

Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Water withdrawal and protection — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation makes a consequential amendment to take into account an amendment with respect to the scope of the expression “temporary industrial camp” proposed by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact, published as a draft Regulation in the current *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

The draft Regulation also makes a consequential amendment to take into account an amendment with respect to the sending to the Minister of a report in support of an application for authorization made under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) and the subsequent sending of the report proposed by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Maude Durand, Director, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l’Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29^e étage, boîte 14, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: question.bslr@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Maude Durand at the above contact information.

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Regulation to amend the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 46, par. 16, subpars. j and l).

1. Section 11 of the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 35.2), amended by section 1 of the Regulation to amend the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 19 November 2025, is further amended by replacing “80” in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by “100”.

2. Section 75, amended by section 19 of the Regulation to amend the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation, published as a draft Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 19 November 2025, is further amended

(1) by replacing “The first report must be sent to the Minister 6 years after water withdrawal operations begin. The second report must be sent 9 years after the transmission of the first report and the subsequent reports must then be sent every 5 years.” in the second paragraph by “The first report must be sent to the Minister at the time of the application for authorization made in accordance with section 169 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1). The second report must be sent 9 years after the issuance of the authorization or, in the cases referred to in section 99, after the transmission of the report in accordance with that section. The subsequent reports must then be sent every 5 years.”;

(2) by replacing “6 years” in the third paragraph by “1 year”.

3. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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