

Mississippi Secretary of State

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING**

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EMAIL Tabatha_Baum@deq.state.ms.us	SUBMIT DATE 3/9/2016	Name or number of rule(s): 11 Miss. Admin. Code Part 6, Chapter 2 ("Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulation for Water Quality Criteria for Intrastate, Interstate and Coastal Waters")		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: This amendment is an update of Water Quality Criteria based on the review of the State's surface water quality standards over the last three years to ensure consistency with federal requirements. This amended regulation replaces the previous version in its entirety and will be codified at 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 6, Ch. 2.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Mississippi Code Annotated § 49-2-9(1), 49-17-17, 49-17-19, and 49-17-25 (Rev. 2012).

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Amends and replaces previous version of 11 Miss. Admin. Code Part 6, Chapter 2 ("Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulation for Water Quality Criteria for Intrastate, Interstate and Coastal Waters")

**ORAL PROCEEDING:**

An oral proceeding was held for this rule on: Date: 11/05/15 Time: 6 p.m. Place: Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, First Floor Hearing Room, 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

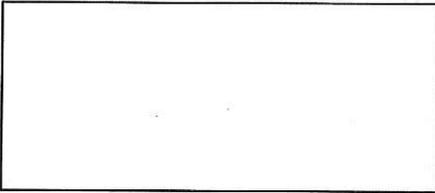
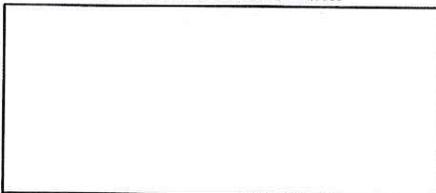
**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Economic impact statement not required for this rule.  Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
<input type="checkbox"/> Original filing <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: <input type="checkbox"/> Immediately upon filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: <input type="checkbox"/> New rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal of existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: <input type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	Date Proposed Rule Filed: <u>10/15/15</u> Action taken: <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted with no changes in text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted with changes <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by reference <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Tabatha Baum, Special Projects Officer IV, MDEQ

Signature of person authorized to file rules: 11s/1 Tabatha Baum

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.