

Groundwater Quality Rule

IDAPA 58.01.11

Negotiated Rule Making

March 14, 2025



STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Groundwater Bureau

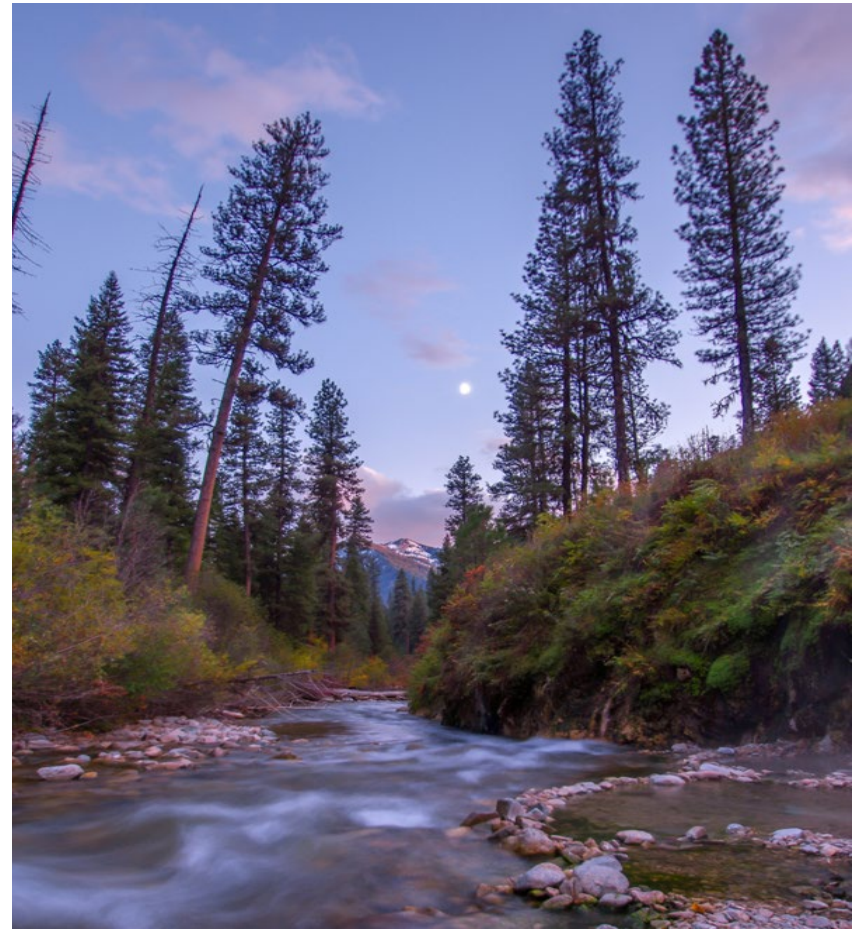
Welcome!



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Objectives

- Introductions
- Housekeeping
- Zero Based Regulation
- Rule Changes/common changes
- Rulemaking Process & Next Steps



Housekeeping and Reminders

- In person: please sign in
- Please silence cell phones
- Online: mute microphone when not talking
- Online: raise hand feature or type question in chat box
- Introduce yourself before speaking
- This meeting will not be recorded
- We encourage discussion but please submit written comments by March 21, 2025 to Scott.Short@deq.idaho.gov
- Only written comments will be considered

Executive Order 2020-01

Zero Based Regulation (ZBR)

- Followed from Executive Order 2019-02, Red Tape Reduction Act
- Simplify rules
- Reduce regulatory burden
- Provide clarity and ease of use
 - Remove obsolete, outdated, unnecessary language/regulations
- Review rules on a defined schedule
- GW Rules scheduled for 2025 for the 2026 legislative session

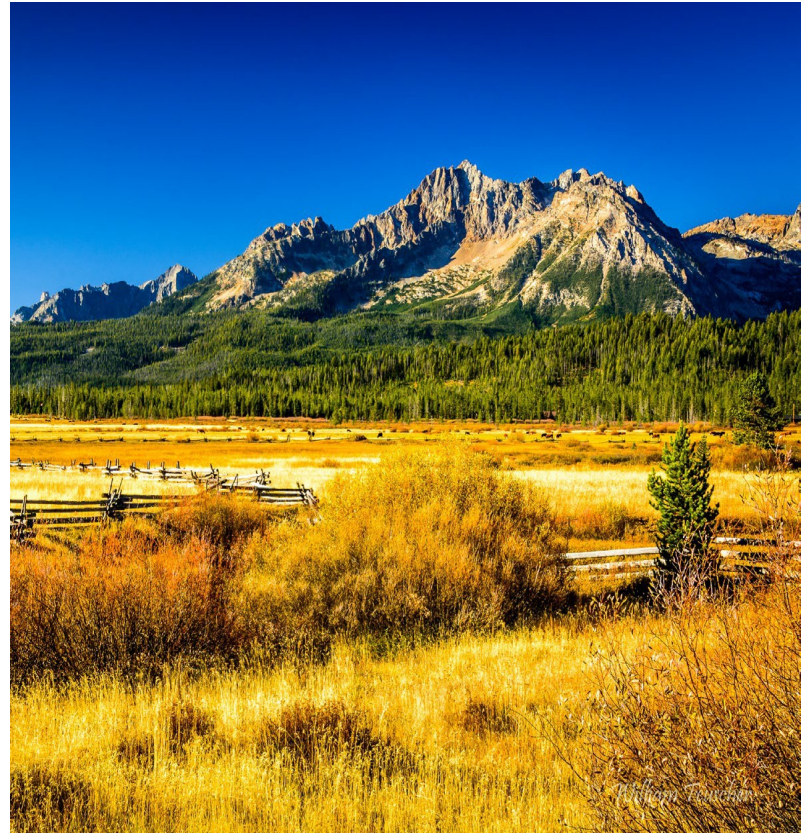
Rule Changes

The draft rule is available on the webpage:

<https://www.deq.idaho.gov/public-information/laws-guidance-and-orders/rulemaking/groundwater-quality-docket-no-58-0111-2501/>

Common changes

- No substantive changes
- Replace “shall” with “will”
- Reduce the use of “must”
- Reduce restrictive words
- Formatting changes
- Update “ground water to groundwater
- Remove redundancies
 - Statutes; Incorporations;
Other areas in rules



Examples of Rule Changes

1. Section 000. Legal Authority; significant text reduction
2. Section 003 Referenced Material; guidance added
3. Section 006 Policy section; removed
4. Section 007.04; changing “which” to “that”
5. Section 011; Incorporation by Reference deleted
6. Section 200 .02; changing “shall” to “must”
7. Section 401.04; changing “shall” to “will”
8. All through the rule; changing ground water to groundwater

Rulemaking Process and Next Steps

Negotiations

March 14, 2025 &
public comments due
March 21, 2025

2nd: April 18, 2025 at 9:30 am,
IDEQ State Office. Public
comments due by April 25, 2025

Proposed Rule

Publish in August 2025
bulletin
- 21 day public comment
(August 27, 2025)

Pending Rule will be published in the December 2025 Bulletin

DEQ Board

November 2025

Public Discussion



- Please state your name and affiliation.
- Note this is not the official public comment forum.
- Provide comments in writing by March 21, 2025 to:
Scott.Short@deq.idaho.gov



Thank you

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