

MINUTES
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
January 12, 2021
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
Multipurpose Room
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Official WQMAC

To be approved at the January 11, 2022 Meeting

Notice of Public Meeting – The Water Quality Management Advisory Council (WQMAC) convened for a Regular Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 707 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, with notice of the meeting given to the Secretary of State on November 4, 2020. The agenda was posted at DEQ twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. Mr. Brian Duzan, Chair, called the meeting to order. Ms. Quiana Fields called roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Duzan
 Mary Mach
 Mark Matheson
 Rick Moore
 Bill Smith
 Steve Sowers
 Duane Winegardner

DEQ STAFF PRESENT

Shellie Chard
 Karen Steele
 Brian Clagg
 Nicholas Huber
 Mark Hildebrand
 April Eberle
 Michelle Wynn
 Quiana Fields

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Carr
 Jon Nelson
 Debbie Wells
 Terry Wyatt

OTHERS PRESENT

Tammie Shipman, Court Reporter

Approval of Minutes from the September 29, 2020 Meeting – Mr. Duzan called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 29, 2020 Regular Meeting. Mr. Winegardner moved to approve and Mr. Sowers made the second.

		<i>See transcript pages 4 – 5</i>	
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Mark Matheson	Abstain	Duane Winegardner	Yes
Rick Moore	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes
Bill Smith	Yes		

ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR – Mr. Duzan opened discussion for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Winegardner nominated Mr. Sowers for Vice-Chair and Mr. Duzan made the second.

		<i>See transcript pages 5 – 6</i>	
Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Mark Matheson	Yes	Duane Winegardner	Yes
Rick Moore	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes
Bill Smith	Yes		

ELECTION OF THE CHAIR – Mr. Sowers opened discussion for nominations for Chair. Mr. Sowers nominated Mr. Duzan for Chair and Mr. Winegardner made the second.

See transcript pages 6 – 7

Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Mark Matheson	Yes	Duane Winegardner	Yes
Rick Moore	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes
Bill Smith	Yes		

PERMANENT RULEMAKING OAC 252:641 – INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL PUBLIC ONSITE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS – Mr. Nicholas Huber, Environmental Programs Manager of the ECLS Division, stated that the DEQ staff will be proposing to make permanent rule changes that are identical to the emergency rulemaking approved at the September 29, 2020, WQMAC meeting and that were subsequently approved at the November 10, 2020, Environmental Quality Board meeting, that include: amend and establish certain definitions, under certain situations allow a reduction of the minimum size of subsurface absorption fields for individual on-site sewage treatment systems, establish sizing criteria for manufactured media systems, and revise and combine the minimum spray area size for aerobic systems, most of which will result in a reduction of overall application areas. Hearing no questions or comments by the Council or by the public, Mr. Duzan called for a motion. Ms. Mach moved to approve the changes and Mr. Smith made the second.

See transcript pages 7 – 11

Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Mark Matheson	Yes	Duane Winegardner	Yes
Rick Moore	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes
Bill Smith	Yes		

PERMANENT RULEMAKING OAC 252:606 – OKLAHOMA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (OPDES) STANDARDS – Mr. Brian Clagg, Environmental Programs Manager of the WQD, stated that the DEQ staff will be proposing to: update the rule concerning the date of incorporation by reference of certain federal regulations from July 1, 2018, to July 1, 2020. The federal regulation updates being incorporated are minor and are intended to modernize regulations, promote submission of complete permit applications and clarify regulatory requirements to allow more timely development of NPDES permits that protect human health and the environment. Following questions by the Council and none by the public, Mr. Duzan called for a motion. Mr. Matheson moved to approve and Ms. Mach made the second.

See transcript pages 11 – 16

Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Mark Matheson	Yes	Duane Winegardner	Yes
Rick Moore	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes
Bill Smith	Yes		

PERMANENT RULEMAKING OAC 252:631 – PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY OPERATION – Mr. Clagg stated that the DEQ staff will be proposing to: update the rule concerning the date of incorporation by reference of certain federal regulations from January 1, 2017, to July 1, 2020. This allows inclusion of all pertinent CFR parts amended between January 1, 2017 and July 1, 2020, specifically allowing for newly approved alternative testing methods for contaminants listed at 40 CFR 141.21(f)(3) found in Appendix A to Subpart C of

Part 141. Hearing no questions or comments by the Council or by the public, Mr. Duzan called for a motion. Dr. Moore moved to approve and Mr. Smith made the second.

See transcript pages 16 – 19

Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Mark Matheson	Yes	Duane Winegardner	Yes
Rick Moore	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes
Bill Smith	Yes		

PERMANET RULEMAKING OAC 252:690 – WATER QUALITY STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION – Mr. Clagg stated that DEQ staff will be proposing to: update the rule concerning the date of incorporation by reference of certain federal regulations from July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2020. The most significant federal regulation update being incorporated is EPA and the Department of the Army’s redefining and clarifying the scope of “Waters of the United States” federally regulated under the Clean Water Act consistent with the Executive Order signed on February 28, 2017 entitled “The Navigable Waters Protection Rule: Definition of Waters of the United States.” This final rule implements the overall objective of the Clean Water Act and increases the predictability and consistency of Clean Water Act programs. Following questions by the Council and none by the public, Mr. Duzan called for a motion. Mr. Smith moved to approve and Ms. Mach made the second.

See transcript pages 19 – 22

Mary Mach	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Mark Matheson	Yes	Duane Winegardner	Yes
Rick Moore	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes
Bill Smith	Yes		

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Ms. Shellie Chard, Division Director of WQD, provided an update on other division activities.

See transcript pages 22 – 45

NEW BUSINESS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 2:00 p. m. at DEQ.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Duzan called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sowers moved to adjourn and Mr. Matheson made the second. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

See transcript pages 45 – 46

Robert Carr	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes
Mary Mach	Yes	Debbie Wells	Yes
Mark Matheson	Yes	Duane Winegardner	Yes
Jon Nelson	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes
Bill Smith	Yes		

Transcript and Attendance Sheet are attached as an official part of these Minutes.

