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R.61-62, Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards – Proposed Amendment

State Register Document No. 5188

Exempt from General Assembly review

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Status |

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Summary |

Pursuant to the Pollution Control Act and the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 7410, 7413, and 7416, the Department must ensure national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards are achieved and maintained in South Carolina. No state may adopt or enforce an emission standard or limitation less stringent than these federal standards or limitations pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 7416.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgates amendments to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) throughout each calendar year. Recent federal amendments at 40 CFR Parts 60, 63, and 97 include revisions to Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Source Categories, and Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) Trading Programs.

The Department proposes amending R.61-62.60, South Carolina Designated Facility Plan and New Source Performance Standards, and R.61-62.63, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Source Categories, to incorporate by reference federal amendments promulgated from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

The Department further proposes amending R.61-62.97, Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) Trading Program, and the State Implementation Plan (SIP), to incorporate by reference recently promulgated federal amendments to the CSAPR NOX Annual Trading Program (found in 40 CFR Part 97, Subpart AAAAA) and the CSAPR SO2 Group 2 Trading Program (found in 40 CFR Part 97, Subpart DDDDD) as necessary to maintain compliance with federal law.

The Department also proposes additional changes to R.61-62, Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards, for overall quality of regulatory text as deemed necessary to maintain compliance with federal law. These changes may include corrections or other changes for internal consistency, clarification, reference, punctuation, codification, formatting, spelling, and overall improvement to the text of R.61-62.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(H)(1), exempts these amendments from General Assembly review, as the Department proposes these amendments for compliance with federal law.

History |

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Proposed New Solid Waste Management Regulation

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General Assembly review required

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Status |

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Summary |

Pursuant to 2022 Act No. 119, Section 5, the Department is directed to develop rules to guide all South Carolinians invested in, selling, installing, and using photovoltaic (“PV”) modules and energy storage system batteries in the management of end-of-life PV modules and energy storage system batteries on solar projects, and the decommissioning of solar projects in excess of thirteen acres. The Department proposes new regulation R.61-107.20, Solar Energy Systems, to create basic guidelines for large solar energy systems. The new regulation is designed to establish a registration requirement, and facilitate all large solar energy systems have a decommissioning plan, which includes financial assurance, removal of PV modules and accompanying equipment, and remediation of the land, if necessary.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of the proposed new regulation.

History |

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R.89-10 through 89-350, Office of the Governor-Mining Council of South Carolina – Proposed Amendment

General Assembly review required

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Status |

NOD published; comment period closed

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Summary |

Pursuant to the South Carolina Mining Act, S.C. Code Ann., Sections 48-20-10 et seq., the Department establishes and enforces standards for the permitting, operation, and closure of mining and exploratory excavation activities. The Department proposes amending R.89-10 through 89-350 to more efficiently regulate mining activities and protect human and environmental health. More specifically, the Department proposes revising requirements for setbacks between mines and property lines and other structures. The Department may consider revisions to blasting, permitting, bonding, noticing, and operational requirements, and other administrative changes.

The proposed amendments may also include updates, corrections, or other changes for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Ann., Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

History |

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Land and Waste Management | Environmental Affairs

R.61-63, Radioactive Materials (Title A) – Proposed Amendment

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Summary |

The Federal Atomic Energy Act of 1954 enables the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) to enter into agreements with state governors allowing for state regulation of byproduct, source, and special nuclear material. 42 U.S.C. Section 2121. The Commission enters into such agreements if it finds the state regulatory program complies with applicable federal regulations, Id. To renew South Carolina’s ongoing agreement with the Commission, the Department proposes amendments to R.61-63 for compliance with the Commission’s federal regulatory updates. The proposed amendments add clarifications or corrections to Parts II, III, IV, and XII of the regulation.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(H)(1), exempts these amendments from General Assembly review, as the Department proposes these amendments for compliance with federal law.

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R.61-83, Transportation of Radioactive Waste Into or Within South Carolina – Proposed Amendment

Exempt from General Assembly review

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Status |

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Pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 13-7-10 et seq., the Department requires compliance with all applicable provisions of Title 10, Part 71 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 71), as revised in February 2018, and any disposal facility’s radioactive material license requirements and site disposal criteria regarding the packaging, transportation, disposal, storage or delivery of radioactive materials. The Department proposes amending R.61-83, Transportation of Radioactive Waste Into or Within South Carolina, to incorporate 10 CFR 71 regulations promulgated in 2018, provide clarification for conformance with Disposal Site Criteria, include an exemption/exception allowance, and update Forms to the current documents in use.

The proposed amendments may also include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

History |

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R.61-9, Water Pollution Control Permits – Proposed Amendment

General Assembly review required

*Note: This NOD will expire on June 24, 2023, and will be removed in the next Update.

