

**Alabama Department of Environmental Management's
Administrative Code for Division 6, Volume I
Water Division-Water Quality Program**

Chapter 335-6-6 (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System)

Summary of Reasons Supporting the Adoption of Proposed Revisions

Revisions to chapter 335-6-6 are being proposed to reflect revisions to federal regulations promulgated in the final rule referred to as the NPDES Program Updates Rule. These revisions were published at 84 FR 3324 on February 12, 2019. In addition to the proposed revisions incorporating the requirements of the federal NPDES Program Updates Rule, one administrative revision is being proposed.

The changes being proposed are:

335-6-6-.02 Definitions

This rule is being revised to incorporate the new federal definitions related to pesticide discharges and pesticide residue.

335-6-6-.08 Application Format and Procedures for New Permits and for Permit Reissuance

This rule is being revised to adopt by reference the revised federal requirements regarding the content of an NPDES permit application. An administrative revision to remove the State requirement to submit an NPDES application in duplicate is also being removed as it is no longer necessary.

335-6-6-.21 Public Notice Requirements

This rule is being revised to incorporate the newly available federal option to utilize the Department's website to post public notices regarding permit decisions and permit public hearings in lieu of posting such notices in the newspaper.