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 112-24, which affects chs. NR 157 and 500 to 526, and is related to non-landfill solid waste rules, at the virtual time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: January 30, 2025

Time: 9:00 am

Virtual Location Link: Register/Join the meeting

Or by phone at 608-571-2209, conference ID 333 962 329#

Using Microsoft Edge or Safari as a browser is recommended to join the meeting. If you wish to use Google Chrome, you may have to adjust your privacy settings to allow for "third-party cookies."

Rule Information

Most of the rules for non-landfill solid waste management have not been updated since 2006. These include solid waste disposal exemptions, storage, transportation, transfer, processing, woodburning, composting, combustion technologies, and landspreading, as well as related areas such as infectious waste management and PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) waste management. The industry has seen changes in new waste management technologies and practices, new materials and contaminants in the waste stream, and increased proposals for reuse and recycling for a wider range of materials. Some current rule language has also proven to be confusing or ambiguous to current users.

Significant changes could include eliminating facility license categories to improve consistency, updating plan review and licensing fees to reflect staff time spent, revising open burning exemptions to reflect health concerns and public feedback, codifying approval standards for allowing certain "low hazard" materials to be used as fill material, providing authority for conditioning approvals to large scale facilities, and adapting approvals to allow for general permits and mobile processing.

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. Registration will take place at the hearing by completing a Hearing Appearance form, which is available here. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, please download and complete the fillable Hearing Appearance form and send it to casey.krausensky@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed scope statement must be received on or before January 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:

Department of Natural Resources Attn: Casey Krausensky P.O. Box 7921 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707-7921

The scope statement may be viewed at: https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent

Comments can be emailed to: <u>DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov</u>

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