

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 641. INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL PUBLIC ONSITE SEWAGE
TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1 General Provisions

252:641-1-2 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Soil Tests

252:641-3-2 [AMENDED]

252:641-3-4 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 12. Dispersal Fields

252:641-12-1 [AMENDED]

252:641-12-2 [AMENDED]

252:641-12-3 [AMENDED]

252:641-12-4 [AMENDED]

252:641-12-5 [AMENDED]

252:641-12-6 [AMENDED]

252:641-12-7 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 15. Lagoons

252:641-15-2 [AMENDED]

Appendix H. Size Charts for On-site Sewage Treatment Systems [REVOKED]

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Appendix N. Examples of Chambers being Used for Storage and Dispersal [REVOKED]

SUMMARY:

The gist of the rule that the Department is proposing is to: (1) add or amend definitions relating to chambers, manufactured media systems, and Zone 1, (2) establish sizing reduction guidelines for Conventional Subsurface Absorption systems (including manufactured media systems), (3) amend aerobic system surface application area totals and establish sizing criteria for small public aerobic systems, and (4) address numbering issues for Appendices referenced in rule text.

AUTHORITY:

Environmental Quality Board, 27A O.S §§ 2-2-101, 2-2-201, 2-6-402, and 2-6-403; and 59 O.S. § 1158.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written comments may be submitted to the contact person from November 15, 2020, through December 16, 2020. Oral comments may be made at the Water Quality Advisory Council meeting on January 12, 2021, and at the Environmental Quality Board meeting at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held in February 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Before the Water Quality Advisory Council on January 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality offices, First Floor, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73101. Before the Environmental Quality Board at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held in February 2021 at the Department of Environmental Quality offices, First Floor, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The DEQ requests that business entities affected by the proposed rules provide to DEQ (during the comment period) the increase (in dollar amounts if possible) in the level of 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/environmental-complaints-division/on-site-sewage/>

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/environmental-complaints-division/on-site-sewage/>

CONTACT PERSON:

The contact person is Nicholas Huber. Nicholas may be contacted at: nicholas.huber@deq.ok.gov (e-mail) or (405) 702-6100 (phone). The DEQ is located at 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. The DEQ's mailing address is P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-1677.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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 1-800-722-0353, for TDD machine use only.