

WYOMING ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

Proposed Revisions to Chapter 17, Water Quality Rules & Regulations Underground Storage Tank Rules

The Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will consider proposed revisions to Chapter 17, Section 46 of the Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations on September xx, 2008. The amended Chapter 17 will replace Underground Storage Tank rules contained in the current Chapter 17 regulations. The first hearing before the EQC on this Chapter was held on March 18, 2008, and a second hearing was scheduled May 29, 2008. During the hearing on May 29, 2008 the Council passed all parts of Chapter 17 except Section 46.

This is a created rule written in response to the federal Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act of 2005. Section 46 specifically requires licensing of operators of storage tanks. There are three classes of Storage Tank Operators. Every storage tank facility must have a Class A Operator, a Class B Operator, and one or more Class C Operators. A Class A Operator is a management level operator who oversees the operation of storage tank facilities. A Class B Operator is a person in direct charge of up to fifteen storage tank facilities on a day to day basis. A Class C Operator is an on-site employee at each facility who is trained in the operation of on-site equipment.

For the record, written statements and comments are required at the time of the hearing or prior thereto. All comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division, Storage Tank Program, Herschler Building-4W, 122 W. 25th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002 on or before the close of business on September 8, 2008. Comments sent by fax or email will not be accepted. After the Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the written comments, a response to comments document will be prepared for the hearing.

The Environmental Quality Council will take up the proposed rules, written comments and the response to comments along with any modifications, proposed by the DEQ, to the draft rules at the hearing to be held on September xx, 2008, commencing at 9:00 A.M. at the xxx, xxx, Wyoming. At this hearing, oral statements that focus on the written comments, the Department of Environmental Quality's analysis of comments and issues raised by the analysis will be accepted. All persons desiring to be heard in this matter are notified to appear at the designated meeting. The EQC will convene a meeting to deliberate on these rules and to vote on the rules at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Copies of the proposed rules, statement of principal reasons, notice of intent to adopt rules and analysis of comments are available from the Department of Environmental Quality, 122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building-4W, Cheyenne, WY, 82002. Persons may request a copy of the proposed rules by contacting Connie Scranton at 307-777-6978, fax at 307-777-5973; email address: CSCRAN@state.wy.us. These rulemaking documents can also be downloaded from the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division web page: <http://deq.state.wy.us/shwd/stp/index.asp>. Questions regarding the proposed rules may be directed to Robert Lucht P.E. & P.G., at 307-777-7095.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternative formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.