

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 4. RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking.

PROPOSED RULES:

252:4-7-76 UIC applications-Tier I [AMENDED]

252:4-7-77 UIC applications - Tier II [AMENDED]

252:4-7-78 UIC applications - Tier III [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed rulemaking is to amend section 76 UIC applications-Tier I, section 77 UIC applications -Tier II, and section 78 UIC applications -Tier III of subchapter 7 Water Quality Division Tiers and Time Lines, which describes underground injection control authorizations requiring Tier I, Tier II and Tier III applications. The proposed rulemaking will make it possible to apply for a Class V injection well permit for disposal of drinking water treatment residuals into a Class II-D well, permitted by OCC by submitting a Tier I application. The proposed rulemaking is intended to reduce the burden of drinking water treatment residuals management for communities that are faced with increasing water demands and have difficulties meeting surface water discharge standards for the disposal of the drinking water treatment residuals.

AUTHORITY:

Environmental Quality Board; Oklahoma Environmental Quality Code 27A O.S. §2-1-101; Water Quality Management Advisory Council 27A O.S. §2-2-201.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written comments may be submitted to the contact person from December 1, 2014 through January 12, 2015. Oral comments may be made at the Water Quality Management Advisory Council meeting on January 13, 2015, and at the Environmental Quality Board meeting on February 20, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Before the Water Quality Management Advisory Council on January 13, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102.

Before the Environmental Quality Board on February 20, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The DEQ requests that business entities affected by these rules provide the DEQ, within the comment period, in dollar amounts if possible, the increase in the level of direct costs such as fees, and the indirect costs such as reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by a particular entity due to compliance with the proposed rule.

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 73102, or reviewed online at <http://deq.state.ok.us/LPDnew/LPProprules.htm>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Persons with disabilities who desire to attend the rulemaking hearing and need an accommodation should notify the contact person three (3) working 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.