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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CHAPTER 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-55-10 et seq., 48-6-10 et seq., and 2026 Act No. 146, effective May 15, 2026

Notice of Drafting:

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (Department) proposes amending S.C. Code Ann Regs. 61-58, State Primary Drinking Water Regulations (R.61-58). This amendment will adopt federal regulations in order to maintain State primary enforcement responsibility for public water systems in South Carolina.

Interested persons may submit comment(s) on the proposed amendments to Doug Kinard of the Bureau of Water; South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201; or via email to Doug.Kinard@des.sc.gov. To be considered, the Department must receive comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2026, the close of the Notice of Drafting comment period.

Synopsis:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-55-10 et seq., 48-6-10 et seq., and 2026 Act No. 146, effective May 15, 2026, the Department is authorized to promulgate regulations governing the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of public water systems in the State. The Department proposes amending R.61-58, State Primary Drinking Water Regulations, to adopt federal regulations commonly referred to as the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements on October 30, 2024. This rule revised applicable portions of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), at 40 CFR Parts 141 and 142, to increase public health protection from lead and copper by requiring community and non-transient non-community water systems to meet enhanced sampling procedures, conduct sampling in schools and childcare facilities, strengthen corrosion control efforts, and undertake service line inventorying and replacement efforts.

Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 142, States are required to adopt drinking water regulations no less stringent than federally promulgated national primary drinking water regulations in order to maintain State primary enforcement responsibility for public water systems. Accordingly, the Department proposes to amend R.61-58 to adopt the requirements of the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(H)(1), exempts these amendments from General Assembly review, as the Department proposes these amendments for compliance with federal law.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

CHAPTER 81

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-47-5, 40-47-10, 40-47-20, 40-47-205, 40-47-590(C), 40-47-640, and 40-47-930(C)

Notice of Drafting:

The South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners proposes adding, amending and/or repealing regulations including, but not limited to regulations regarding reinstatement for PAs and RCPs, collaborative practice, and Ketamine. Interested persons may submit comments to Jessica Beise, Board Executive, South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210.