TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CHAPTER 100. AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 5. Registration, Emission Inventory and Annual Operating Fees

252:100-5-2.2 Annual operating fees [AMENDED]

Subchapter 49. Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Rebate Program [NEW]

252:100-49-1 Purpose and Applicability [NEW]

252:100-49-3 Definitions [NEW]

252:100-49-5 Program criteria and qualification determination [NEW]

252:100-49-7 Sunset provision [NEW]

SUMMARY:

The Department of Environmental Quality (Department or DEQ) is proposing to amend OAC 252:100, Subchapter 5, Registration, Emission Inventory and Annual Operating Fees, to update the annual operating fee schedule language relating to minor facilities. Part 70 (major) sources are subject to adjusted annual operating fees based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The gist of this rule proposal and the underlying reason for the rulemaking is to include the use of the CPI in the adjustment of annual operating fees for minor facilities.

The Department is proposing to add Subchapter 49, Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Rebate Program to OAC 252:100, to implement applicable provisions of the Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Incentive Act, 68 O.S. § 55006, et seq. The act created the "Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Rebate Program," administered by the DEQ and the Oklahoma Tax Commission, to provide an incentive for "Emission Reduction Projects" – implementation of new and innovative technologies to reduce air pollutant emissions from oil and gas facilities. The gist of this rule proposal and the underlying reason for the rulemaking is to implement the Department's responsibilities under the Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Incentive Act.

AUTHORITY:

Environmental Quality Board; 27A O.S. §§ 2-2-101, 2-2-201, 2-3-402, and 2-5-106. Air Quality Advisory Council; 27A O.S. §§ 2-2-201 and 2-5-107. Oklahoma Clean Air Act; 27A O.S. §§ 2-5-101 through 2-5-117.

Oklahoma Uniform Permitting Act; 27A O.S. §§ 2-14-101 through 2-14-304.

Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Incentive Act; 68 O.S. § 55011.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written comments may be submitted to the contact person from December 1, 2022, through January 3, 2023. Oral comments may be made at the January 11, 2023 Air Quality Advisory Council special meeting and at the February 17, 2023 Environmental Quality Board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Before the Air Quality Advisory Council at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at the DEQ Headquarters, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

If the Council recommends adoption, the proposed rules will be considered by the Environmental Quality Board at its meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023, at the DEQ Headquarters, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

These hearings shall also serve as public hearings to receive comments on the proposed revisions to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) under the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 51.102 and

27A O.S. § 2-5-107(6)(c), and to the State Title V (Part 70) Implementation Plan under the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 70 and 27A O.S. § 2-5-112(B)(9).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The Department requests that business entities or any other members of the public affected by these rules provide the Department, 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, recordkeeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by a particular entity 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, OK 73102, or reviewed online at https://www.deq.ok.gov/council-meetings/air-quality-advisory-council/.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENTS:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D), a rule impact statement was prepared and is available on the DEQ website at https://www.deq.ok.gov/council-meetings/air-quality-advisory-council/. Copies may also be obtained from the Department by calling the contact person listed below. **CONTACT PERSON:**

The contact person for this proposal is Melanie Foster, Environmental Programs Manager, who can be reached by phone at (405) 702-4100. Please email written comments to AQDRuleComments@deq.ok.gov. Mail should be addressed to Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677, ATTN: Melanie Foster.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:

Should you desire to attend the public hearing but have a disability and need an accommodation, please notify the Air Quality Division three (3) days in advance at (405) 702-4177. For the hearing impaired, the TDD relay number is 1-800-522-8506 or 1-800-722-0353, for TDD machine use only.