



Department of Environmental Quality

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Mark Gordon, Governor

Todd Parfitt, Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: James Kaste, Wyoming Deputy Attorney General

FROM: Nancy E. Vehr, Administrator, Air Quality Division 

DATE: November 29, 2021

PRIORITY: HIGH – Deadline for response is December 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Request for Review of Proposed Rules for Statutory Authority (R-34)

The Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division (Division) is proposing to revise Chapter 6, Permitting Requirements, of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations (WAQSR). Chapter 6, Section 2(o)(iii), Permit requirements for construction, modification, and operation, is being updated to include revisions to portable relocate fee assessments that were established under Wyo. Stat. § 35-11-211(j) after the passage of HB0049 during the 2021 legislative session.

This rulemaking was reviewed by the Air Quality Advisory Board (AQAB) on September 29, 2021, and the Board recommended that the rules proceed to formal rulemaking before the Environmental Quality Council (EQC).

The Division did not receive written comments during the public process.

The Division has reviewed the requirements of section 35-11-202(a) and (b) of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and determined this rulemaking to be in procedural compliance with the statute. Finally, the Division has reviewed and responded to the Takings Guidelines and Checklist provided by the Attorney General's Office. The Division is now seeking a review of the proposed rules for statutory authority prior to submitting the rules to the Governor's Office for permission to proceed to formal rulemaking.

Attached, you will find a copy of the draft Statement of Principal Reasons for Adoption, copies of Chapter 6 in strike and underline format, and responses to the Attorney General's Takings Checklist. If you have any questions, or need additional information regarding the proposed rules, please do not hesitate to contact me at 307-777-7391 or Amber Potts at 307-777-2489.

Attorney General's Response Options:

- Proposed rules are within the Division's statutory authority, may seek permission to proceed from the Governor's Office.
- Proposed rules exceed statutory authority, delay proceeding with rulemaking



Signature: Wyoming Assistant Attorney General