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Todd Parfitt, Director

MEMORANDUM

TO:

John Corra, Chairman, Environmental Quality Council

FROM:

Todd Parfitt, Director, Department of Environmental Quality

DATE:

March 11, 2021

SUBJECT:

Hearing Request for DEQ Rules of Practice and Procedure Chapter 3

The Department of Environmental Quality is proposing revisions to the Rules of Practice and Procedure, Chapter 3, Rulemaking, and is requesting the Environmental Quality Council review the proposal and consider adoption of these rules at your May 18, 2021 hearing.

The Department initiated the revision of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, Chapter 3, Rulemaking, with a public notice and comment period related to the December 6, 2019 Land Quality Advisory Board (LQAB), at which the LQAB recommended adoption of the rules to the Council.

The Department also published a public notice and opened a comment period related to our presentation of the proposed revisions to the Water and Waste Advisory Board (WWAB) at their December 11, 2019 meeting, at which the WWAB recommended adoption of the rules to the Council.

Lastly, the Department published a public notice and opened comment periods related to our presentation of the proposed revisions to the Air Quality Advisory Board (AQAB) at their December 8, 2020 meeting, at which the AQAB recommended adoption of the rules to the Council. Upon receipt of the AQAB recommendation, the Department sought and has been granted approval by the Governor's Office to proceed with the proposed rule.

The enclosed statement of principal reasons and public notice summarize the nature of the revisions. We have enclosed one hard copy of the rule package including:

- Public Notice
- Chapter 3, clean copy
- Chapter 3, strike and underline copy
- Statement of Principal Reasons for Adoption
- Governor Gordon's permission to proceed memo signed February 12, 2021
- Takings Checklist and accompanying analysis
- Attorney General's Statutory Authority Review
- Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules
- December 1, 2020 LOAB Meeting Transcript

- December 11, 2019 WWAB Meeting transcript
- December 8, 2020 AQAB Meeting transcript
- Responses to advisory board meeting comments

cc: Colin McKee, Gina Thompson, WQD

Enclosures