

How to Submit Comments online via Regulations.gov

Water Quality Certification – EPA Rulemaking; **Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OW-2019-0405**

Submit Comment Online via public participation portal: <https://www.regulations.gov/>

Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be confidential. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make.

For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

Comment Deadline:

Comments must be **received** in writing **by 11:59p eastern time on October 21, 2019.**

For additional questions, check the FAQ at [regulations.gov/faq](https://www.regulations.gov/faq)
or contact the TU Government Affairs Team.

Tips for Effective Comments

- **Anyone can comment:** You **do not need to be an expert**, but It is important to have an understanding of what is being proposed and how this will impact issues you care about.
- **Clear and concise.** Your comments can be long or short, focused on a single aspect of the proposed rule or on several or all components.
- **Respectful.** Maintain a respectful and professional tone, even if the comments express strenuous disagreement with proposed regulations.
- **Be constructive and solutions oriented.** Identify what you agree with (and why) and what you suggest could be different (and why).
- **Make a connection:** How will this proposal impact you and the resources you care about? Make a connection to your personal experience and knowledge.
- **Coordinate with the TU-family.** Before filing comments, reach out to other TU leaders and staff. It is very likely that there is a coordinated effort underway and shared resources to draw upon.
- **Assume that whatever you file as comments will be made publicly available.**