



Regulation Development Update

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NO PENDING REGULATION DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY FOR:

The following program areas have no pending regulation development activities at this time.

Chief Financial Officer

Budgets and Financial Management

General Counsel

Environmental Affairs

Environmental Affairs Administration
Land and Waste Management
Water
Ocean and Coastal Resource Management

Health Regulation

Drug Control

Public Health

Disease Control
Maternal and Child Health
Public Health Preparedness
Public Health Statistics and Information Services

There are no DHEC Emergency Regulations in effect at this time.

PENDING REGULATION DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY FOR:

The following program areas have pending regulation development activities at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AIR QUALITY – Final Regulation

R.61-62, Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards

State Register Document 4750

Summary:

Pursuant to the South Carolina Pollution Control Act, S.C. Code Section 48-1-10 et seq. (2008), along with the federal Clean Air Act (“CAA”), 42 U.S.C. Sections 7410, 7413, and 7416, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control must ensure national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards are achieved and maintained in South Carolina. No state may adopt or enforce an emission standard or limitation less stringent than these federal standards or limitations pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 7416.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) promulgates amendments to the Code of Federal Regulations (“CFR”) throughout each calendar year. Recent federal amendments to 40 CFR Parts 50, 51, 52, 60, 61, 63, and 70 include clarification, guidance and technical amendments regarding state implementation plan (“SIP”) requirements promulgated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sections 7410 and 7413, New Source Performance Standards (“NSPS”) mandated by 42 U.S.C. Section 7411, federal National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (“NESHAP”) for Source Categories mandated by 42 U.S.C. Section 7412, and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (“PSD”) and Title V Operating Program provisions promulgated under title I and title V of the CAA.

The Department proposes to amend the following, as well as the South Carolina SIP to adopt the federal amendments to these standards, promulgated from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016:

R.61-62.1	Definitions and General Requirements
R.61-62.5, Standard No.7	Prevention of Significant Deterioration
R.61-62.60	South Carolina Designated Facility Plan and New Source Performance Standards

R.61-62.61	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)
R.61-62.63	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Source Categories
R.61-62.70	Title V Operating Permit Program

The Department also proposes to add R.61-62.97, Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) Trading Program, to incorporate the EPA's CSAPR trading program for South Carolina in 40 CFR Part 97 for NO_x (Annual) and SO₂ (Annual), as published in the Federal Register on August 8, 2011 (76 FR 48208) and subsequently amended on June 12, 2012 (77 FR 34830), December 3, 2014 (79 FR 71663), and October 26, 2016 (81 FR 74504). This regulation will address mandatory transport and regional haze SIP infrastructure elements pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sections 7410 and 7491.

The Department is also proposing other changes to R.61-62 that include corrections for internal consistency, clarification, reference, punctuation, codification, formatting, and spelling to improve the overall text as necessary.

South Carolina industries are already subject to these national air quality standards as a matter of federal law. Thus, there will be no increased cost to the State or its political subdivisions resulting from codification of these amendments to federal law. The state of South Carolina is already reaping the environmental benefits of these amendments.

In accordance with S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(H) (Supp. 2016), legislative review is not required because the Department proposes promulgating the amendments to maintain compliance with federal law. As such, neither a preliminary assessment report nor a preliminary fiscal impact statement is required.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – Proposed Regulations

R.61-55, Septic Tank Evaluation Fees

State Register Document TBD

Summary:

The Department proposes amending R.61-55, Septic Tank Evaluation Fees to adjust application fees and correct and amend definitions. The revision would include an increase in fees, allow for a new expedited permitting process with associated fees, and application fees would be related to the particular service performed. This revision is needed to update the fees to an appropriate level for implementing the program. The Department may also make stylistic changes for internal consistency, clarification in wording, corrections of references, grammatical errors, outlining and codification, and such other changes as necessary to improve the overall quality of the regulation. Legislative review is required.

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R.61-56.1, License To Construct Or Clean Onsite Sewage Treatment And Disposal Systems And Self-Contained Toilets

State Register Document TBD

Summary:

The Department proposes to amend R.61-56.1, License to Construct or Clean Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems and Self-Contained Toilets to remove the licensure of onsite wastewater system installers, and rededicate R.61-56.1 for the licensure of septage pumpers and haulers. The licensure of onsite wastewater system installers will be moved to R. 61-56.2, Licensing of Onsite Wastewater Systems Master Contractors, in a separate amendment being proposed in the S.C. State Register concurrently with this amendment of R.61-56.1. Placing these requirements into separate regulations will provide the public and regulated entities with more clarity and easier search capabilities. The revision would include an increase in fees to an appropriate level for implementing the program. The Department may also make stylistic changes for internal consistency, clarification in wording, corrections of references, grammatical errors, outlining and codification, and such other changes as necessary to improve the overall quality of the regulation. Legislative review is required.

