HEARING AGENDA

“Generic Permit for Discharges of Pollutants to Surface Waters of the State Generated by Experimental Technologies for the Control of Harmful Algal Blooms”

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

April 13, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The hearing will give affected persons an opportunity to discuss proposed amendments to Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Rule 62-621.300. On February 8, 2022, the Department published proposed amendments to Rule 62-621.300, F.A.C., to adopt a generic National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit authorizing pollutant discharges associated with experimental technologies to control red tide [*Karenina brevis*] and blue-green [cyanobacteria] algal blooms in Florida’s waterways. The Department will present the proposed amendments to the public. The hearing will provide an opportunity for affected persons to present evidence and argument on all issues under consideration. The hearing will not adjudicate rights and will not be adversarial in nature. The Notice of Proposed Rule on the above subject matter was published in the Florida Administrative Register on February 8, 2022, Vol. 48 No. 26, and is available here:

<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/View_notice.asp?id=25544288>

The Rule Adoption Hearing is open to the public. Interested parties should register for the webinar at the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2894311950789532686>

1. Call to Order, statement of purpose of workshop/hearing & indicate date meeting was published in the FAR
	* Purpose of workshop: The Department is holding a public hearing as requested pursuant to 120.54(3)(c), F.S. concerning amendments to Rule 62-621.300, F.A.C.
	* Date hearing was published in the FAR: September 21, 2022, Vol. 48 No 184, and is available here:

 <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/View_notice.asp?id=26317960>

1. Introduce DEP Staff
2. Presentation from DEP Staff

1. Receive Public Comments on Rulemaking

1. Adjourn

Additional Information:

* Webinar registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2894311950789532686>
* Rulemaking documents: <https://floridadep.gov/water/water/content/water-resource-management-rules-development>
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