

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

There will be no regulatory flexibility analysis for this rule. The department is currently required to use the procedures in the federal law when developing water quality based effluent limits. The proposed rules are consistent with and no more restrictive than federal law. As a result, many of the facilities impacted by these proposed rule changes have already had permits reissued in compliance with the proposed rules. While some small businesses with noncontact cooling water outfalls or certain substances present in their intake water may have economic impacts from changes required to meet WPDES permit limits, these impacts will be no greater than those that would be required to comply with the federal law.