

Economic Impact Statement
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IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses**(1) Estimate of Number of Small Businesses That Will Be Subject to this Rule**

This rule affects those small businesses that currently, or may at some time in the future, provide sewage disposal services in Indiana under the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. There are currently 50 small businesses that are authorized to provide sewage disposal services under a Certificate of Territorial Authority issued by the Commission and that are under the Commission's jurisdiction. The number of small businesses that will be subject to this rule will probably increase gradually over time as property continues to be developed in Indiana and small businesses continue to apply for authorization to offer sewage disposal services. However, it is unknown (and there is no way to know) how many small businesses may in the future request authorization to offer sewage disposal services in Indiana. Therefore, the Commission cannot determine (or reasonably estimate) at this time the number of small businesses that will be subject to this rule.

(2) Estimate of Average Annual Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs

This rule does not impose any annual reporting or record keeping requirements beyond those already required by statute. By providing updated information and clearer directions, this rule may reduce the initial administrative costs of those providers of sewage disposal services applying for a Certificate of Territorial Authority and thereby save the provider valuable time and money.

(3) Estimate of the Total Economic Impact of this Rule on Small Businesses

Because there is no way at this time to determine the number of small businesses affected by this rule, it is impossible for the commission to estimate the total economic impact of this rule. However, this rule does not impose any costs, but instead provides updated information and clearer directions that should save the time and money of applicants for Certificates of Territorial Authority to provide sewage disposal services. Therefore, the total economic impact of this rule should be positive.

(4) Statement Justifying Any Requirement or Cost Imposed

No requirement or cost is imposed on any business, small or large, under this rule that is not required by statute. Indiana statute requires businesses that want to provide sewage disposal services in Indiana to apply for a Certificate of Territorial Authority from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. The adoption of this rule should save time and money and help to facilitate the application process.

(5) Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Considering this rule will assist businesses in complying with requirements and should save time and money, there is no less intrusive or less costly alternative to the purpose of this rule. This rule imposes no compliance requirements, schedules or deadlines, or reporting requirements. Considering this rule acts to clarify application requirements, no further consolidation or simplification of the compliance requirements is possible that would achieve the purpose of this rule. No design, operational, or performance standards are imposed by this rule. Under [IC 8-1-2-89](#), it is not possible to exempt small businesses from the application requirements. This rule will serve to assist all businesses in meeting those requirements in a more efficient manner.

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