TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Economic Impact Statement

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<u>IC 4-22-2.1-5</u> Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses Estimated Number of Small Businesses Subject to this Rule:

The rule implements P.L.84-2008. The legislation provides an opportunity for parties to adjudications, pending before the Office of Environmental Adjudication and the Natural Resources Commission (Division of Hearings), to consolidate proceedings pertaining to water quality or water quantity. Although what is sometimes called "overlapping jurisdiction" between these agencies (effectively, between the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the Department of Natural Resources) is uncommon, in any such adjudication where a small business is a party, the small business could be subject to the rule.

Estimated Average Annual Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Small Businesses Will Incur for Compliance:

None

Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses to Comply:

None

Justification Statement of Requirement or Cost:

No requirement or cost is imposed on a small business by this rule.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis of Alternative Methods:

Because the rule does not impose a requirement or cost on small businesses, a flexibility analysis was not performed.

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