

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 149, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order No. SS-06-06

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 299.11(3) to (5) and (7) to (9), Stats., interpreting s. 299.11, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

Analysis of the Rule - Rule Effect - Reason for the Rule

Chapter NR 149 sets requirements for the certification and registration of laboratories that submit data to the department for covered programs. The Department proposes to repeal and recreate the chapter in its entirety. Since the last revision of ch. NR 149 in 1998, the Department realized the need for updating the rule to reflect current analytical practices, give specificity to vague language, provide needed flexibility, and promote efficient means of administering the certification and registration program. Highlights of the proposed changes include:

- Provisions for issuing laboratory certificates that clearly reflect the analytical capabilities of participating laboratories
- Clarifications and improvements of the application process for participating laboratories
- Equitable fee schedules for laboratories based on the complexity of the analyses they perform
- Allowances for incorporating national acceptance criteria for proficiency testing samples
- Procedures the Department will follow to evaluate laboratories on site
- Comprehensive requirements that incorporate a systematic approach to ensure the quality of the data submitted to the Department by laboratories

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearings, Natural Resources Board final adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

No new forms

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