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R.61-56.2, Licensing Of Onsite Wastewater Systems Master Contractors

State Register Document TBD

Summary:

The Department proposes to amend R.61-56.2, Licensing of Onsite Wastewater Systems Master Contractors, to include the requirements for all installers that construct onsite wastewater (septic) systems. Among other requirements, the revision will include continuing educational requirements and a tiered system of installers with associated tiered fees. To assist the industry in meeting the requirements for continuing education and ensure adequate and appropriate courses are available, the Department is proposing a delayed implementation of the continuing educational units' ("CEU") requirement to be phased into the program three years after passage of the regulation. The Department may also make stylistic changes for internal consistency, clarification in wording, corrections of references, grammatical errors, outlining and codification, and such other changes as necessary to improve the overall quality of the regulation. Legislative review is required.

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CERTIFICATE OF NEED – Proposed Regulation

R.61-15, Certification of Need for Health Facilities and Services

State Register Document TBD

Summary:

The Department proposes amending this regulation to enable an electronic application process, revise the application format, update exemption and non-applicability determination processes, and revise language regarding penalties and enforcement actions. The Department also intends to add, remove, or modify multiple definitions contained within the regulation. The Department may also update language and processes related to public hearings on Certificate of Need applications, the application and review process and related notifications, voidance and extension procedures, and periodic and final reporting requirements regarding issued Certificates of Need. The amendment may also revise the project review criteria. The Department may also revise the monetary thresholds which trigger a Certificate of Need review. The Department may also make stylistic changes for internal consistency, clarification in wording, corrections of references, grammatical errors, outlining and codification, and such other changes as may be necessary to improve the overall quality of the regulation. Legislative review is required.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAUMA – Proposed Regulation

R.61-118, South Carolina Stroke Care System

State Register Document 4760

Summary:

In 2011, the General Assembly passed the Stroke System of Care Act of 2011 (“Act”) which requires the Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”) to promulgate regulations to establish a process of application and recognition of acute care hospitals that wish to be recognized as stroke centers within the State. A list of all recognized stroke centers must be posted on the Department website and distributed to all DHEC licensed Emergency Medical Service (EMS) agencies. The Act further requires the Department to establish a statewide stroke registry for the collection and analysis of stroke care by acute care hospitals within the State. Additionally, the Act requires the Department to adopt and distribute a nationally recognized, standardized stroke-triage assessment tool. This assessment tool must be posted on the Department’s website and distributed to all DHEC-licensed EMS agencies. Legislative review is required.

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HEALTH FACILITY LICENSING – Proposed Regulations

R.61-16, Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries

State Register Document 4740

Summary:

The Department is making necessary amendments to this regulation to incorporate recent changes in state law, as well as changes to current practices and standards. The amendment incorporates provisions allowing dietitians to prescribe diets and other dietary services; incorporate requirements of S.C. Code Sections 44-41-410 through -480 relating to the provision of abortion services; incorporate existing inspection and construction fees; and incorporate new safe haven requirements. Legislative review is required.

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R.61-78, Standards for Licensing Hospices

State Register Document TBD

Summary:

On May 19, 2017, Governor Henry McMaster signed into law Act No. 61 amending the Hospice Licensure Act. The Department proposes amending R.61-78 to incorporate the provisions of Act No. 61 into its oversight of hospices. The Department may also include stylistic changes, which may include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, definitions, references, codification, and overall improvement of the text of the regulation. Legislative review is required.

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R.61-TBD, Proposed New Regulation for Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities

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Summary:

On April 24, 2017, Governor Henry McMaster signed into effect Act No. 10 amending Article 3 of Chapter 7, Title 44, to require the Department to license and regulate Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities. These facilities provide a short-term residential program, offering psychiatric stabilization services and brief, intensive crisis services to individuals eighteen and older, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Legislative review is required.

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RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH – Proposed Regulation

R.61-63, Radioactive Materials (Title A)

State Register Document TBD

Summary:

The federal Atomic Energy Act of 1954 enables the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) to enter into agreements with state governors allowing for state regulation of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials. 42 U.S.C. Section 2121. The Commission enters into such agreements if it finds that the state regulatory program is in compliance with applicable federal regulations. Id. In order to renew South Carolina’s ongoing agreement with the Commission, DHEC proposes amending Regulation 61-63 to ensure state standards are in compliance with the Commission’s regulatory updates. Specifically, DHEC’s proposed amendments will revise Parts II, V, VII, and XII, for consistency with federal regulations. The Department may also make revisions for grammatical errors, typographical errors, and other such changes. Legislative review is not required.

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