



Part 201 Cleanup Criteria Rules Process Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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1. What are the next steps in the process for promulgating the proposed comprehensive Part 201 Cleanup Criteria Rules amendment package?

The next steps are:

- (a) DEQ initiates the formal promulgation process by notifying the Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR)
- (b) ORR publishes the Rules in the Michigan Register
- (c) DEQ publishes public comment period and public hearing dates on listservs, in newspapers, and DEQ calendar
- (d) The public submits formal comments on the package in writing or during the public hearing.
- (e) The public comment period ends
- (f) DEQ considers submitted public comments

2. When will the DEQ hold another public hearing and comment period of the proposed comprehensive Part 201 Cleanup Criteria Rules amendment package?

The DEQ will publish a notice of public hearing, a copy of the proposed rules, and identify the public comment period for the proposed comprehensive Part 201 Cleanup Criteria Rules amendment package. To stay up to date on the progress of this package, please visit the DEQ’s Generic Cleanup Criteria Web page. Go www.michigan.gov/deqrrcriteria.

3. How long will the public be able to provide official comment on the proposed comprehensive Part 201 Cleanup Criteria Rules amendment package

The DEQ has committed to provide no less than a 30-day public comment period. In addition, the proposed package was informally shared with the public on August 31, 2017, through the DEQ's listserv and Generic Cleanup Criteria Webpage to provide additional time for review.

4. Why is public comment important?

A public hearing is required by law and is an opportunity for the public to participate in the rule promulgation process by showing their support for the rules or to provide comments that may lead to changes to the rules. The DEQ values comments from the public, especially consultants, environmental groups, and the regulated community. These Rules are very technical and we appreciate additional technical reviews from various perspectives. The DEQ will consider all public comments when determining if a change to the rules will be made; however, not all public comments will result in a change.

5. How do I learn more about the proposed comprehensive Part 201 Cleanup Criteria Rules amendment package?

Information sessions will be held around the State during beginning in October to present an overview of the proposed Rules and to explain the changes that were made in the latest version. During these sessions, attendees will be able to ask questions and interact with DEQ staff and the vapor intrusion calculator. See the [DEQ's Generic Cleanup Criteria Web page](#) for specific dates and locations of the information sessions.

6. How long after the public hearing and comment period does the DEQ have to submit the Agency Report to the JCAR for the proposed comprehensive Part 201 Cleanup Criteria Rules package?

The DEQ must submit the Agency Report to the JCAR within one year of the last public hearing. If, after considering public comment, substantive changes to the rules are made, the DEQ will be required to hold another public hearing. If changes to the rules are not substantive, the Agency Report will be submitted.

Michigan's Environmental Justice Policy promotes the fair, non-discriminatory treatment and meaningful involvement of Michigan's residents regarding the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies by this state. Fair, non-discriminatory treatment intends that no group of people, including racial, ethnic, or low-income populations, will bear a disproportionately greater burden resulting from environmental laws, regulations, policies, and decision-making.

Meaningful involvement of residents ensures an appropriate opportunity to participate in decisions about a proposed activity that will affect their environment and/or health.