

Wyoming Environmental Quality Council

The Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will consider proposed revisions to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), Solid and Hazardous Waste Division's (SHWD) Hazardous Waste Rules and Regulations (HWRR) at a public hearing to be held on January 14th, 2015 at the Wyoming State Library Building, Room 112, 2800 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

The SHWD, pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Environmental Quality Act, Wyoming Statute §35-11-503, proposes to repeal Chapters 2 -14 of the Hazardous Waste Rules and Regulations, taking the substance of those chapters and moving it to a single chapter (Chapter 1), which utilizes Incorporation By Reference of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, "Protection of the Environment" (40 CFR). The revisions are intended to maintain primacy of the State with respect to 40 CFR, bring the State up-to-date with the 40 CFR, and provide for a more succinct, easy to use set of rules for the regulated community that detail where Wyoming is more stringent than, or broader-in-scope than, 40 CFR. The revised rules are required by federal law as well as W.S. 35-11-503. The revised rules exceed the minimum federal requirements for administering 40 CFR in Wyoming. The revised rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements per W.S. 16-3-103(a)(i)(G). The WDEQ has evaluated the revised rules per W.S. 9-5-304, and interested persons may request a copy of the evaluation at the address below.

The EQC is accepting comments on the proposed revisions beginning October 10, 2014. The written comment period ends at 5:00 p.m. MST on December 10, 2014. Written comments will also become part of the public record. Comments should include the name and address of the commenter to assist the SHWD in identifying commenters in the Response to Comments. Comments are to be sent to the following address:

WDEQ/Solid and Hazardous Waste Division, Attn.: Alan Thompson
122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building - 4W
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.

Electronic copies are available at the EQC Website stated below. A copy of the proposed rules will be made available to anyone who requests by contacting:
Alan Thompson at (307)777-8759 (phone), (307)777-5973 (fax) or alan.thompson@wyo.gov (e-mail).

The SHWD will file a response to comments with the EQC prior to the EQC's January 2015 hearing. The revised rules, comments submitted, and the response to comments will be posted on the EQC's website: <https://eqc.wyo.gov/Public/Dockets.aspx> under Docket #14-5101 as they are received. At the January hearing, the EQC will consider the proposed rules, written comments, and the response to comments along with any modifications proposed to the draft rules. At the public hearing, oral statements that focus on the written comments and WDEQ's response to comments will be accepted.

The EQC will determine if the record will remain open beyond the close of the scheduled hearing. The EQC may close the record and make a final decision regarding the rules at the conclusion of the comments. As such, those wishing to comment on the proposed revisions should submit comments according to the schedule above.

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 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 will result in the person not being allowed to use the presentation during their testimony.

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