

Water Quality Standards Quarterly Meeting

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Agenda

- ▶ **Introductions - WQS Staff, Attendees**
- ▶ **Triennial Comments Review - Chris Smith
(about 30 minutes)**
- ▶ **Public Presentations & Discussion
(present 10 min, discuss 10 min)**
- ▶ **Status update on currently-proposed WQS rule, Emergency Rule,
and Triennial Review**
- ▶ **If time allows, Overview of Federal WQS changes and upcoming
criteria recommendations**

Status & Timeline: WQS Legislative Rule

- ▶ View documents on [Secretary of State \(SOS\) website here](#)
- ▶ Contains changes to selenium and aluminum criteria, as well as variances for Martin and Sandy Creek watersheds
- ▶ Nov 15, passed thru Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee
- ▶ 2016 Legislative session - WQS rule will likely be introduced
- ▶ Summer 2016 - When effective, submit to EPA for approval

Status & Timeline: WQS Emergency Rule

- ▶ Contains aluminum and selenium revisions only
- ▶ May be viewed on [Secretary of State \(SOS\) website here](#)
- ▶ Required by WV Legislature, SB562 and SB357
- ▶ Originally submitted to Sec of State on June 29, 2015
- ▶ “Effective” as of August 10th, when approved by Sec of State
- ▶ Amendment submitted to SOS on Sept 21, 2015
- ▶ Amendment approved by SOS on Oct 22, 2015
- ▶ Submitted to EPA for approval on November 2, 2015

Status & Timeline: 2017 Triennial Review

2016 Proposed Rule process & 2017 Legislative process

- ▶ **Jan-Feb 2016** - Scientific/technical review of potential revisions
- ▶ **March 2016** - WQS Public Meeting: discuss revisions
- ▶ **May 2016** - Initial filing WQS Triennial rule revisions
- ▶ **June-July 2016** - Public hearing, comments, submit proposed rule
- ▶ **Fall 2016** - Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee
- ▶ **2017 Legislative session** - WQS Triennial rule introduced
- ▶ **Summer 2017** - When in effect, submit to EPA for approval

Questions?



What questions do you have about the current rule status or Triennial review process?

Next WQS Quarterly Meeting

- Will be in March - How about Tuesday the 29th?

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