TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CHAPTER 690. WATER QUALITY STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

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   Subchapter 7. Water Quality Standards implementation Plan, Oklahoma Department of
Environmental Quality [REVOKED]
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   Appendix B. Priority and Nonpriority Pollutants with Numerical Criteria Requiring
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Reasonable Potential Screening [REVOKED]

Appendix C. Methodology and Equations for Characterizing Effluent and Background Concentrations in Determination of Reasonable Potential to Exceed Numerical Criteria [REVOKED]

Appendix D. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing Critical Dilutions and Dilution Series [REVOKED]

Appendix E. Equations for Implementation of Temperature Criteria to Protect the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Beneficial Use [REVOKED]

Appendix F. Equations for Implementation of Numerical Criteria for Toxic Substances to Protect the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Beneficial Use [REVOKED]

Appendix G. Equations for Implementation of Numerical Human Health and Raw Water Criteria to Protect the Fish Consumption and Public and Private Water Supply Beneficial Use [REVOKED]

Appendix H. Equations for Implementation of Numerical Criteria to Protect the Agriculture Beneficial Use [REVOKED]

Appendix I. Performance-Based Effluent Monitoring Frequency Reductions and Increases [REVOKED]

Appendix J. Background Monitoring [REVOKED]

SUMMARY:

Chapter 690 contains the Water Quality Standards Implementation Plan (WQSIP) recently enacted as part of the transfer of authority over Oklahoma Water Quality Standards (OWQS) from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to the Department of Environmental Quality. Because agency rules already contained elements of a WQSIP prior to assuming responsibility for the OWQS, the proposed changes to this chapter are intended to streamline agency rules by combining the contents of Chapter 690 with the other WQSIP provisions found in Chapters 606 and 611. Applicable portions of Subchapter 1, titled "Introduction", Subchapter 5, titled "Groundwater Protection", and Subchapter 7, titled "Water Quality Standards Implementation Plan, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality" are proposed to be incorporated into Chapter 611. Applicable portions of Subchapter 1, titled "Introduction", Subchapter 3, titled "Point Source Discharges" and Appendices B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J are proposed to be incorporated into Chapter 606. As a result of the incorporation of these subchapters into different parts of the agency's rules, Chapter 690 is proposed to be revoked in its entirety.

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, additional oral comments will be considered 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 comments from business entities or any other members of the public affected by these rules provide to DEQ, within the comment period, 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/.

CONTACT PERSON:

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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.