



## START ACTION NOTICE (SAN)

SAN # 2025-13

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1. TYPE OF ACTION AND THE REGULATION NUMBER AND NAME:

Add a new section to the Administrative Code – 7800 - combining all regulations specific to the licensing of professions within the scope of the Division of Water as 7800 and titled Licensing for Regulated Professions and Occupations.

2. PURPOSE OF ACTION:

The current lack of standardization, between the three licensing programs of the Division of Water Administrative Code, has presented problems that do not deliver efficiency or value in customer service or environmental protection outcomes.

The standardization of practices related to the Administration of the Division of Water's regulated professionals will enable the Division of Water to more efficiently serve the regulated professions, applicants, current licensees and their authorized agents.

Therefore, the Division of Water proposes to repeal **7 DE Admin. Code 7302** and incorporate its requirements into new regulation **7 DE Admin. Code 7800**, which will cover all licensing programs for the Division of Water. Better service and consistently predictable outcomes for each type of customer service interaction is expected.

3. STATUTORY BASIS:

**7 Del. C. Section 6023:** Licensing of water well contractors, pump installer contractors, drillers, drivers, pump installers, septic tank installers, liquid waste treatment plant operators and liquid waste haulers.

4. IS THIS PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF FEDERAL STATUTE OR REGULATION? IF SO, PROVIDE LINK TO FEDERAL MANDATE.

No.

5. DATE OF MOST RECENT AMENDMENT/REVIEW (indicate if review was pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10407):

Not applicable.

6. LIKELY AFFECTED PUBLIC:

Professions currently regulated by the Division of Water.

7. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

- **Establish licensing regulations review committee and hold first meeting - December 2025**
- **Complete proposed amendments - July 2026**  
**Workshops (1 per county) - August 2026**
- **Publish in monthly register – September 2026**
- **Public hearing – November 2026**


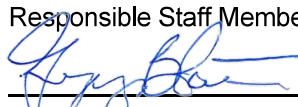
8. REVIEW COMMITTEE:


DNREC's Division of Water licensing program staff, DNREC's Division of Water staff members from each affected program (i.e., wells, septic, wastewater operators, etc.) and one (1) board member from each of the three (3) licensing boards with the Division of Water.

9. RESPONSIBLE STAFF MEMBER (name, physical address, phone number and e-mail address):

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10. APPROVALS:

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