

## Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on two proposed permanent rules:

- Board Order DG-03-23: Proposed revisions to subch. III of ch. NR 812, related to updating, correcting and clarifying existing code requirements and adding requirements for new pump installations and water treatment and other specified code requirements.
- Board Order DG-04-23: Proposed revisions to ch. NR 146, related to water well driller, heat exchange driller, and pump installer licensing and registration, and drilling rig operator registration.

The public hearing will be held at the virtual time and place shown below.

### Hearing Information

Date: April 15, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Location: Online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89256926445>  
Meeting ID: 892 5692 6445  
Call-in: 312-626-6799

### Rule Information

- Board Order DG-03-23: Chapter NR 812, Wis. Adm. Code, establishes uniform standards for the location, construction or reconstruction, maintenance and inspection of wells and water systems and heat exchange drill holes, for the filling and sealing of wells and drillholes, and for the installation and maintenance of pumping and treatment equipment. This chapter last underwent a comprehensive revision of Subchapter III focusing on pump installation in 1991. Industry standards, technology and practices have since evolved, necessitating an update to the regulatory framework to reflect current technology and best management practices for pump installation and related well construction activities. The proposed rulemaking will clarify existing requirements and address current industry practices that are not clearly articulated in code. Revisions will provide a consistent framework for the regulated community to deliver service to their customers while maintaining and improving Wisconsin's groundwater resources.
- Board Order DG-04-23: Chapter NR 146, Wis. Adm. Code, establishes rules and regulations by which the department administers water well driller, heat exchange driller, and pump installer licensing and registration. The proposed rule would address needed corrections and clarifications to the rule, address changes in administrative processes and prerequisite requirements for license eligibility, provide for automated and efficient online renewal application processing to replace the current manual processing of license renewal applications, allow for flexibility in continuing education attendance requirements and

provide additional detail in assignment of responsibility in licensed pump installer and driller contractual agreements.

### **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. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, either use the Zoom link above prior to the day of the hearing or download and complete the fillable [hearing appearance form](#) and send it to [robert.gundrum@wisconsin.gov](mailto:robert.gundrum@wisconsin.gov).

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before April 22, 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.

When submitting comments and questions, please specify which of the two rules each comment relates to. Written comments and any questions on the proposed rule should be submitted to:

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The rule may be viewed at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent>

The rule may also be reviewed, and comments made at:  
<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/hearings>.

### **Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

The department's determination is that the proposed rule changes will have minimal economic impact. Overall, the proposed changes are expected to correct and clarify language, streamline processes, allow more extensive use of online licensing and registration services, update construction standards, and ensure consistency with federal and state law.

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