

9. Public hearings scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM**

Place: **Campbell High School Auditorium; 1 Highlander Court, Litchfield, NH**

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Date and Time: **Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM**

Place: **Conference Room A; NHDES Portsmouth Regional Office; Pease International Tradeport; 222 International Drive, Suite 175; Portsmouth, NH**

Directions & map available at: <http://des.nh.gov/contactus/regional.htm>

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant): FIS # 16:120 , dated 06/27/16:

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules. Any cost or benefit is attributable to RSA 485-C:4, III and RSA 485-C:6, I and not the rules.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

RSA 485-C:6, I, requires the Department to “establish and adopt ambient groundwater quality standards for regulated contaminants which adversely affect human health or the environment.” This paragraph also requires that “[w]here federal maximum contaminant level or health advisories have been promulgated under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act or rules relevant to such act, ambient groundwater quality standards shall be equivalent to such standards” and further provides that “[w]here no federal maximum contaminant level or health advisory has been issued, the commissioner may adopt ambient groundwater quality standards on a basis which provides for an adequate margin of safety to protect human health and safety.” The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently adopted Health Advisory levels for PFOA, PFOS, and PFOA/PFOS combined, based on its determination that the chemicals adversely affect human health. Because state statute requires the Department to adopt the Health Advisory levels as AGQS, any costs associated with the new AGQS are attributable to the statute. Because any costs are attributable to the statute, the rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures by the political subdivision, and so do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.