NOTICE OF SOLICITATION OF VIEWS
ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO
STANDARDS OF QUALITY FOR WATERS OF THE STATE

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting comments and will hold a public hearing on the Standards of Quality for Waters of the State, North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 33.1-16-02.1. The hearing will be held at the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 918 E Divide Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501-1947, on September 17, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. CT.

The purpose of soliciting comments and holding a public hearing is to begin the review of the Standards of Quality for Waters of the State, as required by federal law, 33 U.S.C. § 1313(c). The triennial review will evaluate the Standards of Quality for Waters of the State to ensure they continue to reflect the best available science to improve and protect the water resources of the state, and to remain consistent with state and federal law.

This hearing will provide an opportunity for citizens and stakeholders to voice concerns and contribute input for considerations in amending the Standards of Quality for Waters of the State. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality at the above address or telephone number at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

The Standards of Quality for Waters of the State may be viewed at the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 918 East Divide Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501 or on the department's website at www.nddeq.gov/WQ/. A copy of the standards may be requested by writing to the above address or by calling the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality at 701-328-5210.

Public participation matters and is essential to developing more effective rules and regulations. The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality strives to draft environmental protection rules based on science and the law, but it also counts on the public and other groups (both technical and nontechnical) to identify flaws and find solutions to reach the optimal outcome (protective, reasonable regulations without unintended consequences).

Make your public comments count. Visit https://deq.nd.gov/PublicCommentTips.aspx for helpful tips about submitting effective public comments.

Written and oral comments on the Standards of Quality for Waters of the State received by September 30, 2019, will be fully considered.

Dated this 12th day of July 2019.

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