

**Report From Agency**

**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

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**IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING :  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND : CR 13-046  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES :  
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**I. THE PROPOSED RULE:**

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

**II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:**

No forms are required.

**III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:**

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA Notice is attached.

**IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:**

The basis of this proposed rule is to reduce the staffing burden on agent municipalities conducting plumbing plan review while allowing flexibility in determining the staffing levels for this program service based on local need. The proposed rules were included in a listing of suggested code revisions shared with the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), October 2012. The recommended changes are expected make the granting of agent status for plumbing plan review less burdensome to municipalities who desire to be authorized to conduct such service and allow for internal process improvements by the agency.

**V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The Department of Safety and Professional Services held a public hearing on July 29, 2013.

**The following people either testified at the hearing, or submitted written comments:**

George A. Klaetsch, (WOWRA) Wisconsin Onsite Water Recycling Association, 10 East Doty St., Madison WI 53703, provided verbal testimony in support based on the premise that additional agents could provide more timely reviews.

Robert G. DuPont, Alliance for Regulatory Coordination, 2614 Sweet Sparrow Place, Sun Prairie WI 53590; provided written comments in support of proposed rule.

**The Department of Safety and Professional Services summarizes the comments received either by hearing testimony or by written submission as follows:**

All comments received were in support of the rule proposal; no revisions were required.

**The Department of Safety and Professional Services explains modifications to its rule-making proposal prompted by public comments as follows:**

No modifications to the proposed rule were made reflecting comments received. All of the recommendations by the Clearinghouse have been accepted in whole.

## **VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:**

In the fall of 2012, the department shared the intent of these rules with the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. The Board agreed in concept. These rules will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

