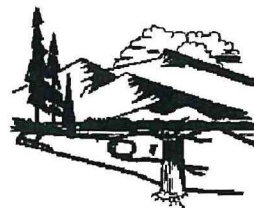




Department of Environmental Quality

To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.



Mark Gordon, Governor

Todd Parfitt, Director

TO: Honorable Mark Gordon, Governor

FROM: Todd Parfitt, Director
Department of Environmental Quality

SUBJECT: Proposed Rules for Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality, Chapters 1 and 2

DATE: February 20, 2025

PRIORITY: **HIGH**—Deadline for response is **March 6, 2025**

SUMMARY: The Department is proposing to amend Water Quality Rules Chapter 1, Wyoming Surface Water Quality Standards, by (1) making the rules more clear, concise, and consistent with state and federal law, regulations, and guidance; (2) revising designated uses and remove bundled designated use classification system so that designated uses can be applied separately to Surface Waters of the State; (3) providing minor updates to a few water quality criteria to incorporate advancements in scientific understanding of the conditions necessary to protect designated uses in Wyoming; (4) fulfilling CWA requirements to review surface water quality standards at least once every three years; and (5) updating grammar, formatting, and definitions. The Water Quality Division is proposing to amend Chapter 2, Permit Regulations for Discharges to Wyoming Surface Waters by (1) removing references to the bundled classification system that is being removed from Chapter 1; and (2) incorporating provisions related to fish toxicants, aquatic pesticides, and short-term sediment disturbances (including turbidity), that were removed from Chapter 1 because they address discharges to surface waters and are not water quality standards. Specific information on the changes can be found in the Statement of Principal Reasons.

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Governor's Response Options (to be completed by Governor's Office):

☒ Agency may proceed.

☐ Delay public comment and set up meeting with

Signature: Governor's Counsel