

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 at a public hearing to be held on May 18, 2021. The hearing will be held by Zoom video conferencing commencing at 9:00 a.m. (MST). Individuals interested in attending the videoconference may contact Joe Girardin at 307-777-7170 or joe.girardin@wyo.gov for assistance.

The Water Quality Division (WQD), pursuant to the authority vested in it by Wyoming Statute (W.S.) § 35-11-302, proposes to revise Water Quality Rules Chapter 24, Class VI Injection Wells and Facilities Underground Injection Control Program. The proposed revisions to Chapter 24 include revising definitions, area of review requirements, reporting requirements, and public participation requirements to meet the stringency of the Code of Federal Regulations; revising the requirements for financial assurance instruments for consistency with other divisions within the WDEQ and banking statutes and regulations; and revising or removing passages for consistency with Wyoming Statutes. The revised rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements in accordance with W.S. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G). The WDEQ has evaluated the revised 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 Lily Barkau, Water Quality Division, at (307) 777-7072 (phone) or lily.barkau@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 March 12, 2021 and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MST) on April 27, 2021. 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 18, 2021 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 #21-3101.

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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