



AMCA Working with DNR on Total Phosphorous Effluent Limit Proposal October 2022

AMCA continues to negotiate with DNR regarding DNR's desire to establish a State regulatory program to reduce the State's point source loading of phosphorous to the Gulf of Mexico by 40-45 percent. For the effluent regulation, DNR is proposing to limit total phosphorous for domestic and industrial facilities with design flows ≥ 1 MGD and those facilities designated as "major." The reductions are proposed to meet nutrient reduction goals to reduce hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico and implement the State's nutrient loss reduction strategy. The proposal also authorizes nutrient trading and credit generation to meet TP limits.

In September, DNR published its [Regulatory Impact Report](#) (RIR) for 10 CSR 20-7.015 for public comment. The RIR notes that 134 facilities will be impacted by the rule of which 126 are municipal and 8 are industrial. DNR plans to publish the proposed amendments for the TP effluent limitations after incorporating these public comments. The next step would then be approval by the CWC, with final rule adoption sometime in 2023.