

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Office of Water Resources

RULE IDENTIFIER: ERLID #: 8275

REGULATION TITLE: FY 2016 Project Priority List

RULEMAKING ACTION: Direct Final

Direct Final: If no formal objection is received on or before Monday, December 4, 2017 Department of Environmental Management will file the amendment without opportunity for public comment.

TYPE OF FILING: Repeal

TIMETABLE FOR ACTION ON THE PROPOSED RULE:

Public Notice: Friday, November 3, 2017

End of Comment Period Date: Monday, December 4, 2017.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULE: The Project Priority List was an Appendix of the Rules & Regulations for the Priority Determination System for Federal and State Assistance to Local Governmental Units for Construction of Water Pollution Abatement Projects (the "PriDet regulations"). The Department has now determined that the Project Priority List is a guidance document, therefore eliminating the requirement for the Department to amend the PriDet regulations annually in order to publish a new Project Priority List. Thus, consistent with the Governor's mandate to repeal unnecessary regulations, the Department proposes the repeal of the subject regulations.

COMMENTS INVITED:

All interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed regulations by **Monday, December 4, 2017**, to the addresses listed below.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation: N/A

Authority for This Rulemaking: R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 46-12.2

Regulatory Findings:

In the development of the proposed repeal consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

The Proposed Amendment: The purpose of this amendment is to repeal the regulation in full.

Department of Environmental Management proposes to repeal the FY 2016 Project Priority List. Electronic copies of the proposed rulemaking are available at the Secretary of State and DEM's website at the following web addresses:

<http://sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/>

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/documents/regulations/index.php>