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WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2021 - 2:00 P.M.

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1 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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3 MR. BRIAN DUZAN, CHAIRMAN

4 MR. STEVE SOWERS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

5 MS. MARY MACH

6 DR. RICK MOORE

7 MR. WILLARD SMITH

8 MR. DUANE WINEGARDNER

9 MR. MARK MATHESON

10 MR. ROBERT CARR - Absent

11 MR. JOHN NELSON - Absent

12 MS. DEBBIE WELLS - Absent

13 MS. TERRY WYATT - Absent

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15 Also Present:

16 Ms. Quiana Fields, Secretary of Board and Council

17 Mr. Nicholas Huber, On-Site Total Retention Lagoon
Program Manager

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19 Ms. Shellie Chard, Director of Water Quality Division

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21 Mr. Brian Clagg, Environmental Programs Manager, Water
Quality Division

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1 (Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.)

2 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: This regular meeting

3 of the Water Council -- Water Quality Management

4 Advisory Council was called in accordance with

5 the Open Meeting Act. Notice for this

6 January 12th, 2021, regular meeting was filed

7 with The Secretary of State on November 4th,

8 2020. The agenda was duly posted at DEQ 24

9 hours prior to the meeting. Only matters

10 appearing on the posted agenda may be considered

11 at this regular meeting.

12 In the event that this meeting is

13 continued or reconvened, public notice of the

14 date, time and place of the continued meeting

15 will be given by announcement at this meeting.

16 Only matters appearing on the agenda of the

17 meeting which is continued may be discussed at

18 the continued or reconvened meeting.

19 I would also like to make an

20 announcement, since we're all kind of spread

21 out, if the members of the Council can state

22 your name before speaking so that they can get

23 it all nice and neat on the record.

24 So we'll have a roll call for

25 attendance.

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1 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Carr is absent.

2 Ms. Mach?

3 MS. MACH: Present.

4 MR. MATHESON: Mr. Matheson?

5 MS. FIELDS: Present.

6 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Moore?

7 DR. MOORE: Here.

8 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Nelson is absent.

9 Mr. Smith?

10 MR. SMITH: Here.

11 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?

12 MR. SOWERS: Here.

13 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Wells is absent.

14 Mr. Winegardner?

15 MR. WINEGARDNER: Here.

16 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Wyatt is absent.

17 Mr. Duzan?

18 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Here.

19 MS. FIELDS: We have a quorum.

20 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. The next thing

21 is the approval of the minutes from the

22 September 29th, 2020, meeting, which I believe

23 everybody should have had a chance to look at.

24 MR. WINEGARDNER: Make a motion to

25 approve.

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1 MR. SOWERS: I'll second that.

2 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay.

3 MR. SOWERS: And Steve Sower.

4 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: We have a motion and a

5 second.

6 Vote.

7 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?

8 MS. MACH: Yes.

9 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Matheson?

10 MR. MATHESON: I abstain. I wasn't

11 here at the last meeting.

12 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Moore?

13 DR. MOORE: Yes.

14 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?

15 MR. SMITH: Yes.

16 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?

17 MR. SOWERS: Yes.

18 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Winegardner?

19 MR. WINEGARDNER: Yes.

20 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?

21 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Yes.

22 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.

23 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. The next thing

24 is the selection of the Vice Chair for 2021. I

25 will accept nominations.

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1 MR. WINEGARDNER: I would like to
2 nominate Steve Sowers for Vice Chair.
3 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: This is Brian. I'll
4 second. Any other nominations?
5 We'll have a vote.
6 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?
7 MS. MACH: Yes.
8 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Matheson?
9 MR. MATHESON: Yes.
10 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Moore?
11 DR. MOORE: Yes.
12 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
13 MR. SMITH: Yes.
14 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
15 MR. SOWERS: Yes.
16 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Winegardner?
17 MR. WINEGARDNER: Yes.
18 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
19 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Yes.
20 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.
21 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. Now I'll turn
22 it over to Steve for the next item, which is the
23 election of the Chair.
24 MR. SOWERS: Do we have any nominations
25 for the Chair position?

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1 meeting than the Zoom meeting we had.
2 As Brian just mentioned, my name is
3 Nicholas Huber, the On-site and total Retention
4 Program Manager for Environmental Complaints and
5 Local Services Division. Today I'll be talking
6 to the Council about changes to Chapter 641.
7 These changes were initially presented
8 as emergency rules, at the September 29th, 2020,
9 Water Quality Management Advisory Council
10 Meeting. The Water Quality Board approved --
11 provided their approval of this action in -- at
12 the November 10th, 2020, meeting. We received
13 notice from the Governor's office approving
14 these emergency actions dated January 4th, 2021,
15 making the changes effective.
16 This action is required to replace the
17 emergency rules that will expire the 14th of
18 September, 2021. This version has been updated
19 to reflect listed changes on the red-marked
20 pages that were provided by the office of
21 Administrative Rules. The noted changes address
22 formatting issues that were found in Subchapter
23 12-4. No additional changes have been made to
24 this chapter that were seen in the September
25 2020.

