

**TRIENNIAL AND ROUTINE REVIEWS OF
WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION REGULATIONS**

The Water Quality Control Commission is directed by the Colorado Water Quality Control Act to review all (1) water quality classifications and standards and (2) control regulations adopted by the Commission at least once every three years. 25-8-202(1)(f), C.R.S. Somewhat different triennial review processes have been established for these two types of regulations.

For water quality classifications and standards, there are three steps in the triennial review process: (1) an issues scoping hearing, for early identification of issues that it is expected will need to be addressed in the next major rulemaking hearing; (2) an issues formulation hearing, to formulate the specific issues that will be addressed in the next major rulemaking hearing; and (3) a rulemaking hearing. These three hearings occur in three consecutive years for each regulation, as set forth in the table below.

For control regulations, the Commission begins its periodic review of each regulation with an informational hearing to receive staff and public comment regarding whether the regulation in question should be revised, repealed, or continued in its current form. If it decides as a result of this informational hearing that changes should be considered, a separate rulemaking hearing is scheduled. In addition to meeting this statutory requirement, the Commission has instituted a practice of conducting periodic routine reviews of all of its regulations. Regulations other than water quality classifications and standards and control regulations generally are reviewed at five-year intervals, using a process similar to that for reviewing control regulations.

The following schedules have been established for triennial reviews of water quality classifications and standards and for triennial and routine reviews of control regulations and other regulations adopted by the Commission:

Water Quality Classifications and Standards

| <u>Year</u> | <u>October Issues Scoping Hearing</u> | <u>November Issues Formulation Hearing</u> | <u>June Rulemaking Hearing</u> |
|-------------|---|--|---|
| 2006 | Upper Colorado (#33); Lower Colorado (#37) | Arkansas (#32); Rio Grande (#36) | San Juan (#34); Gunnison (#35) |
| 2007 | South Platte (#38) | Upper Colorado (#33); Lower Colorado (#37) | Arkansas (#32); Rio Grande (#36) |
| 2008 | Basic Standards (#31) | South Platte (#38) | Upper Colorado (#33); Lower Colorado (#37) |
| 2009 | San Juan (#34); Gunnison (#35) | Basic Standards (#31) | South Platte (#38) |
| 2010 | Arkansas (#32); Rio Grande (#36) | San Juan (#34); Gunnison (#35) | Basic Standards (#31) |
| 2011 | Upper Colorado (#33); Lower Colorado (#37) | Arkansas (#32); Rio Grande (#36) | San Juan (#34); Gunnison (#35) |
| 2012 | South Platte (#38) | Upper Colorado (#33); Lower Colorado (#37) | Arkansas (#32); Rio Grande (#36) |

Other Commission Regulations

| <u>Regulation</u> | <u>Informational Hearing</u> |
|---|------------------------------|
| Regulation #21 Procedural Rules | April, 2011 |
| Regulation #22 Site Application Regs. | April, 2008 |
| Regulation #23 Continuing Planning Process Reg. | October, 2011 |
| Regulation #39 Colorado River Salinity Standards | December, 2008 |
| Regulation #41 Basic Standards for Ground Water | May, 2007 |
| Regulation #42 Site-Specific Ground Water Stds. | May, 2007 |
| Regulation #51 Revolving Fund Rules | March, 2011 |
| Regulation #53 State Grant Rules | March, 2011 |
| Regulation #61 Discharge Permit Regulations | February, 2012 |
| Regulation #62 Effluent Limitation Regs. | April, 2007 |
| Regulation #63 Pretreatment Regulations | February, 2009 |
| Regulation #64 Biosolids Regulation | July, 2008 |
| Regulation #65 Discharges to Storm Sewers | October, 2007 |
| Regulation #71 Dillon Control Regulation | March, 2009 |
| Regulation #72 Cherry Creek Control Regulation | August, 2009 |

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| Regulation #73 Chatfield Control Regulation | July, 2007 |
| Regulation #74 Bear Creek Control Regulation | July, 2007 |
| Regulation #75 Cheraw Lake Control Regulation | November, 2009 |
| Regulation #81 Confined Animal Feeding Reg. | May, 2007 |
| Regulation #82 401 Certification Reg. | August, 2007 |
| Regulation #83 Passive Mine Drainage Reg. | August, 2009 |
| Regulation #84 Reclaimed Domestic Wastewater Control Regulation | October, 2009 |

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