

# DRBC Water Quality Criteria Updates - *Freshwater Ammonia Aquatic Life Criteria*




Toxics Advisory Committee



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# History of Ammonia Toxics Criteria Deliberations

- September 4, 2013 – Introduced at TAC
- September 22, 2013 - Final Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria For Ammonia published in Federal Register
- January 6, 2016 – Discussed at TAC
- June 23, 2016 – Presentation of resulting criteria at various pH and Temperature at TAC. Handed off to ‘Toxics Criteria Subcommittee (TCS)’ for selection of input pH and Temperature (*no longer recommended*).
- July 26, 2018 – Presentation on deliberations of TCS at TAC. Acknowledged Commissioner preference for a “States go First” policy. Linked to eutrophication modelling and presumed tied to ammonia limits for anticipated DO criteria.
- February 28, 2024 – Confirmed that NJ, PA, and DE have adopted at TAC.
  - NY still deliberating.

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