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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 00-163

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. In s. NR 1.95 (1), the word “(board)” should be deleted. If the department wishes to use the word board in this section of the code, it should define the term “board.” If the definition is not used, the term “natural resources board” should be used. In the last sentence, the phrase “this rule” should be replaced by the phrase “this section.”

b. In s. NR 1.95 (4), the word “We” should be replaced by the phrase “The natural resources board.”

c. The introduction to s. NR 1.95 (4) appears to be an independent subunit of this subsection. If so, it should be renumbered as sub. (4) (a) and the remaining paragraphs should be renumbered accordingly. Unnumbered introductory material should end in a colon and grammatically lead into the following subunits. The entire rule should be reviewed for this problem.

d. Titles of subdivisions should be placed within single quotation marks.

e. In s. NR 1.95 (4) (b) 2., the phrase “It should” should be replaced by the phrase “the department shall.”

f. In s. NR 1.95 (4) (c) 1., the word “should” should be replaced by the word “shall.”

g. In the last sentence of s. NR 1.95 (4) (c) 3., the word “are” should be replaced by the phrase “will be.”

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

In the first sentence of s. NR 1.95 (1) (intro.), the word “rules” is deleted and replaced by the word “policy.” The subsequent reference to the phrase “The rules” in the second sentence is unclear. It appears that the latter phrase should be deleted and replaced by the phrase “Administrative rules regarding wetlands.”