

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 Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5

On May 29, 2025, EPD issued a public notice requesting comments on proposed amendments to the Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5. The proposed amendments are to Rule 391-3-5-.07 and would provide a procedure for drinking water wells to be located within 100 feet of a surface water. The procedure will require additional water chemistry and bacteriological tests for groundwater wells located within 100 feet of a surface water to assess if the proposed well is under the direct influence of surface water. A public hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. on July 1, 2025, using Zoom, a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. During the public hearing, EPD received no verbal comments and EPD only received one written comment in support of the proposed rule amendments during the public comment period. EPD has therefore made no changes to the proposed rule amendments in response to public comments.