

Wyoming Environmental Quality Council

The Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will consider a new Water Quality Rule brought forth by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), Water Quality Division (WQD) at a public hearing on June 14, 2022, at the Capitol Extension Public Meeting Room 5, Herschler Building, 122 W. 25th Street, Cheyenne, WY, 82002, commencing at 9:00 a.m. (MST).

WQD, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Wyoming Statute (W.S.) §§ 35-11-302 and 313, proposes the adoption of Chapter 29, Geologic Sequestration Special Revenue Account Requirements, which identifies fee and timing requirements for Underground Injection Control Class VI well owners, operators, and permittees that are required to contribute to the Special Revenue Account created by W.S. § 35-11-318. The revised rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements in accordance with W.S. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G). The WDEQ 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, 200 W 17th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Electronic copies are available at the EQC website identified below. Questions and requests for copies of the proposed rules may be directed to Lily Barkau, Water Quality Division, at (307) 777-7072 (phone) or lily.barkau@wyo.gov (email).

The EQC will consider the proposed rules, written and electronically filed comments, and WDEQ's Analysis of Comments, along with any modifications proposed by the WDEQ to the draft rules. At the public hearing, statements that focus on previously received comments, the WDEQ'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.

Comments on the proposed rules may be submitted beginning April 14, 2022, and ending at 5:00 p.m. (MST) on May 31, 2022. Written comments should be sent to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, 200 W 17th St, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002. Electronic comments may only be submitted through and accepted by the WDEQ comment portal provided at <http://wq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com/>. The WDEQ will file an analysis of comments with the EQC prior to the June 14, 2022 public hearing. The proposed rules, comments submitted, and the analysis of comments will be posted on the EQC's website at <https://eqc.wyo.gov/Public/Dockets.aspx> under Docket #22-3102.

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 three (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 may result in the person not being allowed to use the presentation during their testimony.

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