

Notice of Public Hearing

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Under [IC 4-22-2-24](#), notice is hereby given that on April 11, 2013, at 9:55 a.m., at the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, Discovery Hall Suite 100, 1202 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) will hold a public hearing on a proposed rule that will amend BOAH rules governing cervid health programs to conform to the new United States Department of Agriculture regulation governing chronic wasting disease (CWD) herd certification programs and interstate movement of cervids in 9 CFR Part 55, 9 CFR Part 81, and 77 Fed. Reg. 35565.

The BOAH is considering these changes because federal law requires cervids moving interstate to come from state programs that have been approved by USDA. 9 CFR Part 81. If BOAH does not change the state CWD certification program, Indiana cervid owners will be prohibited from moving their animals interstate. The existing state program nearly meets the USDA regulation, and the changes in this proposed rule will not impose significant additional costs on regulated entities. The proposed rule does not impose costs above the federal standards. The requirement for a certificate of veterinary inspection and identification for slaughter animals moving into Indiana is necessary to align BOAH rules with the USDA interstate movement regulation. The requirement for a physical inventory every three years is necessary to align the BOAH rules with the USDA regulation. The proposed penalties for not collecting samples when required is necessary to align the BOAH rules with the USDA CWD regulation that requires a protocol to address missed samples. In addition, the CWD certification program is a voluntary program, so cervid owners can elect to participate in the monitored program if they do not intend to ship cervids out of state.

Copies of these rules are now on file at the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, Discovery Hall Suite 100, 1202 East 38th Street and Legislative Services Agency, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N201, Indianapolis, Indiana and are open for public inspection.

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