

Water Quality Standards – WV’s Human Health Criteria update timeline

June 2015: EPA releases 2015 updates to human health criteria updates; DEP says too early to include in their 2016 triennial review

September 2017: DEP explains EPA’s 2015 update at public meeting, opens discussion with stakeholders

March 2018: DEP announces it is considering adopting 53 of 95 EPA updates as part of its 2019 triennial review.

July 2018: DEP holds public hearing on its proposed rule to adopt 60 of EPA’s updates using a less protective WV-based fish consumption rate.

November 2018: LRMRC removed all human health criteria updates at the request of the WV Manufacturers Association. Delegates Fleischauer and Rowe were the only no votes present. WV Rivers’ [blog post](#) about the committee meeting.

January 18, 2019: DEP holds public meeting to receive new information that Manufacturers testified that they have to share at the Nov 2018 LRMRC committee. No new information was provided by WVMA, only additional concerns from citizens. [WVPB story](#).

January 21, 2019: SENR restores 60 updates that LRMRC removed – [blog post](#). [G-M article](#).

February 1, 2019: SJUD removes all updates and adopts “compromise” to delay updates until 2021 session. [WVPB story](#).

February 7, 2019: “Compromise” passes the Senate [20-12](#).

February 19, 2019: HENG rejects Hansen amendment. Dow refuses to answer Del Hansen’s questions. [WVPB story](#).

March 4, 2019: House rejects Hansen et al floor amendment [34-64](#). [WVPB story](#).

October 2019: DEP accepts proposals on updating human health criteria from the public; WV Rivers and WV Manufacturers submit proposals. [WV Rivers proposal](#).

May 2020: DEP holds public hearing on their proposal to update only 24 criteria. WV Rivers submits written comments. Over 700 pages of public comments received. All speakers at the public hearing spoke in opposition to the proposal.

June 2020: DEP’s advisory council votes to move forward with forming a work group, with WV Rivers rep voting no. [D-P story](#).

September 2020: Rule appears on LRMRC’s posted agenda for 9/23/20 meeting.