

**Economic Impact Statement**  
LSA Document #12-109

**IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses**

**Estimated Number of Small Businesses Subject to this Rule:**

Ten pond management companies.

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

This will reduce the current requirement to post a sign at least five days in advance.

**Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses to Comply:**

Savings of \$125 per business per year by not having to send an employee to the site of the proposed treatment area and post a sign at least five days in advance. This cost was determined at \$5 for gas x 25 permits per business (25 trips to the treatment site prior to the treatment).

**Justification Statement of Requirement or Cost:**

Aquatic vegetation control permit holders are already required to post a sign at the treatment site at least five days in advance indicating the substance that will be applied and any precautions that should be taken. This change eliminates the need to post the sign five days in advance. The sign only has to be posted prior to the treatment of the herbicide.

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis of Alternative Methods:**

The DNR already requires aquatic vegetation control permit holders to post a sign at the treatment site at least five days in advance indicating the substance that will be applied and any precautions that should be taken. Other options include changing the date requirement for the sign to a number of days less than five or to not post a sign at all. The DNR believes that it is imperative for the public to be notified, at least on the date of application, that a chemical has been applied to the water to kill the aquatic vegetation. Even if it is safe for people and pets, it may change the color of the water and have an odor, as well as create dead vegetation that others may see. Therefore, a sign providing the name of the substance and whether any precautions should be taken are still very important. The DNR does not believe that these alternatives are necessary. The DNR believes that requiring the sign to be posted right before the time of the application of the substance is appropriate and reasonable.

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