

Public Participation in Air Quality



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Overview



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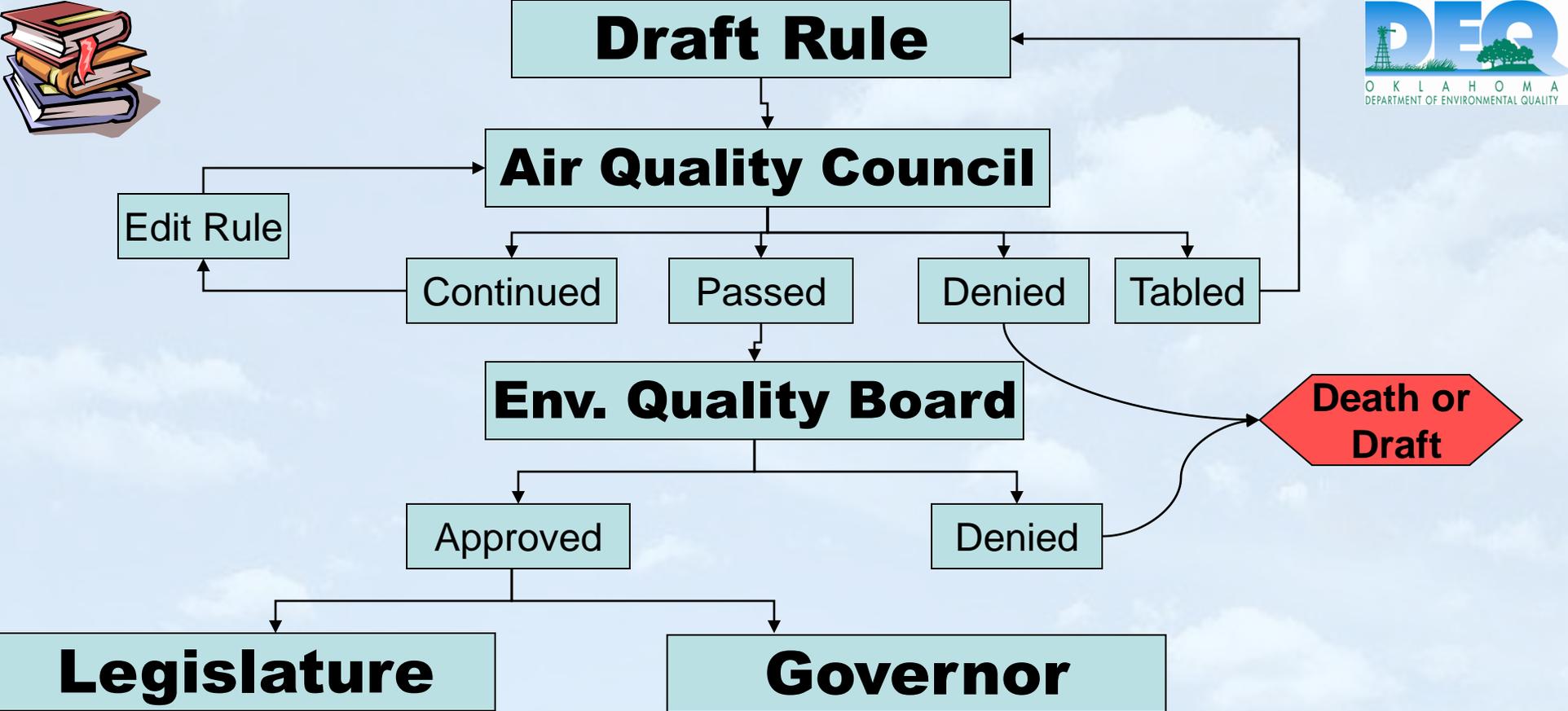


Complaints



Rulemaking Process: Non-emergency

- Need for rule arises
- Drafting
- Notice published
 - Oklahoma Register
 - 30-days prior to hearing
- Air Quality Advisory Council meeting serves as public hearing





Rulemaking Process: Staying Informed

- Read Oklahoma Register
 - www.oar.state.ok.us
 - “View Registers” Tab
 - look for “Notice of Rulemaking Intent”
- Sign up for mailing list
 - <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/aqdnew/AdvisorySignUp.htm>
 - Traditional mail – call 405-702-4100
- Visit DEQ Air Quality Council webpage.
 - http://www.deq.state.ok.us/aqdnew/council_mtgs/index.htm
 - Time and location of meetings
 - Agendas
 - Proposed Rules



Rulemaking Process: Comment Response

DEQ is required to consider and respond to each official comment before rule is finalized.

- DEQ does not send individual responses
- Summary of comments and responses are posted on DEQ website
- AQC and EQB see all comments.



How to Comment: Timing

- Need for rule arises
- Drafting
- Notice published in the Oklahoma Register.
 - **Rule is now open for written comments**
- Public hearing held at the Air Quality Council.
 - **Oral comments may be made at this meeting**



How to Comment: Process

Prior to AQC

- Compose comment letter
- Send to contact person listed in notice
- If not sure, send it to

ATTN: Air Quality Rules and Planning
Oklahoma Dept of Env Quality
PO Box 1677
OKC, OK 73101

During AQC

- Fill out “Notice of Oral Comment”
 - should be by sign-in sheet
 - Give to person at table
- You will be called up to speak
- Written comments still accepted



How to Comment: Tips

ONLY rules and topics on the agenda
may be discussed

ONLY the portion of the rule
indicated for change
in the Notice of Rulemaking Intent
is open for changes.

Please comment early.



Petition for Rulemaking

- Rule change request submitted by citizen or organization
- Technicalities:
 - The DEQ rule is OAC 252:4-5-3.
 - Must use form in OAC 252:4, Appendix A
- **Tip:** Research the Four Major Considerations
 - Environmental
 - Technical
 - Financial
 - Political
- Goes before the Council for votes

Submit to

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Permits: Title V Comment Process

- Application submitted
- Permit Drafting
- Permit posted for 30-day public review
 - **Written comments accepted via letter or webpage**
- EPA review: 45-days
- EPA approval (for operating permits)
 - **60 days to petition EPA to reject the permit**
 - **60 days begin on the date the permit was issued**



Permits: Viewing

- Drafts, finals, and permits open for petition
 - Online viewings
 - <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/aqdnew/permitting/pubreview.htm>
 - Hard copy viewings
 - Tulsa area = Tulsa office (*3105 E. Skelly Dr, Suite 200*)
 - Others = OKC office (*707 N Robinson*) Central Records
- General permits can be viewed at
 - <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/aqdnew/permitting/genperm.htm>
- Permits Open for Petition at
 - <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/aqdnew/permitting/PermitsForPublicPetition.htm>



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- Handled by DEQ's Environmental Complaints and Local Services Division.
- How to file
 - Call 1-800-522-0206
 - file online

<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/OnlineComplaints/>

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