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1 I would nominate Brian Duzan.
2 MR. WINEGARDNER: I would second that.
3 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: So we'll take a vote.
4 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?
5 MS. MACH: Yes.
6 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Matheson?
7 MR. MATHESON: Yes.
8 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Moore?
9 DR. MOORE: Yes.
10 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
11 MR. SMITH: Yes.
12 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
13 MR. SOWERS: Yes.
14 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Winegardner?
15 MR. WINEGARDNER: Yes.
16 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
17 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Yes.
18 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.
19 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. The next big
20 thing on the agenda is Number 6, Permanent
21 Rulemaking, 252:641, Individual and Small Public
22 Onsite Sewage Treatment Systems. And we have a
23 presentation from Nicholas Huber of the DEQ.
24 MR. HUBER: Yes. Hello. It's nice to
25 see everybody. I think I prefer this type of

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1 Throughout this process we continue to
2 rely on our stakeholders to assist in the
3 revision of Chapter 641 by including significant
4 contributions by many of the certified
5 installers in Oklahoma, along with industry
6 professionals in manufacturing.
7 Three virtual outreach meetings were
8 held during the end of August and beginning of
9 September to solicit comments. As part of this
10 permanent rulemaking process, a public comment
11 hearing was held from November 15th to
12 December 16th, 2020.
13 Two virtual meetings were held during
14 this posted public comment period to provide
15 another opportunity to solicit input concerning
16 the proposed amendments. No comments were
17 received during those meetings or during the
18 comment period. This revision, as we discussed
19 at the September meeting, includes changes to
20 definitions, expansion of dispersal system
21 requirements, the addition of an optional
22 reduction for conventional subsurface absorption
23 systems, and changes to sizing criteria
24 contained in Appendix H of the chapter.
25 If there are questions, I'll take them

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1 at this time.

2 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Any questions from the

3 Council?

4 Are there any questions from the

5 public?

6 Okay. I guess we can -- if there's no

7 questions or comments, we can entertain a

8 motion.

9 MS. MACH: This is Mary Elizabeth Mach.

10 I make a motion to approve the changes.

11 MR. SMITH: This is Bill Smith. I

12 second.

13 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. Vote.

14 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?

15 MS. MACH: Yes.

16 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Matheson?

17 MR. MATHESON: Yes.

18 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Moore?

19 DR. MOORE: Yes.

20 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?

21 MR. SMITH: Yes.

22 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?

23 MR. SOWERS: Yes.

24 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Winegardner?

25 MR. WINEGARDNER: Yes.

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1 These are Chapter 606, The Oklahoma Pollutant

2 Discharge Elimination System Standards; Chapter

3 631, Public Water Supply Operation; and Chapter

4 690, Water Quality Standards Implementation.

5 So I will go through each of these

6 individually. I would also like to note that we

7 did hold two informal public meetings regarding

8 these proposed updates. They were virtual, and

9 the first was on November 18th and the second on

10 November 20th. The DEQ has not received any

11 written comments regarding the proposed updates

12 to these rules.

13 So I will begin with Chapter 606. This

14 is our chapter of rules that implement The

15 Oklahoma Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

16 Act. Your materials include copies of the rule

17 text change, notice of the rulemaking intent,

18 and rule impact statement. In looking at those,

19 the text shows that we are proposing to update

20 the incorporation by reference date from

21 July 1st, 2018, to July 1st, 2020.

22 Following the texts it denotes the

23 Rulemaking Intent. In the summary of the NRI it

24 notes: The federal regulation updates being

25 incorporated are minor and are intended to

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1 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?

2 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Yes.

3 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.

4 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Seems like we've went

5 over that enough by now.

6 The next thing is Number 7, Permanent

7 Rulemaking to OAC 252:606, The Oklahoma

8 Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, OPDES

9 standards. For this, we have a presentation

10 from Brian Clagg from the DEQ.

11 MR. CLAGG: All right. Good -- can you

12 all hear me?

13 (Inaudible conversation.)

14 MR. CLAGG: Okay. Thank you. All

15 right. Good afternoon. I'm Brian Clagg, and

16 I'm an environmental programs manager for the

17 Water Quality Division here at DEQ. As

18 discussed at the September 29th, 2020, Water

19 Quality Management Advisory Council Meeting, the

20 department is proposing to update the

21 incorporation by reference date of federal

22 regulations for three of our chapters.

23 It is necessary that we update these as

24 part of our delegation agreement with EPA. We

25 have identified three that need to be updated.

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1 modernize regulations, promote submission of

2 complete permit applications, and clarifies

3 regulatory requirements to allow more timely

4 development of NPDES permits that protect human

5 health and the environment.

6 Modernize is the keyword here. These

7 changes include updating contact information

8 such as web addresses for electronic databases.

9 It makes current several references that were

10 outdated. It includes changes to permit

11 applications to require e-mail addresses and

12 requires facilities to indicate if they use

13 cooling water, and, if so, the source, and if

14 they are requesting certain variances. And as

15 it relates to public notice, it allows for

16 public website posting in lieu of newspaper

17 publication.

18 Lastly, in your materials is the Rule

19 Impact Statement. We do not anticipate these

20 updates to have any economic impact on the

21 regulated facilities, as these are minor

22 regulatory changes directed at updating

23 requirements and improving the permitting

24 process.

25 So that concludes my presentation on

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1 Chapter 606.
 2 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. Questions or
 3 comments from the Council?
 4 MS. MACH: This is Mary Elizabeth, and
 5 I actually do have a question. And it will be
 6 the same for all three of these proposed rule
 7 changes.
 8 It states that there's a date -- you
 9 know, the date of July 30, 2020, is -- and this
 10 might go back to a question that I had asked
 11 Director Chard at the last meeting. Can we
 12 not -- again, if this is a silly question, just
 13 let me know.
 14 Why can we not just say the -- can we
 15 adopt the most current CFR instead of putting a
 16 date? And so each time that that CFR changes
 17 you have to go through this process; is that
 18 correct?
 19 MS CHARD: So this is Shellie Chard,
 20 Water Quality Division Director. And the answer
 21 is, it's a legal issue. We can't incorporate by
 22 reference something that we don't know what it
 23 is as we sit here, and have a public meeting to
 24 discuss. So we are updating what essentially
 25 becomes almost a year behind, but that is a

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1 DR. MOORE: Yes.
 2 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
 3 MR. SMITH: Yes.
 4 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
 5 MR. SOWERS: Yes.
 6 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Widegardner?
 7 MR. WIDEGARDNER: Yes.
 8 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
 9 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Yes.
 10 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.
 11 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. Moving onto
 12 252:631, Public Water Supply Operation. Again,
 13 Brian Clagg.
 14 MR. CLAGG: Yes. This is Chapter 631.
 15 It's our Public Water Supply Operation Rule.
 16 The rule text in the material shows that we are
 17 proposing to update the incorporation by
 18 reference date of January 1st, 2017 to July 1st,
 19 2020. The summary section of the Notice of
 20 Rulemaking Intent states that this will, "Allow
 21 for inclusion of all pertinent CFR parts amended
 22 between July 1st of 2017, and July 1st of 2020,
 23 specifically allowing for newly approved
 24 alternative testing methods for contaminants
 25 listed at 40 CFR, part 141."

