

Wyoming Environmental Quality Council

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) has reopened the public comment period and the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) has changed the hearing date for proposed revisions to WDEQ's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The EQC will now consider the proposed revisions at a public hearing to be held on August 17, 2021, in the main conference room at the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Building, 2211 King Boulevard in Casper, Wyoming, commencing at 9:00 a.m. (MDT).

WDEQ will present proposed revisions to WDEQ's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Chapter 3, Rulemaking. The proposed revisions to Chapter 3 incorporate changes to the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act resulting from the passage of House Enrolled Act 33 during the 2019 Legislative Session, changing the responsibilities of the advisory boards in the rulemaking process. The revised rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements in accordance with W.S. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G). DEQ 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, 200 W 17th Street Suite 400, 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 Luke Esch, Deputy Director, at (307) 777-7937 (phone) or luke.esch1@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 17, 2021 and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MDT) on August 2, 2021. Written comments should be sent to the Department of Environmental Quality, 200 W 17th St Suite 400, 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 August 17, 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 #21-1101.

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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