundwaterQualityStandards@Wisconsin.gov).

Comments on the proposed scope statement must be received on or before March 6, 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.html>

Comments can be emailed to: [DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov)

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

[https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope\\_statements/comment](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment)