

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
2004 REGULATORY AGENDA

Rules and Regulations Filed Since August 2003

Subject Area	Purpose	Effect	Interested Parties	Contact
<p><u>HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR 2003-2004 SEASON</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 20-1-4; 20-1-5, 20-1-12; 20-1-13; 42-17.1; 42-17.6; and 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 11/18/03</i></p>	<p>Emergency amendment to allow licensed hunters an additional opportunity to obtain a bonus permit for antlerless deer taken by muzzleloader on private land during the 2003-2004 hunting season.</p>	<p>Help to slow growing deer populations on private property by shifting hunting pressure from state lands, and focusing on female deer.</p>	<p>Recreational hunters.</p>	<p>Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish & Wildlife, 789-7083.</p>
<p><u>FALCONRY REGULATIONS FOR 2003-2004 SEASON</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 20-1-4, 20-1-12; 20-1-13; 42-17.1; 42-17.6; and 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 9/25/03</i></p>	<p>Update the rules for falconry in Rhode Island.</p>	<p>Annual filing to establish conditions and requirements for falconry in accordance with state and federal guidelines and public comment.</p>	<p>Falconers.</p>	<p>Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish & Wildlife, 789-7083.</p>
<p><u>HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR 2003-2004 WATERFOWL SEASON</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 20-1-4, 20-1-12, 20-1-13, 42-17.1, 42-17.6, and 42-35. 50 CFR – Waterfowl.</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 9/25/03</i></p>	<p>Update the rules for waterfowl hunting in Rhode Island.</p>	<p>Annual filing to establish conditions and requirements for waterfowl hunting, including bag limits, seasons, etc., in accordance with state and federal guidelines and public comment.</p>	<p>Recreational hunters.</p>	<p>Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish & Wildlife, 789-7083.</p>

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<p><u>MARINE FISHERIES</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 20-1-2, 20-1-4; 20-3-1 through 20-3-6; 20-4 through 20-10; 42-17.1; 42-17.6; and 42-35-18(b)(5); 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 1/5/04, 12/5/03, 11/27/03 (4), 11/18/03, 11/03/03(2), 10/29/03, 10/24/04, 10/23/03, 10/20/03, 10/16/03(2), 9/11/03</i></p>	<p>Amend/regulate fisheries methods, possession limits, and seasons according to federal and regional mandates and decisions. Regulatory changes are promulgated by DEM in conjunction with the RI Marine Fisheries Council.</p>	<p>Maintain compliance with federal and regional mandates, established fisheries management rules and regulations, and the RI General Laws.</p>	<p>Commercial and recreational fishermen and fish processing businesses.</p>	<p>Mark Gibson, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 423-1940.</p>
<p><u>MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR THE FINFISH, SHELLFISH, AND CRUSTACEAN FISHERY SECTORS (3)</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 42-17.1; 42-17-6; 20-1-2; 20-1-4; 20-2.1-9(5); and 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 11/27/03</i></p>	<p>Update the companion documents to the commercial licensing regulations.</p>	<p>Establish the basis for new license and endorsement opportunities in 2004.</p>	<p>Commercial fishermen (existing and prospective).</p>	<p>Mark Gibson, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 423-1940.</p>
<p><u>RHODE ISLAND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF MARINE FISHERIES</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 42-17.1; 42-17-6; 20-1-2; 20-1-4; 20-3-2 through 20-3-6; 20-4 through 20-10; and 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 12/31/03</i></p>	<p>Update commercial licensing provisions for 2004 license year.</p>	<p>Provide new license opportunities, where appropriate, based on revised fisheries management plans that reflect current resource and fishery conditions. Establish conditions governing the license application process.</p>	<p>Commercial fishermen (existing and prospective).</p>	<p>Mark Gibson, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 423-1940.</p>

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<p><u>CONTROL OF PERCHLOROETHYLENE EMISSIONS FROM DRY CLEANING OPERATIONS (APC REGULATION NO. 23)</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12) and 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 12/02/03</i></p>	<p>Update requirements for controlling emissions of perchloroethylene from dry cleaning facilities and codify them under a new regulation, APC Regulation No. 23, "Control of Perchloroethylene Emissions from Dry Cleaning Operations."</p>	<p>Reduce emissions of perchloroethylene, a toxic air contaminant, from dry cleaners</p>	<p>Dry cleaners that use perchloroethylene.</p>	<p>Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808, ext. 7012</p>
<p><u>RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING (APC REGULATION NO. 14)</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12) and 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 12/02/03</i></p>	<p>Amend APC Regulation No. 14, "Record Keeping and Reporting," to change the submittal deadline to April 15th of each year, and add a definition of the term "emissions unit."</p>	<p>Allow facilities an additional month to report annual emissions information, giving them more time after the end of the calendar year to compile quality data.</p>	<p>About 800 facilities that submit air emissions data to DEM, including businesses, industry, wastewater treatment plants, and state agencies.</p>	<p>Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808, ext. 7012</p>
<p><u>Motor Vehicle Inspection / Maintenance Program (APC Regulation No. 34)</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 31-47.1-7(g) and 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 11/16/03</i></p>	<p>Amend APC Regulation No. 34, "Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Inspection/Maintenance Program," to include the testing of 1996 and newer vehicles' on-board diagnostic system in lieu of testing the tailpipe emissions.</p>	<p>Optimize the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the existing I/M Program, allowing for improved repair diagnosis, and providing a transition to the next generation of vehicle inspection program. Comply with federal I/M program requirements.</p>	<p>Authorized Inspection and Repair Stations, environmental advocates, and motorists.</p>	<p>Thomas Barry, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808 x7021.</p>
<p><u>GALILEE PORT OPERATIONS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 46-5, 42-17.1 and 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 1/08/04</i></p>	<p>Amend regulations to limit storage of boat and gear trailers at port facilities.</p>	<p>Increase the availability of parking at the Galilee port facility.</p>	<p>Commercial & recreational fishermen, and the general public.</p>	<p>Don McGovern, Division of Coastal Resources, 783-5551.</p>

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<p><u>STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 46-9 and 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 11/26/03</i></p>	<p>Amend state regulations governing licensed pilots operating in RI waters.</p>	<p>Increase tonnage of boats new pilots are permitted to handle in RI waters.</p>	<p>RI licensed pilots.</p>	<p>Mike Scanlon, Boating Safety Program Coordinator, Division of Enforcement , 222-2284; Don McGovern, Division of Coastal Resources, 783-5551</p>
<p><u>ALTERNATIVE FOREST USE CHALLENGE GRANTS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 2-5, 2-10, 42-17.1 and 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 12/09/03</i></p>	<p>Update and revise criteria and process to evaluate grant proposals.</p>	<p>Clarify process used to issue challenge grants to forest landowners for establishing alternative forest-based businesses.</p>	<p>Forest landowners, farmers.</p>	<p>Gregg J. Cassidy, Sustainable Watersheds Office, 222-3434, ext. 4403.</p>
<p><u>FY2004 PROJECT PRIORITY LIST</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 42-17.1; 46-12, 46-12.2 and 42-35</i></p> <p><i>Effective: 10/15/03</i></p>	<p>Publish the FY2004 Project Priority List as a technical amendment to establish the universe of projects that potentially could receive funding from the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Program.</p>	<p>Establish eligibility for below-market rate interest loans for selected water pollution abatement projects.</p>	<p>Municipalities, quasi-state agencies and other local governmental units.</p>	<p>Jay Manning, Office of Water Resources, 222-4700 ext. 7254.</p>

Rules and Regulations
Proposed to be Filed Between January 15, 2004 and June 15, 2004

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<p><u>MARINE FISHERIES</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 20-1-2, 20-1-4; 20-3-1 through 20-3-6; 20-4 through 20-10; 42-17.1; 42-17.6; and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend/regulate fisheries methods, possession limits, and seasons according to federal agency mandates and decisions by the Director in conjunction with the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council. Also, codify decision-making process involving the Council, its Advisory Panels, and DEM.</p>	<p>Maintain compliance with federal mandates, established fisheries management rules and regulations, and the RI General Laws. Formalize, through regulation, the cooperative management process employed by DEM and the Council.</p>	<p>Commercial and recreational fishermen and fish processing businesses.</p>	<p>Mark Gibson, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 423-1940.</p>
<p><u>IMPORTATION, FEEDING, AND BAITING OF CERVIDS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 4-4-23, 20-17-9, 4-18, 20-17, 42-17.1, 42-17.6 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Make permanent the emergency regulations that were filed 12/30/02 to prevent the introduction of chronic wasting disease (CWD) into the State of Rhode Island.</p>	<p>Keep the wild cervid population (i.e., deer) free of CWD, giving deer hunters confidence that the herds are not a threat to public health.</p>	<p>Deer hunters.</p>	<p>Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 789-7083 and Gary Powers, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 782-4765.</p>
<p><u>WILDLIFE REHABILITATION</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 20-1-18, 20-1-22, 42-17.1, 42-17.6 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Comprehensive re-write of state's wildlife rehabilitation regulations.</p>	<p>Incorporate more flexibility within the wildlife rehabilitation program and encourage additional program participation.</p>	<p>Wildlife rehabilitators.</p>	<p>Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 789-7083 and Lori Gibson, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 789-7481.</p>
<p><u>HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR 2004-2005 SEASON: FRESHWATER FISHING REGULATIONS FOR 2004-2005 SEASON</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 20-1-4; 20-1-12; 20-1-13; 42-17.1; 42-17.6; and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Establish conditions and requirements for hunting or fishing species, bag limits, minimum size restrictions, seasons, etc. in accordance with federal guidelines and public comment.</p>	<p>Set the rules for all hunted and fished (freshwater) species in Rhode Island.</p>	<p>Recreational anglers and hunters.</p>	<p>Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish & Wildlife, 789-7083.</p>

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<p><u>PARKS AND MANAGEMENT AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 42-17.1; 42-17.6; 20-18; 20-1-2; 20-1-4; 20-1-8; 32-2-4; 31-3.2 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Modify the regulations governing target ranges.</p>	<p>Allow users of target ranges the opportunity to practice with the type of ammunition used while legally hunting.</p>	<p>Target range users and hunters.</p>	<p>Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish & Wildlife, 789-7083.</p>
<p><u>AIR POLLUTION: COMBINED HEAT AND POWER AND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-23(5)12 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Establish regulations limiting air pollution emissions from small-scale combined heat and power and distributed generation projects.</p>	<p>Streamline the permitting process for small-scale combined heat and power and distributed generation projects, and encourage the use of distributed generation to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	<p>Engine and turbine manufacturers, large energy users, state agencies, businesses.</p>	<p>Doug McVay, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808, ext. 7011.</p>
<p><u>DEFINITIONS IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12) and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Update the definition of “Volatile Organic Compound” in the air pollution control regulations to be consistent with the federal definition. Create a central list of consistent definitions for 15-20 terms used in several APC regulations and remove the definitions of those terms (including VOC) from individual APC regulations.</p>	<p>Ensure consistency amongst multiple sets of air quality regulations, and where appropriate, make state definitions consistent with federal definitions. Minimize the need to amend multiple sets of regulations when definitions used in more than one set of regulations change.</p>	<p>Businesses, industry and other entities subject to RI APC regulations.</p>	<p>Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808, ext. 7012.</p>
<p><u>AIR TOXICS (APC REGULATION NO. 22)</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12) and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend APC Regulation No. 22, “Air Toxics,” to: make the list of air toxics compatible with EPA’s Hazardous Air Pollutant list; add additional air contaminants; update the Acceptable Ambient Levels and Minimum Quantity thresholds; and clarify permitting thresholds.</p>	<p>Reduce air toxics emissions from facilities that may have significant impacts on ambient air quality.</p>	<p>Businesses, industry, landfills, sewage sludge incinerators and other facilities that emit toxic air contaminants.</p>	<p>Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808, ext. 7012.</p>
<p><u>AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PERMITS (APC REGULATION NO. 9)</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12) and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend APC Regulation No. 9, “Air Pollution Control Permits,” to make that regulation consistent with proposed amendments to Regulation No. 22.</p>	<p>Ensure consistency among RI air pollution control regulations.</p>	<p>Businesses/facilities that emit air toxics.</p>	<p>Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808, ext. 7012.</p>

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<p><u>CONTROL OF EMISSIONS FROM ORGANIC SOLVENT CLEANERS (APC REGULATION NO. 36)</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12) and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Make minor revisions to APC Regulation No. 36, "Control of Emissions from Organic Solvent Cleaners", to make the regulation consistent with the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) model rule for this source category, where applicable, and clarify ambiguities in current regulatory language.</p>	<p>Provide for more reductions in emissions from solvent degreasers, dryers and cold cleaners, and promote regulatory consistency with neighboring states.</p>	<p>Businesses with solvent degreasers, dry and/or cold cleaners.</p>	<p>Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808, ext. 7012.</p>
<p><u>CONTROL OF VOCs FROM AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING OPERATIONS (AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATION NO. 30)</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12) and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Make minor revisions to APC Regulation No. 30, "Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Automotive Refinishing Operations," to clarify ambiguities in existing regulatory language and ensure consistency with the OTC model rule.</p>	<p>Provide for more reductions in emissions from automotive refinishing operations, and promote regulatory consistency with neighboring states.</p>	<p>Automobile refinishing industry and related businesses.</p>	<p>Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808, ext. 7012.</p>
<p><u>PORTABLE FUEL CONTAINER SPILLAGE CONTROLS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12) and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Establish new portable fuel container spillage control regulations consistent with those in the OTC model rule.</p>	<p>Provide for reductions in VOC emissions and gasoline spillage from portable fuel containers, and promote regulatory consistency with neighboring states.</p>	<p>Businesses that manufacture and/or sell portable fuel containers, consumers of portable fuel containers.</p>	<p>Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808, ext. 7012.</p>
<p><u>CONTROL OF VOCs FROM COMMERCIAL AND CONSUMER PRODUCTS (AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATION NO. 31)</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12) and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend APC Regulation No. 31, "Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Commercial and Consumer Products," to: 1) convert it from a contingency regulation to an active regulation; and 2) update the list of regulated products & VOC limits to ensure consistency with those in the OTC model rule.</p>	<p>Reduce emissions of VOCs from commercial/consumer products, and promote regulatory consistency with neighboring states.</p>	<p>Businesses that manufacture and/or sell commercial and consumer products that emit VOCs and consumers of such products.</p>	<p>Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808, ext. 7012.</p>

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<p><u>CONTROL OF VOCs FROM ARCHITECTURAL COATINGS AND INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCES COATINGS (AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATION NO. 33)</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12) and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend APC Regulation No. 33, "Control of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) from Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings," to: 1) convert it from a contingency regulation to an active regulation; and 2) update the list of regulated products & VOC limits to ensure consistency with those in the OTC model rule.</p>	<p>Reduce emissions of VOCs from architectural and industrial maintenance coatings, and promote regulatory consistency with neighboring states.</p>	<p>Businesses that manufacture and/or sell architectural and industrial maintenance coatings, consumers of architectural and industrial maintenance coatings.</p>	<p>Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808, ext. 7012.</p>
<p><u>GROUNDWATER QUALITY</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 46-13-1 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Update and simplify the rules governing groundwater protection.</p>	<p>Update the statewide classification map and designation of wellhead protection areas; promote consistency with respect to site remediation activities; and clarify certain siting restrictions regarding Class V Underground Injection Control Sites.</p>	<p>Developers/contractors involved in site remediation activities and parties interested in drinking water issues.</p>	<p>Ernest Panciera, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7603.</p>
<p><u>SLUDGE</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 46-12 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend sludge regulations to reduce regulatory oversight of the distribution and utilization of Class A Biosolids, and bring the regulations more in line with EPA's sludge regulations.</p>	<p>Increase the distribution market in Rhode Island for facilities that generate Class A Biosolids.</p>	<p>Municipalities with wastewater treatment facilities, landscaping and agricultural industries.</p>	<p>Warren Towne, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7247.</p>
<p><u>PRETREATMENT REGULATIONS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 46-12 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend state pretreatment regulations to conform to recent changes made to federal pretreatment regulations.</p>	<p>Clarify/streamline procedures that municipalities and industries must follow to implement changes to their pretreatment programs.</p>	<p>Municipalities and industries with pretreatment programs</p>	<p>Eric Beck, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7202.</p>
<p><u>FRESHWATER WETLANDS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 2-1 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend wetland regulations, in accordance with Chapter 2-1, based on the recommendations of the Wetlands Task Force and other recommendations identified by the Department.</p>	<p>Establish a simplified permit fee schedule; establish a reorganized, clearer rule format; remove barriers to pre-application meetings with wetlands program staff; and address dam reconstruction projects.</p>	<p>Developers, property owners, environmental community.</p>	<p>Carol Murphy, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7208.</p>

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<p><u>WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 46-12 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Update and revise regulations in response to DEM's triennial review of the water quality regulations as required by the federal Clean Water Act.</p>	<p>Establish consistency with recent changes to federal water quality criteria; streamline the public notice/comment/hearing processes for water quality certifications.</p>	<p>Wastewater treatment facilities, industries that discharge to surface waters, and applicants for water quality certifications.</p>	<p>Connie Carey, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7239.</p>
<p><u>UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 42-17.1 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Increase inspection frequency of underground storage tank (UST) systems in accordance with new statutory mandate. Evaluate possible third party inspection options as part of a public stakeholder process this spring.</p>	<p>Increase inspections of UST systems throughout the state.</p>	<p>Underground storage tank owners, and environmental consultants</p>	<p>Leo Hellested, Office of Waste Management, 222-4700, ext. 7502. Ron Gagnon, Office of Customer and Technical Assistance, 222-4700, ext. 7500.</p>
<p><u>INSPECTIONS OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS [DAM SAFETY]</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 46-19, 42-17.1, and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Establish a regulatory framework for several of the major provisions of the state's current dam safety law. Rhode Island currently does not have any rules governing standards for dam inspections and repairs even though the Department, since its inception, has administered a dam safety program.</p>	<p>Identify minimum requirements for maintenance of a dam, registration of a dam, and responsibilities of the department and dam owners in inspecting and repairing dams; improve public information through adoption of a formal hazard classification for dams; improve regulatory oversight of dams.</p>	<p>Dam owners, cities and towns, property owners adjacent to and downstream of open water bodies created by a dam, and the general public that use open water bodies created by a dam for recreational purposes.</p>	<p>David Chopy, Office of Compliance and Inspection, 222-4700 extension 7257.</p>
<p><u>USED OIL RECYCLING</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-19.1, 42-17.1, 46-12, 23-23, 23-18.9 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Establish management and handling standards for generators, transporters, and facilities dealing with used oil to facilitate the recycling of used oil rather than disposing as a hazardous waste.</p>	<p>Manage used oil in a manner similar to the storage and handling of hazardous waste but less restrictively so as to facilitate recycling rather than disposal as a hazardous waste. Protect the environment and the public's safety while encouraging recycling.</p>	<p>Businesses, industry, municipalities, and state agencies that generate, transport, or deal with used oil.</p>	<p>Dean Albro, Office of Compliance & Inspection, 222-1360, ext. 7400. Sean Carney, Office of Compliance & Inspection, 222-1360, ext. 7411.</p>
<p><u>SOLID WASTE REGULATORY FEES</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 42-17.1 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend state regulations governing solid waste fees.</p>	<p>Stabilize funding for the solid waste program.</p>	<p>Owners of solid waste management facilities, including C&D processing facilities, landfills, large transfer stations, and petroleum processing facilities.</p>	<p>Leo Hellested, Office of Waste Management, 222-2797, ext. 7502.</p>

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<p><u>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROJECTS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-18.9, 42-17.1 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend solid waste regulations to allow DEM to approve solid waste management pilot projects proposed by municipalities pursuant to new statutory provisions enacted in 2003.</p>	<p>Encourage the development of safe, alternative waste management techniques in Rhode Island.</p>	<p>RI cities and towns and solid waste management community.</p>	<p>Leo Hellested, Office of Waste Management, 222-4700, ext. 7502. Laurie Grandchamp, Office of Waste Management, 222-4700, ext. 7143.</p>
<p><u>ARSENIC</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-19.1-6 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend state regulations to increase the Industrial/Commercial Direct Exposure Standard for Arsenic from 3.7 ppm to 7.0 ppm.</p>	<p>Recognize the statistical distribution of naturally occurring arsenic in Rhode Island, thereby facilitating site remediation projects.</p>	<p>Owners of properties found to have arsenic.</p>	<p>Leo Hellested, Office of Waste Management, 222-4700 ext. 7502.</p>
<p><u>PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS TO FARMLAND</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 42-82 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Update and revise the existing rules governing the operating procedures of the Agricultural Land Preservation Commission regarding administration of bond funds to purchase development rights to farmland to reflect current state objectives and the comprehensive planning statute.</p>	<p>Update procedures and standards to reflect current state objectives and statutes (no significant impact on operation or outcome of the program).</p>	<p>Farmers.</p>	<p>Judy Bailey, Chairman, Agricultural Land Preservation Commission, 884-2862. Ken Ayars, RI DEM Division of Agriculture, 222-2781 ext. 4500.</p>
<p><u>PESTICIDE CONTROL</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-25 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in schools pursuant to new statutory requirements enacted in 2002.</p>	<p>Protect public health by establishing standards for IPM Programs in all schools.</p>	<p>Public and private secondary schools, daycare and childcare centers.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Lopes-Duguay, Division of Agriculture, 222-4700, ext. 4510.</p>
<p><u>IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 4-19-1 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Update and revise the regulations governing the importation of animals, particularly with regard to the required import permits, certificates of veterinary inspection, and disease-free certification.</p>	<p>Protect public health, animal health, wildlife, and related industries by ensuring that animals imported into the state are healthy and disease free.</p>	<p>General public, health professions, animal industry, animal welfare groups, veterinarians, agriculture, and animal wildlife groups.</p>	<p>Chris H. Hannafin, D.V.M., RI State Public Health Veterinarian, Division of Agriculture, 222-4700, ext. 4503.</p>
<p><u>IMPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF WILD AND EXOTIC ANIMALS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 4-19-1 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Update and revise the regulations concerning the importation of, possession of, and standards of care for exotic and wild animals.</p>	<p>Limits the possession of wild and exotic animals to qualified individuals participating in bonafide educational, research, and nonprofit usage.</p>	<p>Zoos, researchers, exhibitors, veterinarians, animal welfare groups.</p>	<p>Chris H. Hannafin, D.V.M., RI State Public Health Veterinarian, Division of Agriculture, 222-4700, ext. 4503.</p>

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<p><u>CULTURAL PRACTICES FOR BRANDING PRODUCTS OF THE FARM (ORGANIC CERTIFICATION)</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 21-20, 42-17.1 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Maintain USDA accreditation of RI's organic certification program.</p>	<p>Clarify and streamline the certification process regarding organic farm products.</p>	<p>Organic farmers and food processors, and the Northeast Organic farming Association/RI Chapter.</p>	<p>Dan Lawton, Division of Agriculture, 222-2781, ext. 4516</p>
<p><u>ANIMAL CARE REGULATIONS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 4-19-1 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Establish comprehensive animal care regulations.</p>	<p>Protect the owners of dogs and cats from the sale or use of stolen pets; insure that all warm-blooded vertebrate animals, used in commerce, are provided humane care and treatment by regulating the transportation, sale, purchase, housing, care, and treatment of these animals by persons or organizations transporting, buying, or selling them for commercial use; insure that animals confined in pet shops, kennels, animal shelters, and pounds are provided humane care and treatment; release for sale, trade, or adoption only those animals which appear to be free of communicable disease or abnormalities, unless veterinary care subsequent to release is assured; and insure the spaying and neutering of dogs/cats adopted from a releasing agency.</p>	<p>Animal welfare groups, animal control agencies, pet shops, kennels, pounds, auction markets, and veterinarians.</p>	<p>Peter B. Belinsky, V.M.D. Rhode Island State Public Health Veterinarian, Division of Agriculture, 222-4700, ext. 4908.</p>
<p><u>REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSURE, INTAKE, RELINQUISHMENT, TRANSFER, SHELTERING AND ADOPTION OF ANIMALS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 4-19 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Establish regulations governing licensure requirements, procedures and protocols for the intake, relinquishment, sheltering, transfer and adoption of animals to and from the public.</p>	<p>Protect public health and the well being of animals by establishing standards for organizations & individuals who participate in the adoption of animals.</p>	<p>Animal shelters, dog pounds, kennels, pet shops, rescue leagues, animal welfare groups, volunteer animal groups</p>	<p>Chris H. Hannafin, D.V.M., RI State Public Health Veterinarian, Division of Agriculture, 222-4700, ext. 4503.</p>

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<p><u>REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO FOREST FIRE PERSONNEL AND FOREST FIRES AND PREVENTION</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 2-12.5, 42-17.1, and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Amend regulations governing designation of forest fire districts, rates of compensation for forest fires, patrols during drought, and restrictions on open air fires.</p>	<p>Change rate of compensation for fire vehicles, eliminate payment for crawler tractors, and define fire vehicles and expendable supplies.</p>	<p>Fire districts, fire chiefs.</p>	<p>Tom Bourn, Division of Forest Environment, 647-3367.</p>
<p><u>MANAGEMENT OF THE NARRAGANSETT BAY NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 42-17.1 and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Establish management regulations for the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (separate and distinct from DEM's Management Area regulations) to facilitate effective management of activities conducted within the land boundaries of the reserve.</p>	<p>Provide for a systematic regulatory mechanism to support Bay research, ecological monitoring, education, resource stewardship, and recreational use at the Reserve.</p>	<p>Researchers, conservation organizations, boaters, and those who use the Reserve for recreational purposes.</p>	<p>Roger Greene, Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 683-6780.</p>
<p><u>MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS</u></p> <p><i>Legal Basis: 23-19.1-6, 23-24.9, and 42-35</i></p>	<p>Establish a regulatory framework for several provisions of the RI Mercury Education and Reduction Act as enacted in 2001 and amended in 2003.</p>	<p>Establish regulatory provisions for notification procedures for mercury-added products and restrictions on the sale of mercury-added novelties.</p>	<p>Electronic manufacturers, manufacturers of mercury-added fabricated/formulated products, schools, and environmental groups.</p>	<p>Beverly Migliore, Office of Technical and Customer Assistance, 222-4700 ext. 7503. Ron Gagnon, Office of Technical and Customer Assistance, 222-4700 ext. 7500.</p>