

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CHAPTER 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-96-10 et seq., 48-6-10 et seq., and 2026 Act No. 146, effective May 15, 2026

Notice of Drafting:

The Department of Environmental Services (Department) proposes amending S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-107.3, Solid Waste Management: Waste Tires (2012 & Supp. 2025). Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed amendments to Stacey French, Assistant Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Land and Waste Management, South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201; swregdev@des.sc.gov. To be considered, the Department must receive comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2026, the close of the Notice of Drafting comment period.

Synopsis:

On May 19, 2025, Governor McMaster signed S.C. Act 33, known as Regrooved and Regroovable Tires, revising the current waste tire recycling and tipping fees, expanding the Waste Tire Grant Fund to allow eligible tire manufacturing and recycling companies to apply, streamlining the tire hauler registration, manifesting, and auditing processes, revising the fee distribution of the \$2 per tire recycling fee to include used tire purchases, revising the conditions of unsafe used tires, streamlining requirements for tire retreading processes, allowing for counties to increase tipping fees for tire recycling by retailers, and establishing and promoting a market for tire-derived products in collaboration with the Department of Commerce. The Department proposes amending R.61-107.3, Solid Waste Management: Waste Tires, to incorporate these Act requirements. The proposed amendments will include revisions to grant recipient eligibility and council appointments; revisions to tire hauling registration, decal, manifesting, and auditing processes; and administrative fees for the new decal system, as directed by the Act. Other revisions may also incorporate stakeholder comments and any other necessary updates.

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

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

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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), to revise the grout composition description in applicable sections to remove the specific neat cement composition of Class A, Type I Portland Cement, and replace it with a general neat cement description. 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 July 27, 2026, the close of the Notice of Drafting comment period. This Notice of Drafting (NOD) supersedes the NOD previously published on April 24, 2026, addressing proposed amendments to R.61-71.