

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 740. IMPLEMENTATION OF OKLAHOMA'S WATER QUALITY
STANDARDS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

252:740-1-2 [AMENDED]

252:740-1-4 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Implementation of Numerical Criteria to Protect Fish and Wildlife From Toxicity Due to Conservative Substances

252:740-5-3 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 7. Implementation of Numerical Criteria to Protect Human Health From Toxicity Due to Conservative Substances

252:740-7-3 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 9. Implementation of Criteria to Protect the Agriculture Beneficial Use

252:740-9-4 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 13. Implementation of Antidegradation Policy

252:740-13-8 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 15. Use Support Assessment Protocols

252:740-15-3 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The rules in this chapter comprise the agency's implementation of Oklahoma Water Quality Standards, and contain a number of references to numerical and qualitative testing methods. The proposed revisions will combine or eliminate duplicative definitions, correct typographical errors, and make minor formatting corrections. A proposed change to Section 252:740-15-3 will also replace a reference to an outdated EPA directive on quality assurance methods with a reference to the latest equivalent EPA directive issued in July 2023.

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 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 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, in dollar amounts if possible, including direct 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.