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1 legal process that we have to follow.
 2 MS. MACH: Just a legal --
 3 MS. CHARD: It -- we cannot adopt
 4 something that has not been presented.
 5 MS. MACH: Sure.
 6 MS. CHARD: And the end effect is
 7 federal law.
 8 MS. MACH: Okay. Thank you.
 9 MS. CHARD: You're welcome.
 10 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Any other questions or
 11 comments from the Council?
 12 Questions or comments from the public?
 13 Okay. Being no questions or comments,
 14 we'll entertain a motion.
 15 MR. MATHESON: I'll make a motion to
 16 approve. This is Mark Matheson.
 17 MS. MACH: Mary Elizabeth Mach. I
 18 second that motion.
 19 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. We'll have a
 20 vote.
 21 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?
 22 MS. MACH: Yes.
 23 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Matheson?
 24 MR. MATHESON: Yes.
 25 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Moore?

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1 Now, I need to note here that there was
 2 a scrivener error that we discovered in the
 3 summary section of the Notice of Rulemaking
 4 Intent. It incorrectly states the month of
 5 July 2017 instead of January 2017 as the
 6 incorporation from date. So from advice from
 7 counsel, the notice was drafted clarifying the
 8 scrivener error. It is in your materials.
 9 Should be right behind the Notice of Rulemaking
 10 Intent. And this notice is also posted on our
 11 website where all of the other materials related
 12 to this meeting are posted.
 13 So moving on to the updates. When EPA
 14 determines that an alternative political method
 15 is equally effective, for example, is as
 16 effective as the method that has already been
 17 promulgated in the regulations, then the Safe
 18 Drinking Water Act allows EPA to approve the use
 19 of the alternative testing method through
 20 publication of the federal register. In this
 21 case about 100 alternative testing methods were
 22 added to Appendix A to Subpart C of Part 141.
 23 So the last thing in your materials is
 24 the Rule Impact Statement. We don't anticipate
 25 increase in costs as a result of these changes.

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1 They do provide potential benefit to
2 laboratories and the regulated community in
3 having more approved testing methods available
4 to them. And that concludes the presentation on
5 Chapter 631.
6 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Questions or comments
7 from the Council?
8 Questions or comments from the public?
9 And then we'll entertain a motion.
10 DR. MOORE: Rick Moore, and I'd like to
11 make that motion to approve.
12 MR. SMITH: Bill Smith. Second.
13 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: We'll have a vote.
14 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?
15 MS. MACH: Yes.
16 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Matheson?
17 MR. MATHESON: Yes.
18 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Moore?
19 DR. MOORE: Yes.
20 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
21 MR. SMITH: Yes.
22 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
23 MR. SOWERS: Yes.
24 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Winegardner?
25 MR. WINGGARDNER: Yes.

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1 statement: We do not anticipate much, if any,
2 effect as this relates to our permitting
3 processes. Oklahoma has its own definition of
4 waters of the state, as I'm sure most of you are
5 aware.
6 That concludes my presentation on
7 Chapter 690. Thank you.
8 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Questions or comments
9 from the Council?
10 MR. SMITH: Bill Smith. I have a
11 question.
12 If, because this was ruled back by an
13 Executive Order by President Trump, if, when the
14 new administration comes in and it's, I'm going
15 to say, reimplemented or changed in some other
16 way, then we would have to go back through and
17 do this again in a new update each time; is that
18 correct?
19 MR. CLAGG: I believe that would be --
20 MR. SMITH: The Oklahoma statute is
21 subservient to the federal standard, although it
22 could be more restrictive; is that right?
23 MS. CHARD: This is Shellie Chard,
24 Water Quality Division Director. So if there is
25 a rule change, we would have to update our rule.

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1 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
2 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Yes.
3 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.
4 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. Now onto
5 252:690, Water Quality Standards Implementation.
6 Again, Brian Clagg.
7 MR. CLAGG: All right. Regarding this
8 one, the rule text in your materials shows that
9 we are proposing to update the incorporation by
10 reference date from July 1st, 2016 to July 1st,
11 2020. The summary section of the Notice of
12 Rulemaking Intent states, "The most significant
13 federal regulation update being incorporated is
14 EPA and the Department of the Army's redefining
15 and clarifying the scope of waters of the United
16 States federally regulated under The Clean Water
17 Act consistent with the executive order signed
18 on February 28th, 2017, and entitled The
19 Navigable Waters Protection Rule, definition of
20 Waters of the United States."
21 So, basically, this final rule
22 implements the overall objective of the Clean
23 Water Act and improves the predicability and
24 consistency of the Clean Water Act program.
25 Lastly, in your materials is the rule impact

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1 In this particular set of rules, the state
2 definition is more broad and encompasses more
3 types of water bodies. So we are more
4 restrictive than the federal, which is allowed.
5 If we were less restrictive than the federal at
6 any given time, then we would have to
7 immediately undertake rulemaking. So in this
8 case, our state definition gives us what we need
9 to continue to implement the plan while we would
10 undergo any rulemaking that was needed.
11 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. Any other
12 questions or comments from the Council?
13 Questions or comments from the public?
14 I will entertain any motion.
15 MR. SMITH: This is Bill Smith. I make
16 a motion.
17 MS. MACH: Mary Elizabeth Mach. I
18 second that motion.
19 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: We'll have a vote.
20 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?
21 MS. MACH: Yes.
22 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Matheson?
23 MR. MATHESON: Yes.
24 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Moore?
25 DR. MOORE: Yes.

