

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Notice of Public Participation:

Public comment on the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Priority List Ranking Criteria

The Department of Health and Social Services, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("DWSRF") is announcing the publication of the draft Project Priority List Ranking Criteria for DWSRF projects.

In order to meet public notice and participation requirements under §35.3580 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR Part 35 Subpart L), the Department of Health and Social Services, as the lead agency for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in Delaware, is publishing the draft Project Priority List Ranking Criteria. The draft ranking criteria will be available for public review at <https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/dwsrf.html> for 30 days beginning February 1 through March 3, 2023.

The purpose of the public participation period is to gather comments regarding the draft ranking criteria.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO RANKING CRITERIA

1. A revision to Section 2c, Quality Deficiencies, to increase the maximum number of points from 180 to 300 to ensure projects addressing the most significant public health problems are ranked the highest.
2. A revision to Section 2f, Storage, to add 50 points for projects addressing the repair of a degraded storage facility.
3. A revision to Section 2g, Distribution, to add 80 points for projects addressing the lack of critical redundancy.

The opportunity for public comment on the draft ranking criteria is available for 30 days beginning February 1 through March 3, 2023. Comments may be provided to DWSRF by mail or email to:

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
417 Federal St, 3rd Fl, Suite 205, Dover, DE 19901
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Responses to individual questions and comments will not be provided; however, the DWSRF staff will review and consider all comments and make any modifications to the ranking criteria that are deemed necessary. **DWSRF must receive your comments no later than Friday, March 3, 2023.**

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