

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

## DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Statutory Authority: 16 Delaware Code, Section 122(3)c (16 Del.C. §122(3)c)

### GENERAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE

##### Delaware Office of Engineering/Office of Drinking Water

##### Notice of Public Participation:

##### Public comment on the Delaware Office of Engineering/Office of Drinking Water Construction Plans and Specifications Submission and Review Guidelines

The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Public Health (DPH), Office of Engineering (“OE”) and Office of Drinking Water (“ODW”) are announcing the publication of the draft Construction Plans and Specifications Submission and Review Guidelines.

To meet public notice and participation requirements under §35.3580 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR Part 35 Subpart L), DHSS, as the lead agency for OE and ODW, is publishing the draft Construction Plans and Specifications Submission and Review Guidelines.

Due to ongoing website construction, the draft Construction Plans and Specifications Submission and Review Guidelines will be distributed for public comment via an email news blast. This notice will be sent to the ODW registry of licensed water operators and other associated contacts.

The guidance is typically posted on the OE website:

(<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/hsp/engineering/>); however, this alternate distribution method will be used until website updates are complete. To receive a copy of the guidelines to review and comment, email [DHSS\\_DPH\\_DWSRF@delaware.gov](mailto:DHSS_DPH_DWSRF@delaware.gov). OE and ODW will accept public review/comment on the guidelines for 30 days beginning November 1 through December 1, 2025.

#### SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO GUIDELINES

The proposed changes are found in “Requirements and Definitions”, located on pages 3 and 4 of the *Construction Plans and Specifications Submission and Review Guidelines*. Other content came from the 2004 edition and these sources:

- Great Lakes – Upper Mississippi River Board of State and Provincial Public Health and Environmental Managers. (2022). *Recommended Standards for Water Works*, available online at [https://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/BSDW/Public\\_Water\\_Supply/Permits/2022\\_Recommended\\_Standards\\_for\\_Water\\_Works.pdf](https://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/BSDW/Public_Water_Supply/Permits/2022_Recommended_Standards_for_Water_Works.pdf)
- Regulation 4462 Public Drinking Water Systems (16 DE Admin. Code 4462).

The original language was slightly revised to ensure it is representative of the current review process.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The opportunity for public comment on the draft ranking criteria is available for 30 days beginning November 1 through December 1, 2025. Comments may be provided to OE/ODW by mail or email to:

Delaware Division of Public Health  
Office of Engineering/Office of Drinking Water  
43C South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901  
[DHSS\\_OE@Delaware.gov](mailto:DHSS_OE@Delaware.gov)

Responses to individual questions and comments will not be provided; however, the OE/ODW staff will review and consider all comments and make any modifications to the guidelines document that are deemed necessary. OE/ODW must receive your comments no later than 4:30 PM on Monday, December 1, 2025.

**\*Please Note: Due to the size of the Construction Plans and Specifications Submission and Review Guidelines, it is available here as a PDF document:**

<https://regulations.delaware.gov/register/November2025/1CF5392D-4572-43BD-8787-5CD810D7E1BC>