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1 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
2 MR. SMITH: Yes.
3 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
4 MR. SOWERS: Yes.
5 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Winegardner?
6 MR. WIDEGARDNER: Yes.
7 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
8 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Yes.
9 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.
10 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. Thanks, Brian.
11 Next on the list is the director's
12 report.
13 Shellie.
14 MS. CHARD: Okay. Thank you all so
15 much for being here with us today. It's nice to
16 see you in person instead of just seeing a
17 little square of you. It's going to continue to
18 be interesting and fascinating as we navigate
19 whatever our new normal looks like and feels
20 like.
21 And I feel like I'm kind of trying to
22 see everybody, and it's a little bit harder with
23 us arranged this way. So I'm not ignoring those
24 of you (inaudible).
25 So a couple of things that I wanted to

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1 training and some different types of training
2 that maybe we've had in the past, so there will
3 continue to be changes there. But for those of
4 you accustomed to contacting Chris any time you
5 have operator certification questions, for now
6 David Pruitt is your contact and he'll be able
7 to get with the staff and get whatever that you
8 need done.
9 We also have had a change in our
10 supervising attorney for Water. April, she was
11 already on staff with DEQ. She was one of our
12 staff attorneys, so she is moving into that
13 role. Betsey Streuli is still with the agency.
14 She's taking on some more of the legal research
15 aspects of the program.
16 If you haven't noticed, water's a big
17 deal across the country with EPA. And there's
18 so many things flying at us fast and furious,
19 that she's going to be spending her time trying
20 to keep that under control and keep us up to
21 date and informed on what we need to know on
22 some of these new and changing program
23 requirements.
24 We also are in the process -- since
25 Karen has moved into her new role, that created

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1 start out with are internal to the agency and to
2 Water Quality. I'm sure many of you have heard
3 Terry Lyhane, my assistant director over the
4 last several years, retired. And I'm happy to
5 announce Karen Steele, who was our wastewater
6 manager for all of our wastewater compliance
7 permitting and enforcement services.
8 So, Karen, waive to everybody.
9 So hopefully many of you are --
10 (Applauding begins.)
11 MS. CHARD: Yes. We're very excited.
12 Very excited to have Karen in her new role .
13 Also departing through retirement,
14 Chris Wisniewski had worked for the agency for
15 40 years when he retired from the manager of our
16 operators' certification program. That is a
17 position that, because of budget and because of
18 the way retirement is calculated, and some of
19 the vacation time payout and those types of
20 things, that's a position that we will have
21 vacant for at least a few months.
22 We do have some really good staff and a
23 senior manager who will be taking on some of
24 those responsibilities, and we're continuing to
25 work with our partners to develop online

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1 a gap in our wastewater program. And we have
2 undertaken kind of a slow, deliberate look at
3 how we might move forward. We don't want to
4 just replace a position, because we've always
5 had one, we should keep having one. So we are
6 going to be doing a little bit of reorganization
7 within the division in order to kind of divide
8 things a little bit differently, be a little
9 more efficient. We think it will be a really
10 good use of our resources. And as we are
11 looking at potential budget cuts or certainly
12 budget impacts on the state and the federal
13 level, where we can be more efficient and where
14 we can kind of divide and conquer in a new way.
15 Sometimes that's what we need to do.
16 We're not quite ready to announce that.
17 We're waiting on a couple of more pieces to fall
18 into place, but before the end of the month we
19 will have that reorganization completed. Your
20 key staff people will still be here. Most of
21 the managers will still be here unless they
22 retire, and so we will -- may see a few changes,
23 but we think it's going to be great for the
24 division and improve some efficiency.
25 Budget, you know, it's January. We

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1 start talking about that. The Governor's budget
2 will be released in his budget book soon. The
3 legislature will be in session in a couple of
4 weeks.

5 I don't know, you may have heard, a
6 pandemic's going on. It has an economic effect
7 for the state and for the federal government.
8 We've also had oil and gas adventures. Those
9 come and they go, but they definitely leave a
10 mark on the State budget when they do. So we
11 don't really know for sure how that's going to
12 impact us, but we are quite sure that the
13 potential for budget cuts is out there, either
14 from the state funding, federal funding,
15 combination of both.

16 And, of course, many of our programs
17 are fee funded based on permits, construction,
18 those types of things. So we are watching that
19 very closely and being very mindful when we fill
20 positions, if we anticipate that we would have
21 the funding for that to continue on long term.
22 So that's something we'll be watching and will
23 report back to you at the next meeting.

24 Some good news, the Water Quality
25 Division did win the EPA Data Quality Award this

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1 We were able to put together a great
2 funding package involving the Cherokee Nation,
3 the Water Board Financial Assistance Program,
4 USDA Rural Development, I believe the Indian
5 Health Service may have -- I know they were at
6 the table. I don't know how much money they
7 contributed. But it was a great opportunity for
8 us to work with those assistants and our funding
9 partners and provide safe drinking water in that
10 part of the state.

11 So now some more regulatory news,
12 which, you know, nobody ever views as good news,
13 but it is news. Just in the last few weeks
14 we've had three pretty big rules that have been
15 released by EPA. One of them was very quietly
16 done. In fact, most of the states have not
17 heard of it until it was published, and it
18 relates to NPDES criminal statutes and what
19 constitutes an environmental crime in the Clean
20 Water Act.

21 It doesn't get into the details, but
22 this rule does clarify some information for
23 state programs that -- clarifying that they do
24 not have to match exactly with the federal.
25 There's a lot of confusion about that, and some

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1 past quarter, I believe is when that was
2 awarded. Based on the amount of data that we
3 received, that we enter, that we have to QA/QC,
4 that goes into the federal system and then is
5 released publicly. And we have a long history
6 of having very good data and very reliable data,
7 and so we thought that was a great recognition
8 for that staff that are so, oftentimes, out of
9 sight, out of mind.

