

## WRWA Legislative Alert NR102 Phosphorus Limits

- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is currently proposing changes in phosphorus limits in rivers and streams throughout Wisconsin.
- According to the DNR's own estimates, to comply with the proposed regulations 163 Wastewater Treatment Plants in Wisconsin would have to install new filtration systems at a cost between \$1.8 million and \$6.9 million per system.
- The Municipal Environmental Group puts the estimated cost per system between \$8.6 million and \$26 million per system once land acquisition and other costs are included.
- This rule does **not** address agricultural runoff, failing septic systems or other sources that account for up to 80% of the phosphorus pollution in Wisconsin waters.
- Municipal WWTP operators and municipal representatives are strongly encouraged to provide written comments or attend upcoming hearings on this new rules at the following locations:
  - **April 20, Green Bay, Green Bay City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 203, 100 N. Jefferson, St.**
  - **April 21, Oconomowoc, Olympia Resort and Conference Center, Crown Room, 1350 Royale Mile Road.**
  - **April 27, Eau Claire, Ramada Inn, 205 S. Barstow St.**

All meetings start at 1:00PM.

- Written comments may be provided for the record until April 30, 2010 to:  
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- The proposed rule revisions and supporting documents, including the fiscal estimate may be viewed and downloaded and comments electronically submitted at the Wisconsin Administrative Rules Web site. <http://dnr.wi.gov/news/weekly.asp#art1>.

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