



Water Quality Standards 2022 Triennial Review
Summary of Public Comments and Department Responses

NAME	SECTION CITATION	PUBLIC COMMENT	DEPARTMENT RESPONSE
Laura Seidman, American Forest & Paper Association	R.61-68.Appendix	The Department should not adopt the EPA's nationally recommended Human Health Water Quality Criteria. Instead, DHEC should take the opportunity provided under EPA regulations to develop more scientifically defensible criteria that are achievable and applicable to South Carolina's waters. DHEC also should consider the many benefits of using a probabilistic risk approach when developing all human health criteria.	The Department does not intend to adopt the nationally recommended human health criteria into the State's water quality standards during this triennial review. The Department will retain these comments for consideration during future triennial reviews.

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Dr. Charles Mauro	R.61-69.H	<p>The waters of Bulls Bay, Sewee Bay, the and the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from Venning Creek to Morgan Creek at the North of Isle of Palms are some of the most outstanding waters in the state and they should be designated as such. These waters are inextricably linked, have the same unrestricted quality, and should have the same classification: Outstanding Resource Waters.</p>	<p>Bulls Bay is already classified as an Outstanding Resource Water in R.61-69. The Department will consider reclassifying the waters of Sewee Bay and that portion of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from Venning Creek to Morgan Creek from Shellfish Harvesting Water to Outstanding Resource Water.</p>
Bob Morgan, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce	R.61-68.Appendix	<p>The Chamber strongly supports SCDHEC to take a state-specific approach to establishing state Human Health Water Quality Criteria based on state-specific facts only, newly gathered data, and more recent science. The Chamber does not believe the 2015 federal Human Health Water Quality Criteria are appropriate for South Carolina or sufficiently supported by sound science and data.</p>	<p>The Department does not intend to adopt the nationally recommended human health criteria into the State's water quality standards during this triennial review. The Department will retain these comments for consideration during future triennial reviews.</p>

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Bob Morgan, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce	R.61-68	With regard to the hydrologic criteria, the Chamber believes that existing SC regulations 61-68 contain adequate language for protection of uses of waters related to flow. Therefore, the Chamber's position is that no change to state regulation is necessary to achieve the public policy goals of concern to US EPA.	The Department is evaluating the existing hydrological standards to determine if the existing and designated uses for all water classifications may be achieved and maintained.
Rebecca Leach, South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance	R.61-68.Appendix	The Department cannot adopt the EPA's nationally recommended Human Health Water Quality Criteria because the proper studies have not been completed nor has consideration been given to economic impacts.	The Department does not intend to adopt the nationally recommended human health criteria into the State's water quality standards during this triennial review. The Department will retain these comments for consideration during future triennial reviews.