

## Wyoming Environmental Quality Council

The Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will consider proposed revisions to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) Water Quality Rules and Regulations at a public hearing to be held on August 19, 2020 via videoconference from the Board of Equalization Board Room, First Floor Hathaway Building, 2300 Capitol Ave. Cheyenne WY, 82002, commencing at 9:00 a.m. (MST). Individuals interested in attending the videoconference may contact Joe Girardin at 307-777-7170 for assistance.

The WQD, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Wyoming Statute (W.S.) § 35-11-302, proposes to revise Water Quality Rules and Regulations Chapter 14, Financial Assurance Requirements, and promulgate a new Chapter 28, Standards for Issuing Permits for Commercial Oilfield Wastewater Disposal Facilities. The proposed revisions to Chapter 14 include revising the requirements for financial assurance instruments for consistency with other divisions within the Department and banking statutes and regulations; clarifying the requirements for closure, post-closure, and corrective action plans; and restructuring passages in the Chapter for clarity and to meet Secretary of State formatting requirements. WQD is proposing to create a new chapter, Chapter 28, to streamline and clarify the various design, construction, operation, monitoring, and annual reporting requirements for commercial oilfield waste disposal facilities. The revised rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements in accordance with W.S. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G). WDEQ has evaluated the proposed rules in accordance with W.S. § 9-5-304, and interested persons may inspect a copy of that evaluation and the proposed rule package at the following address: Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 200 W 17th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Electronic copies are available at the EQC website identified below. Questions and requests for copies of the proposed rules may be directed to Rich Cripe, Water Quality Division, at (307) 777-7075 (phone) or rich.cripe@wyo.gov (email).

The EQC will consider the proposed rules, written and electronically filed comments, and WDEQ's analysis of comments, along with any modifications proposed by the WDEQ to the draft rules. At the public hearing, statements that focus on previously received comments, the WDEQ's Analysis of Comments, and issues raised by the analysis will be accepted. The EQC will determine if the record will remain open beyond the close of the scheduled hearing. The EQC may, however, close the record and make a final decision regarding the rules at the conclusion of the hearing.

Comments on the proposed rules may be submitted beginning June 22, 2020 and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MST) on August 7, 2020. Written comments should be sent to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, 200 W 17th St, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 or faxed to (307) 635-1784. Electronic comments may only be submitted through and accepted by the WDEQ comment portal provided at <http://wq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com/>. The WDEQ will file an analysis of comments with the EQC prior to the May 20, 2020 public hearing. The proposed rules, comments submitted, and the analysis of comments will be posted on the EQC's website at <https://eqc.wyo.gov/Public/Dockets.aspx> under Docket #20-3102.

Any person wishing to use a digital presentation during their testimony before the EQC must provide a digital copy to the EQC no less than three (3) days prior to the hearing unless they contact the EQC and request an extension for good cause. Failure to submit a timely digital copy may result in the person not being allowed to use the presentation during their testimony.

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