

BEFORE THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL  
STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF REVISIONS )  
TO CHAPTERS 1 AND 7 )  
OF THE SOLID WASTE )  
RULES AND REGULATIONS ) STATEMENT OF  
PRINCIPAL REASONS  
FOR ADOPTION

The Environmental Quality Council, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Wyoming Statute § 35-11-112(a)(i), has adopted revisions to Wyoming Solid Waste Rules and Regulations Chapter 1, General Provisions and Chapter 7, Financial Assurance.

The Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (Division) proposed revisions to the definitions of Solid Waste Rules and Regulations Chapter 1. The Division proposed revisions to the defined terms that are used in Solid Waste Rules and Regulations. The Division proposed revisions to clarify the permit application format, the permit application procedure and the public notice and comment procedure. The Division proposed restructuring passages in the Chapter for clarity and formatting and grammar corrections.

The Division proposed revisions to Solid Waste Rules and Regulations Chapter 7 in order to modernize the financial assurance regulations, retain all financial instruments for use now and into the future, 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 of Wyoming. Wyoming Statute § 35-11-504, recognizes surety bonds, self-bonds, federally insured certificates of deposit, cash, government securities, or irrevocable letters of credit as acceptable bond instruments. The Division proposed revisions to clarify the requirements for closure, post-closure, and corrective action cost estimates. The Division proposed revisions to clarify the requirements to participate in the State Guarantee Trust Account. The Division proposed restructuring passages in Chapter 7 for clarity and formatting and grammar corrections.

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The Council finds that these regulations are reasonable and necessary to accomplish the policy and purpose of the Act as stated in Wyoming Statute § 35-11-102, and have been promulgated in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

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