

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 611. GENERAL WATER QUALITY**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

252:611-1-1 [AMENDED]

252:611-1-2 [AMENDED]

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252:611-1-6 [AMENDED]

252:611-1-7 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Certifications

252:611-3-1 [AMENDED]

252:611-3-2 [AMENDED]

252:611-3-3 [AMENDED]

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252:611-3-6 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Groundwater Pollution Control

252:611-5-1 [AMENDED]

252:611-5-2 [AMENDED]

252:611-5-3 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 7. Groundwater Protection [NEW]

252:611-7-1 [NEW]

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Subchapter 9. Water Quality Standards Implementation Plan [NEW]

252:611-9-1 [NEW]

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252:611-9-3 [NEW]

SUMMARY:

This Chapter contains guidance and implementation rules related to groundwater protection. The proposed rules are intended to streamline agency rules as part of a proposal to transfer existing regulations from Chapter 690 into this chapter. As part of the proposed agency rule changes, Chapter 690 will be revoked and the provisions in Chapter 690 dealing with groundwater protection will be included in Chapter 611 and merged with the existing rules. The Department also proposes to correct minor typographical and formatting errors, and to update identifying nouns, such as replacing references to "the DEQ" to simply "DEQ," to be consistent with the agency's other regulations.

AUTHORITY:

Environmental Quality Board; 27A O.S. §§ 2-2-101, 2-6-103, 2-6-103.2, and 2-6-203.
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, 2023, through January 9, 2024. Oral comments may be made at the Water Quality Management Advisory Council meeting on January 9, 2024, and at the Environmental Quality Board meeting on February 13, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Oral comments will be heard before the Water Quality Management Advisory Council on January 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality offices, First Floor, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. If the Council recommends adoption, the proposed rules additional oral comments will be heard by the Environmental Quality Board at its meeting scheduled on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality offices, First Floor, 707 N. Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The DEQ requests that business entities or any other members of the public affected by these rules provide to DEQ, within the comment period, comments about any increase in the level of costs, such as fees, and also including indirect costs, such as 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 <https://www.deq.ok.gov/council-meetings/water-quality-management-advisory-council/>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Copies of the rule impact statement may be obtained from the contact person or may be reviewed online at <https://www.deq.ok.gov/council-meetings/water-quality-management-advisory-council/>.

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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:

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.