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Pursuant to the South Carolina Pollution Control Act, S.C. Code Ann. 48-1-10 et seq., the Department establishes standards and requirements for the final use of domestic and industrial sludge and the land application of effluent. The Department proposes to amend certain parts of R.61-9 to specify requirements, as needed, for analysis, monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”)-class chemicals in sludge and effluent intended for land application. The affected sections of the regulation may include: R.61-9.122, R.61-9.503, R.61-9.504, and R.61-9.505.

The proposed amendments may also include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

History |

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R.61-9, Water Pollution Control Permits – Final Amendment

State Register Document No. 5137

General Assembly review

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Pursuant to the South Carolina Pollution Control Act, S.C. Code Ann. 48-1-10 et seq., the Department establishes programs to regulate discharges from point sources, including concentrated animal feeding operations. The Department proposes amending R.61-9.122.23, Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, for conformity with the current federal regulation in Title 40, Part 122 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR Part 122), Subpart B, Section 23, Concentrated animal feeding operations, and to improve regulatory clarity. Although the Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120, exempts these proposed amendments from General Assembly review, the Department is sending the proposed amendments to the General Assembly for review.

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R.61-58, State Primary Drinking Water Regulations – Proposed Amendment

General Assembly review required

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Summary |

Pursuant to 1976 Code Sections 44-55-10 et seq., the Department is authorized to regulate public water systems and to promulgate regulations governing the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of public water systems in the state. The Department proposes amending R.61-58.7, Operation and Maintenance, of the State Primary Drinking Water Regulations to incorporate internal inspection requirements for atmospheric drinking water storage tanks. This new requirement would apply to all atmospheric drinking water storage tanks, both new and existing

The proposed amendments may also include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

History |

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R.61-68, Water Classifications and Standards – Final Amendment

State Register Document No. 5119

General Assembly review required

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Summary |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 48-1-10 et seq., the Department establishes appropriate goals and water uses to be achieved, maintained, and protected; general rules and water quality criteria to protect classified and existing water uses; and an antidegradation policy to protect and maintain the levels of water quality necessary to support and maintain those existing and classified uses. Section 303(c)(2)(B) of the federal Clean Water Act (“CWA”) requires South Carolina’s water quality standards be reviewed and revised, where necessary, at least once every three years. Referred to as the triennial review, this required process consists of reviewing and adopting, where appropriate, the Environmental Protection Agency’s updated numeric and narrative criteria. The Department proposes amending R.61-68 to adopt the criteria the Department deems necessary to comply with federal regulatory recommendations and revisions. The Department proposes to adopt a revised standard for aquatic life ambient water quality criteria for aluminum, and a revised recreational water quality criteria for bacteria to reflect the most current final published criteria in accordance with the CWA. The Department proposes stylistic changes for overall improvement of the text of the regulation.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

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R.61-68, Water Classifications and Standards – Proposed Amendment

General Assembly review required

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Summary |

Pursuant to the South Carolina Pollution Control Act, S.C. Code Ann. 48-1-10 et seq., the Department establishes classified water uses and water quality criteria. The Department proposes to amend R.61-68, Water Classifications and Standards, as determined necessary to manage and protect the quality of South Carolina’s waters through narrative hydrologic criteria. Specific sections which may be amended include C, D, E, F, G, and H.

The proposed amendments may also include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

History |

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R.61-69, Classified Waters – Final Amendment

State Register Document No. 5116

General Assembly review required

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Summary |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 48-1-10 et seq., R.61-69 establishes the State’s site-specific water quality standards and provides a listing of all named and specific unnamed waterbodies, their classifications, and locations. The Department proposes amending R.61-69 to clarify and correct, as needed, waterbody names, counties, classes, and descriptions. The Department also proposes stylistic changes for overall improvement of the text of the regulation.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

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Ocean + Coastal Resource Management | Environmental Affairs

R.30-1, Statement of Policy; R.30-2, Applying for a Permit; R.30-11, General Guidelines for All Critical Areas; R.30-13, Specific Project Standards for Beaches and the Beach/Dune System; R.30-15, Activities Allowed Seaward of Baseline – Proposed Amendment

General Assembly review required

Link to Notice of Drafting (“NOD”): [State Register Volume 47, Issue 2 \(page 10\)](#)

Status |

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Summary |

Pursuant to R.30-1 through 30-21, Coastal Division Regulations, the Department seeks to implement the policies of the S.C. Coastal Zone Management Act (S.C. Code Sections 48-39-10 et seq.) to promote the economic and social welfare of the citizens of this state while protecting the sensitive and fragile areas in the coastal counties and promoting sound development of coastal resources. The Department proposes amending R.30-1, R.30-2, R.30-11.D., R.30-13, and R.30-15, to provide a definition for beach preservation and clarify beach preservation approaches, standards, and requirements for activities in any critical area along or adjacent to the beach.

South Carolina’s beachfront policies and jurisdictional authorities are established under the South Carolina Beachfront Management Act (S.C. Code Sections 48-39-250 et seq.). Over the past three decades, these rules have guided where and how areas along the state’s beachfront can be developed. In 2018, this Act was amended to replace the state’s 40-year policy of retreat with a policy of beach preservation. In 2022, the Department convened the Beach Preservation Stakeholder Workgroup, which represented a wide range of backgrounds and constituencies, to provide input and diverse perspectives on beach preservation in South Carolina. The proposed amendments are based on final recommendations and key findings of the workgroup and associated public engagement and input. The proposed amendments will provide clarity and guidance for regulatory staff and the regulated community and allow the Department to effectively implement the policy of beach preservation.

The proposed amendments may also include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

History |

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R.61-16, Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries – Proposed Amendment

General Assembly review required

*The Notice of Drafting published on February 25, 2022, has expired. This Notice of Drafting supersedes the previously published one and restarts the promulgation process for these proposed amendments.

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Status |

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Summary |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-7-260(A)(1), the Department proposes amending R.61-16, Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional Infirmaries, to revise requirements and/or procedures for: policies and procedures and quality patient care; nursing ratios; bed locations and types; reporting; disaster management; designation of inpatient perinatal care; and maintenance, design, and construction.

The proposed amendments may also include stylistic changes, which may include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, definitions, references, codification, and overall improvement of the text of the regulation.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

History |

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R.61-64, X-Rays (Title B) – Final Amendment

State Register Document No. 5138

General Assembly review required

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Summary |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 13-7-40 et seq., the Department promulgates, amends, and repeals regulations relating to the control of ionizing and nonionizing radiation, the qualifications of operators applying ionizing or nonionizing radiation to humans, and registration of radiation sources or devices or equipment utilizing these sources. The Department amends R.61-64, X Rays (Title B) to include, but not limited to, clarifying and simplifying the regulation, adding new definitions as required, deleting requirements that are no longer applicable, and ensuring the regulation is in alignment with the current statute. The Department also amends requirements regarding registration, inspections, violations, enforcement, equipment, and mammography. The amendments will also update vendor classes, add requirements for personnel security screening systems using x ray, and clarify, organize, and update the Radiation Safety Officer requirements. The Department also included changes such as corrections for readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

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R.61-15, Certification of Need for Health Facilities and Services – Proposed Amendment

State Register Document No. 5136

General Assembly review required

Link to Notice of Final Regulation (“NFR”) for legislative review: www.scstatehouse.gov/regs/5136.docx

Status |

House Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee requested a withdrawal on May 1, 2023. The regulation is tolled, and will resume when resubmitted at a later time.

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Summary |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 44-7-110 et seq., the Department is required to adopt substantive and procedural regulations considered necessary by the Department and approved by the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (“Board”) to carry out the Department’s Certificate of Need duties. The Department amends R.61-15 for consistency with statutory requirements, to establish an electronic application process, to revise the application format and additional information required for the application process, and update exemption and non-applicability determination processes. The Department’s amendments also include adding, removing, and modifying definitions contained within the regulation. The Department updated language and processes related to public hearings on Certificate of Need applications, the application and review process and related notifications, voidance and extension procedures, and periodic and final reporting requirements regarding issued Certificates of Need. Additionally, the amendments revise the project review criteria and the monetary thresholds that trigger a Certificate of Need review. The amendments also include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

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R.61-94, WIC Vendors – Final Amendment

State Register Document No. 5120

General Assembly review required

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Status |

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Summary |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 43-5-930, the Department outlines the responsibilities and duties of all potential and authorized Women, Infant, and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC) Vendors. The Department proposes amending R.61-94, WIC Vendors, to update verbiage of South Carolina Electronic WIC Benefits (eWIC). These proposed amendments include changes to definitions, the approval process of vendors, monitoring of vendors, disqualifications, sanctions, program violations, and the transaction of South Carolina WIC Benefits. The proposed amendments may also include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

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R.61-19, Vital Statistics – Final Amendment

State Register Document No. 5118

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Summary |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 44-63-10, et seq., the Department is tasked with establishing a Bureau of Vital Statistics and formulating, promulgating, and enforcing regulations for administering the program. The Department proposes amending R.61-19 to make processes more clear, concise, customer-friendly, and efficient; to remove obsolete sections; to add and update definitions; to address advancements in processes for the creation and amendment to vital records; and to bring the regulation into conformity with changes in South Carolina law.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

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R.61-45, South Carolina Central Cancer Registry – Proposed Amendment

General Assembly review required

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Status |

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Summary |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 44-35-20 through 44-35-40, the Department collects, processes, and analyzes newly diagnosed cancer cases among South Carolina residents that are reported from various medical facilities. The Department proposes amending R.61-45 to address several updates since the regulation was originally promulgated in 1998. These proposed changes may include updating the definition of reportable cases, updating the name of entities that have changed, and updating language to reflect electronic reporting advances. Additional clarification may be added for data items that are required to be reported, and which entities are responsible for reporting cases in the instance of facility mergers or acquisitions.

The proposed amendments may also include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

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