10 We also had a drinking water state
11 revolving fund project that was awarded the
12 Aquarius Award by EPA. That is an award for
13 innovation for drinking water projects, and this
14 was the award for innovative partnership. There
15 are only five awards, one in each category that
16 are given each year, so we had one of the top
17 five projects in the country.

18 There were five honorable mentions.
19 Texas had one of those. So Region 6 was well
20 represented on those projects. But that's a
21 great consolidation, regionalization, however
22 you want to call it, that basically brought
23 together a lot of small drinking water systems
24 that were struggling to comply with Safe
25 Drinking Water Act standards.

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1 being charged and some not being charged because
2 of subtle differences. So that's out there. I
3 don't know that it has any real impact. But
4 sometimes our consultants or lawyers see the
5 title, and it usually results in quite a few
6 phone calls. So that one's out there.

7 There was guidance released on the Maui
8 Supreme Court case. That was a case that was
9 the Hawaii Wildlife Fund vs. the County of Maui.
10 That ruling essentially said in that case,
11 although it -- Maui did have an underground
12 injection control permit, they should have also
13 had a NPDES permit.

14 It's kind of interesting in that
15 discharges to groundwater are typically not
16 permitted under the Clean Water Act. Those are
17 typically state permits only. And in this case
18 it was a little bit unusual in that -- you know,
19 I'm not a lawyer, but -- this isn't my
20 jurisdiction, so I get to play one a little bit
21 here and there. To me this should have been an
22 enforcement case, not you need a permit.

23 You know, if I were in charge of the
24 world I would have said, No, you need to
25 properly operate and maintain your UIC permit.

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1 However, that was not the decision that was
2 made. It did state that there was a functional
3 equivalent to a discharge to waters of the US.
4 That is a new term. We have not had "functional
5 equivalent" before.
6 EPA has acknowledged in their guidance
7 that there's going to be more uncertainty,
8 because we don't really know everything that is
9 functionally equivalent.
10 There are two other types of cases that
11 are similar, that will likely cause EPA to do
12 other guidance or update this guidance. Those
13 are results from leaking coal ash ponds, in
14 Tennessee primarily. And the lawsuit was
15 brought saying they should have a NPDES permit
16 because they were leaking a waste from the
17 bottom of those ponds into groundwater. So that
18 was a point source.
19 There's also been cases related to the
20 leaking of pipelines. And since that was a
21 leak, that should be a point source and,
22 therefore, should be required to be permitted.
23 There's a strong contingency that says elicit
24 discharges should not be permitted. They should
25 be what they are, a violation in and of itself,

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1 falls. So that's something we'll be watching
2 and trying to figure out over the next few
3 months.
4 We have new PFAS discharge permits
5 guidance from EPA. The PFAS compounds, if you
6 remember, those are the per and poly fluoral
7 alkyl substances. We hear most about it on the
8 drinking water side and in the remediation
9 cleanup sites.
10 EPA now has released guidance that
11 is -- right now applies specifically to any
12 NPDES permit that EPA issues. Right now, in
13 Oklahoma, they would only issue permits that are
14 on tribal trust land, or if, for some reason,
15 they had over filed or retained jurisdiction,
16 which we do not have any of those.
17 The language is interesting, because as
18 you heard Brian talk about laboratory methods
19 and these methods being approved and
20 incorporated into federal rule and, ultimately,
21 in state rules, EPA has language in its guidance
22 that directs permit writers to insert language
23 to require PFAS monitoring in wastewater as soon
24 as a laboratory method is posted on their
25 website. So that's a little unusual, certainly.

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1 and repaired, stopped.
2 I have no earthly idea where this whole
3 issue will end up. EPA has talked in their
4 guidance about this new functional equivalency.
5 They've also talked about how it's going to be
6 case by case that the design of the treatment
7 units -- and if there is some form of natural
8 attenuation that occurs, all of that should play
9 into whether or not a point or discharge permit
10 should be issued for something that goes into
11 state regulated groundwater.
12 I tell you that so you know it's out
13 there. We will be hearing more about it.
14 Certainly as the other cases make their way
15 through the court system, to see what happens,
16 but it's just -- stay tuned. We don't really
17 know for sure where that's going to go.
18 In Oklahoma we do have groundwater
19 water quality standards. We also have an
20 aquifer storage and recovery set of rules and
21 program. There's some that would question,
22 okay, does that now meet this functional
23 equivalent? Does it not? Is it really just a
24 UIC situation? We have one project that is a
25 little questionable, which side of the fence it

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1 It requires monitoring of wastewater
2 for five or six of the known PFAS compounds, and
3 it also, because the -- as soon as something is
4 posted as opposed to as soon as it becomes law.
5 I don't really know how that's going to play
6 out.
7 The guidance also talks about
8 developing training modules for NPDES permit
9 writers across the country, which indicates that
10 they're planning to make this a requirement for
11 the states. And that's typically what happens,
12 they'll apply it to the EPA region for a couple
13 of years and then the states start seeing it.
14 So that's definitely something we're
15 watching from the state perspective, but anyone
16 who holds an individual NPDES discharge permit
17 may want to pay attention to that as well.
18 There are some cases we're seeing in
19 New England where these requirements are being
20 put on stormwater permits also. Not the
21 construction stormwater, but the industrial,
22 multi-sector and the MS-4 stormwater permits.
23 So that was going to be challenging, but we will
24 continue to watch that.
25 The biggest rulemaking that's kind of

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1 been in the works for a very long time is the
2 Lead and Copper Revised Rule. They call it
3 revised. The limits or the MCLs and the action
4 levels, the health goals, state the same for
5 both lead and copper, and that's about all that
6 copper had mentioned, and it's really a lead
7 rule.

8 There's been a new action level of ten
9 that is opposed to the current action level of
10 15. We have now a trigger level. This rule is
11 extremely data heavy. A lot of new data. A lot
12 of new laboratory testing. Sample methods are
13 changed. It's not a first liter sample, it's
14 now a fifth liter sample that has to be
15 analyzed.

