

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
CHAPTER 631. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY OPERATION**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 1. Introduction

252:631-1-2 [AMENDED]

252:631-1-3 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Operations

252:631-3-1 [AMENDED]

252:631-3-2 [AMENDED]

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252:631-3-4 [AMENDED]

252:631-3-6 [AMENDED]

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252:631-3-11 [AMENDED]

252:631-3-17 [AMENDED]

252:631-3-18 [AMENDED]

252:631-3-21 [AMENDED]

252:631-3-23 [AMENDED]

**SUMMARY:**

The gist of this rule and the underlying reason for the rulemaking is to: (1) update the rule concerning the date of incorporation by reference of certain federal regulations from August 17, 2022, to October 30, 2024; (2) correct a grammatical error; (3) remove references to Fecal Coliform and replace, where appropriate, with *E. coli*; (4) update laboratory emergency notification requirements to match Tier 1 public notice (PN) requirements in the C.F.R.; (5) update validation of data requirements for sampling procedures to match the intent of the C.F.R.; (6) update Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) delivery requirements to match the CCR requirements in the C.F.R.; (7) remove total chlorine residual testing requirements for systems that use free chlorine; and (8) update public water supply (PWS) immediate notification requirements to match Tier 1 PN requirements in the C.F.R. and to account for physical and cybersecurity concerns.

**AUTHORITY:**

Environmental Quality Board; 27A O.S. §§ 2-2-101, 2-6-103, 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 2, 2024, through January 7, 2025. Oral comments may be made at the Water Quality Management Advisory Council meeting on January 7, 2025, and at the Environmental Quality Board meeting on January 21, 2025.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Before the Water Quality Management Advisory Council on January 7, 2025, 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 will be considered by the

Environmental Quality Board at its meeting scheduled on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the DEQ Headquarters, First Floor, 707 N. Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

**REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

DEQ requests that business entities or any other members of the public affected by these rules provide to DEQ (during the comment period) the increase (in dollar amounts if possible) in the level of direct costs (e.g., fees) and indirect costs (e.g., 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-meeting-single/?meetingid=MTc2Njg=>.

**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-meeting-single/?meetingid=MTc2Njg=>.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:**

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