

# RULE REPORT

## Department of Commerce

Clearinghouse Rule No.: 09-021

Rule No.: Comm 5.12

Relating to: Administrative Forfeiture for POWTS Governmental Unit Employees

*Contact person for substantive questions:*

*Contact person for internal processing:*

Name Jim Quast

Name Lori Ann Curley

Title Program Manager

Title Communications Specialist

Telephone Number 608/266-9292

Telephone Number 608/261-8504

1. Basis and purpose of the proposed rule.

Section 145.02, Stats., grants the Department of Commerce general authority for protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public by establishing reasonable and effective standards for Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) including the licensing of individuals to inspect POWTS. Section 145.20, Stats., delineates the responsibilities and duties of governmental units administering and enforcing the laws and rules pertaining to POWTS.

2. How the proposed rule advances relevant statutory goals or purposes.

Section 145.12 (5) (a), Stats., as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 197, authorizes the Department to directly assess forfeitures to governmental unit employees who violate the limitations under s. 145.20, Stats., for POWTS employees that perform work outside of the scope of their governmental unit responsibilities.

3. Changes to the rule analysis or fiscal estimate that was prepared for public hearing.

No changes were made to the rule analysis or the fiscal estimate.