16 There are monitoring samples to be done
17 in schools and daycares that do not count toward
18 compliance of the water system but still have to
19 be reported into the federal data system. There
20 are some different monitoring requirements for
21 the public water supply system.

22 There are new lead service line
23 inventory and lead service line replacement
24 plans that have to be developed. Those are
25 going to be pretty significant, because usually

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1 would be cheaper than replacing the service
2 lines.

3 MS. CHARD: I -- I'm with ya. Yeah, I
4 have no idea. I mean, if you're talking about a
5 system of 26, you know, maybe there's a
6 conversation there. But with those units, the
7 other problem that we have at the moment, not
8 only with those units but also with the rule as
9 a whole, all of this new data has to be reported
10 to the federal data system, and the federal data
11 system cannot support any of this information.

12 So EPA has been working about the last
13 ten years to update the drinking water data
14 system, and we're still working with EPA on
15 updating that data system.

16 The point of use system that they have
17 put forward as a potential solution can only
18 accept, right now, up to 100 of those being
19 entered into the data system. So if 10,000 is
20 the number that's eligible to do this, and you
21 have 101 sites where you want to do this, we're
22 back into this federal data management issue.
23 So there's a lot going on there.

24 There's going to be a lot of data
25 collection, data analysis. There are new

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1 when you ask a city that's 100 years old, Do you
2 have any lead service lines? I don't know. Do
3 you know where all of your lines are? I don't
4 know. Just a fact that that's where we are. So
5 those are the things that are going to be
6 extremely interesting to try to work through and
7 figure out how the systems comply.

8 There's also what EPA is calling small
9 system flexibility. They have used a new
10 definition for "small." Typically the
11 definition is 3,300; it's now 10,000. Which is,
12 by and large, the most of our drinking water
13 system.

14 And what it does is, one of the big
15 items is a system says they can't afford lead
16 service line replacements, they can install
17 point of use systems. So that would mean a
18 public water system would have to purchase and
19 install a filtration unit in a home. They would
20 own it. They would have to go in to do
21 maintenance and monitor its performance. I'm
22 sure we'll have to figure out how that could
23 even possibly work or how that would even make
24 sense.

25 MR. MATHESON: I can't see how that

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1 reporting requirements submitted to the state,
2 where the state must review and approve changes
3 in sources for drinking water. If you go from
4 this lake to that lake or groundwater to surface
5 water, we will have to review that and have to
6 review and approve all of the corrosion control
7 plans.

8 Any system that currently uses
9 corrosion control, there's a requirement of
10 re-optimization, which means everybody has to
11 submit to the state a corrosion control plan and
12 we would have to review and approve it. So
13 there are a lot of things out there that are
14 kind of mind blowing about how we're going to
15 figure out how to do all of this.

16 We also know EPA has removed the
17 approval of calcium based corrosion control, so
18 we're going to primarily orthophosphate. EPA
19 estimates that that will only increase the
20 amount of phosphorus being discharged into
21 surface water bodies by one or two percent.

22 Well, okay, it's one or two percent,
23 but on the wastewater we're talking about parts
24 per million, parts per billion permit limits for
25 water quality standards. That's a little

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1 frightening for the water systems -- or for the
2 wastewater systems.

3 There's kind of a mixed message now of
4 you have to add phosphorus to your drinking
5 water, but phosphorus is bad in your wastewater.
6 And then we get into, why are you making me put
7 bad phosphorus in my drinking water.

8 So the messaging is going to be
9 challenging, but that's something we hope that
10 we're going to get a little more guidance, a
11 little more help from EPA.

12 At this point when the Office of
13 Wastewater Management, the Office of Science and
14 Technology, and Offices of Wetlands, Oceans and
15 Watersheds, they'll say, Oh, that's a drinking
16 water rule. I'm like, right. But there's this
17 whole wastewater component.

18 And so they have not been engaged yet
19 in that conversation, so I'm hoping that they
20 will soon, because that's going to be critically
21 important. The cost for the water systems and
22 the wastewater systems are born by the same rate
23 payers, so we're going to have to try to figure
24 out how we can deal with that a little bit.

25 With all of the lead service line

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1 we're going to be watching. There's -- there's
2 been some more groups formed by the Association
3 of State Drinking Water Administrators. They've
4 broken the rule down into eight key pieces.
5 This ninth piece is really that wastewater
6 impact, and that's kind of not on the table
7 right now. It's dealing more with the true
8 health-driven issues first.

9 But it has been divided into eight work
10 groups, and DEQ does have a representative on
11 each of those work groups. And then we have a
12 PhD drinking water engineer overseeing our
13 internal team that includes the Water Quality
14 drinking water staff, our state environmental
15 laboratory and environmental complaints and local
16 services, so that we can kind of figure out
17 what's happening and stay on top of all of that.

18 So one more quick group of topics and
19 then I will be done. A couple of bills I just
20 wanted to put out there that we have heard are
21 coming. I haven't seen them yet to know exactly
22 what they're going to say. There's one related
23 to design build, construction delivery method.

24 We have worked with several entities,
25 including the Chickasaw Nation and a couple of

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1 replacement, items would be changes in
2 chemicals, which may require a change in plant
3 construction or operation certainly. We start
4 looking at funding, where is that going to come
5 from?

6 Lead service line replacement is going
7 to be a very high priority for all of the
8 federal funding sources, so that may impact the
9 ability to fund projects related to some other
10 disinfection byproducts or bacteria or nitrates,
11 other important parameters.

12 EPA did acknowledge that there's
13 probably going to be some cost on the wastewater
14 side, but they did not take into account things
15 like harmful algae blooms or the eutrophication
16 or anything like that. So it's going to be
17 something where the states that have combined
18 water and wastewater programs are really going
19 have to figure out how we balance all of it.

20 And I'm so happy to be in one of those
21 states that I don't have to figure out how to
22 work with an entirely different state agency, to
23 try and put this all together for a holistic
24 state program.

