**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**CHAPTER 515. MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 23. Regulated Medical Waste Management

Part 1. General Provisions

252:515-23-1 [AMENDED]

252:515-23-2 [AMENDED]

**SUMMARY:**

 The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing to amend OAC 252:515. The gist of this rulemaking is to make minor changes to clarify existing language related to the generation of Regulated Medical Waste and acknowledge generators may be subject to rules of other agencies.

**AUTHORITY:**

 Environmental Quality Board, 27A O.S. §§ 2-2-101, and 2-10-201; Solid Waste Management Advisory Council, 27A O.S. § 2-2-201.

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

 Deliver or mail written comments on the proposed rules to the contact person from December 1, 2022 through January 11, 2023. Oral comments may be made at the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2023 and at the Environmental Quality Board meeting to be held on February 17, 2023 at the DEQ, first floor, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

 Before the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2023, in the Multi-Purpose Room, first floor of the DEQ, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. If the Council recommends adoption, the proposed rules will be considered by the Environmental Quality Board on February 17, 2023, at the DEQ, first floor, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

**REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

 The DEQ requests that business entities affected by these proposed rules provide the DEQ, within the comment period and in dollar amounts if possible, the increase or decrease 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 rules.

**PROPOSED RULES:**

 Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the contact person and may be viewed on the DEQ website at https://www.deq.ok.gov/land-protection-division/land-protection-division-proposed-rules/.

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

 The Rule Impact Statement for the proposed rules will be on file at the DEQ and may be requested from the contact person or viewed on the DEQ website at https://www.deq.ok.gov/land-protection-division/land-protection-division-proposed-rules/.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

 Persons with disabilities who desire to attend the public hearing and need assistance should notify the contact person three days in advance of the meeting during business hours at 405-702-5100 or by using TDD relay number 1-800-522-8506.