

August 14, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Jeffrey W. Cown, Director
Environmental Protection Division

From: Veronica Crow, Chief
Watershed Protection Branch

Subject: Responses to Comments Received During the Public Comment Period Regarding
Proposed Amendments to Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6,
pertaining to Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards

On December 4, 2024, EPD issued a public notice requesting comments on proposed amendments to the Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6. A virtual public hearing was held at 11:00 a.m. on January 28, 2025, and the public comment period ended on January 31, 2025. During the comment period EPD received public comments from EPA regarding the proposed human health criteria, lake specific criteria, and technical support documents developed for each of these groups of proposed criteria. Based on separate coordination efforts between EPD and EPA, the addition of language to the existing dissolved oxygen criteria addressing natural conditions was recommended. EPD updated the rules and associated technical support documents, and held a virtual public meeting on April 21, 2025, to provide the public and interested stakeholders with updates on changes and revisions that had been made since the January 28, 2025, public hearing. EPD re-briefed the Board on May 20, 2025.

On May 27, 2025, EPD issued a second public notice requesting comments on proposed amendments to the Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6. A virtual public hearing was held on July 15, 2025, and the public comment period ended on July 17, 2025. EPD received no verbal or written comments, and no comments were submitted regarding the proposed rule amendments during the public comment period. EPD has therefore made no changes to the proposed rule amendments since it re-briefed the Board.