

IDAPA 58 – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

58.01.11 – GROUNDWATER QUALITY RULE

DOCKET NO. 58-0111-2601

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES – NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5220, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate a rule and desires public participation before publishing a proposed rule. This rulemaking action is authorized by Sections 39-105, 39-107, 39-120, and 39-126, Idaho Code.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Those interested in participating in the negotiated rulemaking process are encouraged to attend the scheduled meeting. For those who cannot participate by attending the meeting, information for submission of written comments is provided at the end of this notice.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A negotiated rulemaking meeting has been scheduled. Details, including a Microsoft Teams meeting link, for this meeting and any additional meeting dates will be posted at: [Groundwater: Docket No. 58-0111-2601 | Idaho Department of Environmental Quality](#).

Wednesday May 13, 2026 9:30 a.m. MT
DEQ State Office Conference Room C 1410 N. Hilton Boise, ID 83706
Microsoft Teams meeting Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29935175524443?p=vsgDBHydq7qfmZFecB Meeting ID: 299 351 755 244 43 Passcode: AK2zq7CX
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The meeting location will be accessible to persons with disabilities, and language translators will be made available upon request. Requests must be made no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting date. For arrangements contact the undersigned.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: In accordance with Idaho Code Section 67-5292, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is reviewing IDAPA 58.01.11 to assess whether the content of the rule chapter is still necessary. As part of negotiated rulemaking, the DEQ will consider additional necessary updates and improvements while strengthening economic opportunity and protecting public health and safety.

The goal of the rulemaking is to update Idaho’s Groundwater Quality Rule to align with the Federal national primary drinking water standards, where appropriate, resulting in consistent standards protective of human health. The intent is to address Table II – Primary Constituent Standards, found in Section 200, which will include arsenic, lead, uranium, and certain perfluoroalkyl substances.

Additionally, the rulemaking will consider establishing new groundwater standards and whether existing implementation provisions, including aquifer categorization procedures, should be clarified or streamlined.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RULE: The preliminary draft rule is available at: [Groundwater: Docket No. 58-0111-2601 | Idaho Department of Environmental Quality](#).

DEQ will facilitate negotiation of this rule in conjunction with a committee made up of stakeholders having an interest in the revision of this rule. Upon conclusion of negotiations, DEQ intends to publish a proposed rule for public comment.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS: For assistance on questions concerning this rulemaking, contact Scott Short at Scott.Short@deq.idaho.gov or (208) 373-0191.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Information regarding public comment opportunities provided throughout the rulemaking process will be available at: [Groundwater: Docket No. 58-0111-2601 | Idaho Department of Environmental Quality](#).

Dated this 6th day of May, 2026.

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