

**7050.0225 SPECIFIC WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR CLASS 5 WATERS OF THE STATE; AESTHETIC ENJOYMENT AND NAVIGATION.**

Subpart 1. **General.** The numeric and narrative water quality standards in this part prescribe the qualities or properties of the waters of the state that are necessary for the aesthetic enjoyment and navigation designated public uses and benefits. If the standards in this part are exceeded in waters of the state that have the Class 5 designation, it is considered indicative of a polluted condition which is actually or potentially deleterious, harmful, detrimental, or injurious with respect to the designated uses.

Subp. 2. **Class 5 waters; aesthetic enjoyment and navigation.** The quality of Class 5 waters of the state shall be such as to be suitable for aesthetic enjoyment of scenery, to avoid any interference with navigation or damaging effects on property. The following standards shall not be exceeded in the waters of the state:

Substance, Characteristic, or Pollutant	Class 5 Standard	
	For nonwetlands	For wetlands
pH, minimum	6.0	Maintain background
pH, maximum	9.0	Maintain background
Hydrogen sulfide as S	0.02 mg/L	Maintain background

For the purposes of this subpart, "maintain background" means the concentration of the water quality substance, characteristic, or pollutant shall not deviate from the range of natural background concentrations or conditions such that there is a potential significant adverse impact to the designated uses.

Additional selective limits may be imposed for any specific waters of the state as needed.

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