

## Wyoming Environmental Quality Council

The Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will consider proposed revisions to Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) Water Quality Division (WQD) Water Quality Rules and Regulations at a public hearing to be held on June 15, 2016 at Casper College, Strausner Hall, Room SH 217, 125 College Drive, Casper, Wyoming, commencing at 10:30 a.m. (MST).

The WQD, pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Environmental Quality Act, Wyoming Statute (W.S.) § 35-11-302, proposes to revise Water Quality Rules and Regulations Chapter 24 by incorporating financial assurance requirements from W.S. § 35-11-313 and federal requirements found at 40 CFR 146.85; by incorporating liability insurance requirements from W.S. § 35-11-313; by incorporating conditions for conversion of other class wells to Class VI wells from W.S. § 35-11-313 and federal requirements found at 40 CFR 144.19; by incorporating federal conditions, found at 40 CFR 146.95, for a waiver of the requirement to inject below the lowermost underground source of drinking water (USDW), and; by correcting grammar and punctuation errors. The revised rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements in accordance with W.S. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G). The WQD has 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 following address: Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Financial Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 200 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Electronic copies are available at the EQC website stated below. Questions and requests for copies of the proposed rules may be directed to William Tillman, Water Quality Division, at (307) 777-6941 (phone), (307) 635-1784 (fax), or [william.tillman@wyo.gov](mailto:william.tillman@wyo.gov) (email).

The EQC will accept comments on the proposed revisions beginning April 8, 2016 and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MST) on May 26, 2016. Written comments should be sent to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Water Quality Division, 200 W 17<sup>th</sup> St, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 or faxed to (307) 635-1784. Electronic comments may only be submitted through and accepted by the DEQ comment portal provided at: <http://wq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com/Docket#16-3102>. The WQD will file an Analysis of Comments with the EQC prior to the June 15, 2016 public hearing. The proposed rules, comments submitted, and the response to comments will be posted on the Council's website at: <https://eqc.wyo.gov/Public/Dockets.aspx> under Docket #16-3102.

The EQC has scheduled a public hearing on June 15, 2016. The EQC will consider the proposed rules, written comments, and WQD's Analysis of Comments, along with any modifications proposed by the WQD to the draft rules. At the public hearing, oral statements that focus on the written comments, the WQD'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.

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