

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 631. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY OPERATION**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. Introduction
252:631-1-1 [AMENDED]
252:631-1-2 [AMENDED]
252:631-1-3 [AMENDED]
Subchapter 3. Operations
252:631-3-1 [AMENDED]
252:631-3-2 [AMENDED]
252:631-3-4 [AMENDED]
252:631-3-10 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The Department is proposing to: (1) replace “Laboratory Certification” with “Laboratory Accreditation,” rules; (2) clarify the definitions for “Maximum contaminant level,” “Maximum residual disinfectant level,” “Primary Drinking Water Standards,” “Public Water Supply system,” “Community water system,” “Non-community water system,” “Non-transient non-community system,” and “Minor water system”; (3) update the rules concerning the date of the incorporation by reference of certain federal regulations from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015; (4) add language incorporating Subparts S and Y of the Microbiological standards in accordance with 40 CFR Section 141.63; (5) replace “Turbidity” with “Filtration, disinfection, and enhanced treatment” standards in accordance with 40 CFR Sections 141.73 and 141.173; (6) add “Lead, copper, and corrosivity standards” in accordance with 40 CFR Part 141, Subpart I; (7) replace “Coliform” with “Microbiological” requirements in accordance with 40 CFR Section 141, Subparts S and Y; add enhanced treatment requirements in accordance with 40 CFR Sections 141.74 and 141.174, Subparts T and W; add Subparts U and V in accordance with 40 CFR, Part 141; (8) clarify the requirements for laboratory accreditation and validation of data to be consistent with federal requirements and (9) other minor clarifications.

AUTHORITY:

Environmental Quality Board, 27A O.S. § 2-2-101; Water Quality Management Advisory Council, 27A O.S. § 2-2-201; and 27A O.S. §§ 2-6-103, 2-6-303 and 2-6-306.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written comments may be submitted to the contact person from December 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

Oral comments may be made at the Water Quality Management Advisory Council meeting on January 12, 2016, and at the Environmental Quality Board meeting on February 19, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Before the Water Quality Management Advisory Council on January 12, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room on the first floor of the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102.

Before the Environmental Quality Board on February 19, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room on the first floor of the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The DEQ requests that business entities affected by the proposed rules provide to DEQ (during the comment period) the increase (in dollar amounts if possible) in the level of direct costs (e.g., fees) and indirect costs (e.g., reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss), or other costs expected to be incurred due to compliance with the proposed rules.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the contact person, reviewed at the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, during normal business hours (8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday) or reviewed online at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/index.htm>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Copies of the rule impact statement may be obtained from the contact person or may be reviewed online at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/index.htm>.

CONTACT PERSON:

The contact person is Mark Hildebrand. Mark may be contacted at: Mark.Hildebrand@deq.ok.gov (e-mail), (405) 702-8100 (phone) or (405) 702-8101 (fax). The DEQ is located at 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. The DEQ's mailing address is P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-1677.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Persons with disabilities who desire to attend the rulemaking hearing and need an accommodation should notify the contact person three (3) days in advance of the hearing. For hearing impaired, the TDD relay number is 1-800-522-8506 or 1-800-722-0353, for TDD machine use only.