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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CHAPTER 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-55-10 et seq., 48-1-10 et seq., 48-6-10 et seq., and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024

Notice of Drafting:

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (Department) proposes amending S.C. Code Ann Regs. 61-71, Well Standards (R.61-71), Section F.2.b. Interested persons may submit comment(s) on the proposed amendments to Joseph Koon of the Bureau of Water; South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201; Joseph.Koon@des.sc.gov. To be considered, the Department must receive comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 26, 2026, the close of the Notice of Drafting comment period.

Synopsis:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 48-1-10 et seq. and 44-55-10 et seq, the Department is authorized to establish minimum standards for the construction, maintenance, and operation of certain wells. The Department proposes amending R.61-71.F.2.b, to revise the grout composition description to remove the specific neat cement composition of Class A, Type I Portland Cement, and replace it with a general neat cement description. This change will allow flexibility of neat cement composition.

The proposed amendments may also include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, codification, and other such regulatory text improvements.

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