

Wyoming Environmental Quality Council

The Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (the Council) will consider proposed revisions to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Water Quality Division (the Department) Water Quality Rules and Regulations at a public hearing to be held on January 14, 2015 at the Wyoming State Library Building, Room 112, 2800 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming, commencing at 1:30 p.m. (MST).

The Department, pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Environmental Quality Act, Wyoming Statute (W.S.) § 35-11-302, proposes to streamline the Water Quality Rules and Regulations by moving the contents of Chapter 6 to new Appendix O of Chapter 2, by removing redundant passages in new Appendix O, by correcting typographical errors in Chapter 2, and by reserving Chapter 6. The revised rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements in accordance with W.S. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G). The Department 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, Herschler Building, 4th Floor, 122 W. 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Copies of the rule package are also available on the Council website at: <https://eqc.wyo.gov/Public/Dockets.aspx>. Questions and requests for copies of the proposed rules may be directed to Bill DiRienzo, Water Quality Division, at (307) 777-7081 (phone), (307) 777-5973 (fax), or bill.dirienzo@wyo.gov (email).

The Council will begin accepting comments on the proposed revisions beginning November 13, 2014. The written comment period ends at 5:00 p.m. (MST) on December 29, 2014. Written comments shall be sent to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Water Quality Division, 122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building - 4W, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002. Comments that are timely submitted will become part of the public record. The Department will file a response to comments with the Council prior to the January 14, 2015 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 #14-3102.

At the January hearing, the Council will consider the proposed rules, written comments, and the response to comments along with any modifications proposed to the draft rules. Oral statements that focus on the written comments and the Department's response to those written comments will be accepted at the public hearing. The Council will determine if the record will remain open beyond the close of the scheduled hearing. The Council, however, may close the record and make a final decision regarding the rules at the conclusion of the hearing. Those who wish 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 Council must provide a digital copy to the Council no less than three (3) days prior to the hearing unless they contact the Council 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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