

The Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will consider proposed revisions to the Solid Waste Rules brought forth by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (SHWD) at a public hearing to be held on August 17, 2021, at the Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Building, 2211 King Boulevard, Casper, WY, 82602, commencing at 9:00 a.m. (MST).

The proposed rulemaking Docket #21-5101, will involve revising Solid Waste Rules Chapter 1, General Provisions and Chapter 7, Financial Assurance Requirements. The proposed revisions to Chapter 1 amend definitions used in the rules, clarify the permit application format, permit application procedure, public notice and comment procedure, and restructure passages in the Chapter for clarity. The proposed revisions to Chapter 7 modernize the financial assurance regulations, retain all financial instruments, diversify the financial assurance portfolios, provide for immediate cash needs in the event of forfeiture, and ultimately reduce the reclamation liability risk to the State. The revisions also clarify the requirements for closure, post-closure, and corrective action cost estimates, clarify the requirements to participate in the State Guarantee Trust Account, and restructure passages in the Chapter for clarity. The revised rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements in accordance with W.S. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G). The WDEQ 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 Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste 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 Suzanne Engels, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division, at (307) 777-5447 or suzanne.engels@wyo.gov.

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 revisions contained in Docket #21-5101 may be submitted beginning June 11, 2021 and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MST) on July 28, 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 <https://shw.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 #21-5101.

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 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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