

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENINGS

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening whenever an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADMINISTRATION

1. **Title and its heading:** 18, Department of Environmental Quality
Chapter and its heading: 1, Department of Environmental Quality - Administration
Article and its heading: 2, Practice and Procedure - Contested Cases
Section numbers: R18-1-202

2. **The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
The Department is expected to propose an amended Section R18-1-202 under a separate Notice of Supplemental Proposed Rulemaking. This section has been discussed in a previous rulemaking for 18 A.A.C. 1, Article 2, described by the notices cited below.

3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 3 A.A.R. 1878, July 11, 1997.
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 3 A.A.R. 2363, August 29, 1997.
Notice of Public Information: 3 A.A.R. 3313, November 21, 1997.
Notice of Supplemental Proposed Rulemaking: 4 A.A.R. 2530, September 11, 1998.
Notice of Public Information: 4 A.A.R. 3346, October 23, 1998.

4. **The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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5. **The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
The Department will accept written comments during a public comment period, following publication of the proposed rule. The Department will schedule an oral proceeding within the statutorily mandated time-frame, to be noticed in the *Register*.

6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**
The Department expects to file the proposed rule with the Office of the Secretary of State for publication in the *Register*.