

PROPOSED STATE RULES

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To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Groundwater Protection Rule and Strategy.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 25P036

AGENCY: Agency of Natural Resources

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Groundwater Protection Rule and Strategy is the framework the state uses to protect groundwater in permit programs and clean up groundwater when there is a release. This amendment proposes to adopt more stringent standards adopted by EPA's 2024 Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for five PFAS compounds (HFPO-DA, PFHxS, PFNA, PFOS, and PFOA) and a hazard index to address mixtures of two or more identified PFAS (HFPO-DA, PFBS, PFNA, PFHxS). This amendment proposes to not require the permitting review to apply to stormwater, indirect discharge (sewage), or wastewater and potable water supply (wastewater) rules and those programs would address the public trust and groundwater protection in their respective rules. It also makes minor changes to how compliance boundaries are established for cleanups.

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