

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

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1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original    Updated    Corrected

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2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

Ch NR 162 - Clean Water Fund Program

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3. Subject

Rules governing the implementation of the Clean Water Fund Program

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4. Fund Sources Affected

GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEG-S

5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

n/a

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6. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule

No Fiscal Effect    Increase Existing Revenues    Increase Costs  
 Indeterminate    Decrease Existing Revenues    Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget  
 Decrease Cost

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7. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)

State's Economy    Specific Businesses/Sectors  
 Local Government Units    Public Utility Rate Payers  
 Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)

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8. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?

Yes    No

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9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

Anticipated rule changes will help streamline processes for awarding funding under the Clean Water Fund Program. Deadlines may be adjusted to better assist municipalities in submitting applications for funding, and language will be clarified with respect to eligible activities, projects and costs.

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10. Summary of the businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed rule that were contacted for comments.

Changes to ch. NR 162 may affect municipalities and their consultants who seek funding for water infrastructure projects from the Clean Water Fund Program.

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11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

None up to now; local governments will be part of a future advisory group to identify rule changes.

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12. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

The rule will have minimal economic or fiscal impacts on businesses or municipalities seeking funding from the Clean Water Fund Program. Eligible costs and municipalities are prescribed by the federal government and won't be affected by the rule revisions.

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13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

By streamlining processes and clarifying criteria for the program, there will be fewer questions and process times may be shortened for both the applicants as well as DNR staff. Without the rule revisions, the program will continue to interpret clumsy or outdated language to ensure we are implementing the program consistent with federal policies and guidelines.

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14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

Implementing the rule revisions will enable the Department to be more timely in our administration of the Clean Water Fund Program.

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15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

The anticipated rule revisions will be consistent with the Federal Clean Water Fund Act.

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16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

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Each of the neighboring states implements the Clean Water Fund Program with minor differences, adjusted to meet state-specific needs. Many of the states have more sophisticated programs; Wisconsin's implementation of the Clean Water Fund Program has historically been relatively basic. All programs must be in compliance with the Federal Clean Water Fund Act.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

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1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

The rule does not modify the requirement that recipients of the Federal Clean Water Fund Program funds must be in compliance with DBE requirements. This rule will have no fiscal or economic effect on Small Businesses.

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2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

n/a

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3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
- Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
- Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
- Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
- Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
- Other, describe:

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4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

n/a

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5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

There are no enforcement provisions with respect to environmental regulations associated with this rule. There are provisions in the rule that recipients of funds must have approved plans of operation from the Department, and municipalities must have the financial means to repay loans associated with this program.

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6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

- Yes     No
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