

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 303. TNI LABORATORY ACCREDITATION**

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Before the Water Quality Management Advisory Council on July 8, 2014.

Before the Environmental Quality Board on November 13, 2014.

1. **DESCRIPTION:** The rules in this Chapter 303 were not implemented and are to be revoked. The chapter provided standards for accreditation of privately and publicly owned laboratories to perform analyses of water and wastewater, solid and hazardous waste, soil, sludge and petroleum hydrocarbons consistent with The NELAC Institute (TNI) standards.

This rule process is progressing in tandem with adoption of the new Chapter 307, TNI Laboratory Accreditation. Chapter 303 is to be replaced with Chapter 307 due to inconsistency with TNI Standards language and difficulty in enforcing the rule as previously written.

2. **CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED:** In-state and out-of-state laboratories that seek accreditation will be accredited under rules of Chapter 307.
3. **CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO WILL BEAR COSTS:** None.
4. **INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS FROM PRIVATE/PUBLIC ENTITIES:** None
5. **CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED:** Participants in the laboratory accreditation program may benefit from being TNI accredited under rules of Chapter 307.
6. **PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS:** None
7. **PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:** None.
8. **POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS:** None.
9. **LISTING OF ALL FEE CHANGES, INCLUDING A SEPARATE JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH FEE CHANGE:** None.
10. **PROBABLE COSTS AND BENEFITS TO DEQ TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE:** None.
11. **PROBABLE COSTS AND BENEFITS TO OTHER AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE:** None.
12. **SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE RULE:** None.
13. **PROJECTED NET LOSS OR GAIN IN REVENUES FOR DEQ AND/OR OTHER AGENCIES, IF IT CAN BE PROJECTED:** None.

14. **COOPERATION OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT OR ENFORCE RULE:** None.
15. **EXPLANATION OF THE MEASURES THE DEQ TOOK TO MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS:** n/a.
16. **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY OR NONREGULATORY OR LESS INTRUSIVE METHODS OF ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:** n/a.
17. **DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:** n/a.
18. **IF THE PROPOSED RULE IS DESIGNED TO REDUCE SIGNIFICANT RISKS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT, EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE RISK AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE PROPOSED RULE WILL REDUCE THE RISK:** n/a.
19. **DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT IF THE PROPOSED RULE IS NOT IMPLEMENTED:** n/a.
20. **PROBABLE QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE IMPACT ON BUSINESS ENTITIES, INCLUDING QUANTIFIABLE DATA WHERE POSSIBLE:** None.

THIS RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED ON: May 6, 2014.

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