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STATE OF VERMONT

Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MINUTES

June 18, 2026

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, June 18, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 10 of the State House Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Sen. Seth Bongartz, Vice Chair
Sen. Scott Beck
Sen. Robert Plunkett

Rep. Trevor Squirrell, Chair
Rep. Larry Satcowitz

Staff present:

Bradley Showman
Lindsey Schreier

Committee Counsel
Committee Assistant

Approval of Prior Minutes

On motion of Sen. Beck, the Committee approved the May 28, 2026, minutes.

Review of Rules

The Committee reviewed the following rules:

26-P003 - Proposed Amendments to the Vermont CO2 Budget Trading Program Rule.

Brian Woods, Environmental Analyst, and Rachel Stevens, Associate General Counsel of the Agency of Natural Resources, explained the rule and answered questions.

This rule amendment implements revisions to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Model Rule agreed to by participating states, including Vermont. This amendment reduces the 2027 CO2 emissions cap from 75.7 million tons under the previous rule to 69.8 million tons. This amendment also makes updates to ensure the availability of RGGI allowances, increases the lowest price an allowance may be sold at auction, eliminates the use of offset allowances, and other miscellaneous updates.

On motion of Sen. Beck, the Committee approved the rule.

26-P002 - Vermont Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. Anna Bourakovsky, Program Manager of the Hazardous Materials Program for the Waste Management and Prevention Division, and Matt Chapman, Director of the Waste Management and Prevention Division of the Department of Environmental Conservation, explained the rule and answered questions the Committee raised from the May 28 meeting.

This rule amendment conforms State rules with federal requirements regarding the management and disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The rule amendment also addresses hazardous waste transportation and storage and management of State-listed cleanup debris generated as a result of an emergency response.

On motion of Sen. Bongartz, the Committee approved the rule.

25-P040 - Vermont Wetland Rules. The Agency of Natural Resources submitted a response to the Committee's objection to this rule on June 4. The Committee discussed the Agency of Natural Resource's response. The Committee noted that after the Agency of Natural Resources submitted its response, the Agency requested time to make further changes to this rule in response to public comment.

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate of the Lake Champlain Committee, testified regarding ongoing discussions between members of the public and the Agency of Natural Resources.

On motion of Sen. Beck, the Committee extended the adoption deadline for this rule to July 24, 2026.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 23, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 10 of the State House Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Showman
Committee Counsel

cc: APA Clerk, Secretary of State
ICAR, Agency of Administration