

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,  
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS

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IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : EXAMINING BOARD OF  
EXAMINING BOARD OF : PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,  
PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS, : HYDROLOGISTS AND  
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL : SOIL SCIENTISTS ADOPTING RULES  
SCIENTISTS : (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 00-139)

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ORDER

An order of the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists to create GHSS 1.07, relating to a rules committee.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

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ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 15.405 (2m) and 227.11 (2), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 470.03, Stats.

Current rules for the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists do not permit the formation of a rules committee to act for the board in rule-making proceedings. The objective of the rule is to authorize the board to form a rules committee. The board may currently approve and adopt rules proposed by any section of the board. A rules committee would better enable the board to develop and refine rules proposed by the sections or the board. This would meet the objective of standardizing the rules development process between the sections of the board and provide for greater efficiency.

The proposed rule would consist of two sections. The first section would permit the board to approve and adopt rules proposed by any section of the board. The second section would define the composition of a rules committee and provide that the rules committee shall act for the board in rule-making proceedings except for final rule adoption.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. GHSS 1.07 is created to read:

**GHSS 1.07 Rule-making.** (1) PROCEDURE. The board may approve and adopt rules proposed by any section of the board.

(2) RULES COMMITTEE. (a) A rules committee is created and shall be comprised of one professional member from each section and 2 public members. Each section shall appoint one professional member by majority vote. The board chair shall appoint the 2 public members from any of the 3 sections of the board.

(b) The rules committee may act for the board in rule-making proceedings except for final approval as specified in sub. (1).

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The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson  
Examining Board of Professional Geologists,  
Hydrologists and Soil Scientists

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