25 So that's definitely something that

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1 projects and legislators. And had we not had a
2 pandemic, the language probably would have
3 passed last year. This year we've gotten quite
4 a few comments and questions about it. I know
5 it's something that several of our systems are
6 really wanting to pursue, several of the
7 engineering companies really wanted to pursue,
8 but I have no idea where that's going to go at
9 this point. But if you have that interest, that
10 may be out there.

11 The other is water quality trading.
12 This is an issue that's of particular interest
13 to our cabinet secretary and some of our systems
14 in Eastern Oklahoma. It is believed that to
15 truly develop a water quality standard -- or a
16 water quality training program, that we would
17 need some changes to the water quality standards
18 established by the Water Resources Board. So
19 there is some discussion that there may be a
20 bill that would direct the water quality -- or
21 Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Water Quality
22 Division, to develop that language.

23 And then based on language that's
24 currently in statute, any time the Water Board
25 changes the water quality standards, the

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1 environmental agencies have to update our water
2 quality standards implementation rules. So for
3 this group that's important because that's
4 Chapter 690. If the Water Board would put in
5 that language, we would then have to come up
6 with appropriate language in how we would
7 implement our permitting program to include such
8 an option.

9 So that -- you know, time will tell
10 what happens. The legislature is not officially
11 here yet, so we'll see if those bills are filed
12 or if they're substituted later or if they're
13 just great ideas that never go anywhere. It's
14 too early to know, but those are a couple of
15 things that the Water Quality Division will be
16 following pretty closely.

17 So with that, I will stop. And if you
18 all have questions, I am happy to answer.

19 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Thanks for the
20 information.

21 Any questions or comments from the
22 Council?

23 MR. SMITH: I have -- this is Bill
24 Smith. I have two or three.

25 One, when you reorganize, will there be

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1 We do work with the military bases on
2 all types of compliance issues that the DEQ has
3 responsibility. And we have permits for several
4 bases, and up until recently had an enforcement
5 action against one of them, so it is us.

6 MR. SMITH: My last question is on the
7 bill that you just talked about. If OWRB is
8 initiating a new water quality standard, do they
9 work with you during the preparation of that or
10 are you -- does DEQ have to provide comments
11 when they go out for public comments, or is
12 there a -- so that it's worked out beforehand,
13 or do you just have to respond like anybody
14 else?

15 MS. CHARD: So I'm going to answer this
16 two ways. So I'm going to start with the legal
17 answer, which is it's the Water Board's
18 responsibility. And we review and we offer
19 comments, as anyone else, and participate in
20 their public meeting.

21 However, generally, the agencies try to
22 work is that, while it is -- in this case, it
23 would be the Water Board's responsibility. You
24 know, we try to work together as much as
25 possible upfront. Not that they have to take

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1 a new organization chart for this period or do
2 you do an organization chart?

3 MS. CHARD: We do have organizational
4 charts. We don't typically just send them out.
5 But certainly, as a council member, if you would
6 like a copy to see that could help or organize,
7 we can make sure that you get a copy.

8 MR. SMITH: The other question I had,
9 when you were talking about PFAS, does EPA have
10 jurisdiction on our military bases in Oklahoma
11 or does the state?

12 MS. CHARD: Yes.

13 MR. SMITH: You said the tribes -- the
14 tribes are -- the tribes come under EPA, I know,
15 but I didn't know about the military bases.

16 MS. CHARD: So we issue permits
17 primarily for the military bases. We have
18 permits with several of them. There have been
19 times where that has been questioned, but we do
20 issue those permits and have a really pretty
21 good working relationship with our military
22 facilities and we participate with them. They
23 have a group -- it's the Oklahoma Military
24 Environmental something. We do work with OMEG.
25 Maybe it's military group.

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1 our comments or questions or suggestions, but we
2 try, you know, not to air our dirty laundry in
3 public.

4 I would be a liar if I said it always
5 worked that way. But maybe best answer is,
6 certainly when we're doing rulemaking that
7 affects other state agencies, we treat them as
8 equals behind the scenes. We try to address
9 everybody's concerns as best we can so that when
10 we have something that's presented to the
11 public, it truly is an opportunity for the
12 public, not an opportunity for the agencies to
13 bicker or anything like that.

14 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Okay. Any other
15 questions?

16 Okay. We'll move on then to new
17 business. I believe we have no new business.

18 So announcements. The next scheduled
19 meeting is May 11th, 2021, 2:00 p.m. The
20 multi-purpose room, first floor, DEQ Building,
21 707 North Robinson, Oklahoma City. That is this
22 room. So May 11th, 2 o'clock.

23 Now, I'll take a motion for
24 adjournment.

25 MR. SOWERS: Motion made.

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1 MR. MATHESON: I'll second it.
 2 MS. FIELDS: Who made the motion?
 3 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Steve Sowers.
 4 MS. FIELDS: Okay. Thank you.
 5 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: And we'll take a vote.
 6 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?
 7 MS. MACH: Yes.
 8 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Matheson?
 9 MR. MATHESON: Yes.
 10 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Moore?
 11 DR. MOORE: Yes.
 12 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
 13 MR. SMITH: Yes.
 14 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
 15 MR. SOWERS: Yes.
 16 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Winegardner?
 17 MR. WINEGARDNER: Yes.
 18 MS. FIELDS: Mr. DUZAN?
 19 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: Yes.
 20 MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.
 21 CHAIRMAN DUZAN: So we are adjourned.
 22 (Proceedings concluded at 2:55 p.m.)
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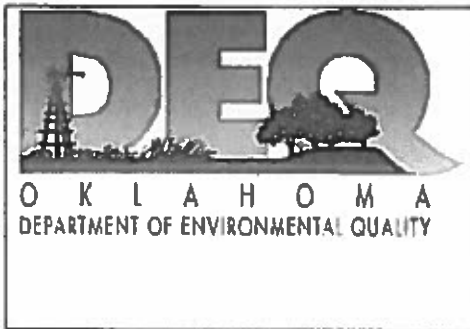
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