

FULL NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Water Resources will hold two public hearings to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapters 89-02-01 (Drainage of Ponds, Sloughs, Lakes, Sheetwater, or Any Series Thereof), 89-02-04 (Drainage Complaint Appeals), 89-08-02 (Construction Permits), and proposed repealing of N.D. Admin. Code chapter 89-08-04 (Operation and Maintenance).

The purpose of the proposed rulemaking is to implement SB 2059 enacted during the most recent legislative session concerning hearings and appeals processes for the Department of Water Resources and outline the standards of care and review processes for the Department for construction permits, drainage permits, and drainage complaint and appeal reviews.

The hearings will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 225 4th Street N., Fargo, ND 58102, and at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND 58504. The hearings will also be available to be streamed online. The links for virtual attendance are available at dwr.nd.gov.

The proposed rulemaking is not expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000.

The proposed rules may be reviewed at the Department of Water Resources at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND 58504 or online at dwr.nd.gov. The proposed rules or regulatory analysis may be requested by writing the address above, emailing asebach@nd.gov, or calling 701-328-2750. Comments on the proposed rules can be submitted online at dwr.nd.gov, sent to the above address, or emailed to asebach@nd.gov with the subject “Administrative Code Comments – Regulatory Processes”. Comments received by 5 pm on September 12, 2025, will be fully considered.

If any accommodations are needed related to this rule update or the public hearing attendance including translation services or special facilities, please contact the Department’s

Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, Chris Kadrmas, at 701-328-1956 or ckadrmas@nd.gov at least 24-hours prior to the public hearing. More information about accommodations and the Department's Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy can be found on the Department's website at dwr.nd.gov.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2025.

/s/ Reice Haase
Director; Department of Water Resources