

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 606. OKLAHOMA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
(OPDES) STANDARDS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. Introduction

252:606-1-1 [AMENDED]

252:606-1-2 [AMENDED]

252:606-1-4 [AMENDED]

252:606-1-6 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Discharge Permitting Process for individual And General discharge Permits

252:606-3-3 [AMENDED]

252:606-3-7 [NEW]

Subchapter 5. Discharge Permit Requirements

252:606-5-2 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 8. Biosolids Requirements

252:606-8-6 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 11. Tests and Reports

252:606-11-2 [AMENDED]

252:606-11-4 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The Department is proposing to: (1) reference the applicable laboratory accreditation rules; (2) include a citation to the Oklahoma Water Quality Standards; (3) add or modify definitions for “accredited laboratory,” “compliance testing,” “DMR,” and “control tests;” (4) delete the definitions of “approved laboratory” and “laboratory checks;” (5) replace all language using “approved laboratory” with “accredited laboratory,” which is consistent with simultaneous changes being made in OAC 252:301 (revoke) and OAC 252:307 (new); (6) update the CFR publication date to the most recent CFR publication year; (7) clarify the language regarding the OPDES permit applications, including adding section titles; (8) add section 606-3-7 that authorizes the continuation and/or enforcement of expired state permits; (9) allow a university familiar with Oklahoma crops and soils to perform certain soil analyses; (10) clarify that analytical results for compliance tests are to be from an accredited laboratory; (11) clarify that DMRs are to include all valid compliance test results; (12) and other minor language clarifications.

This rulemaking will not affect finally adopted permanent rules effective September 12, 2014.

AUTHORITY:

Environmental Quality Board, 27A O.S. § 2-2-101 and 2-3-402; Water Quality Management Advisory Council, 27A O.S. § 2-2-201; and 27A O.S. §§ 2-6-103, 2-6-203, 2-6-402 and 2-6-501.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present their views in writing may do so before 5:00pm on October 2, 2014 at the following address: Mark Hildebrand, Water Quality Division, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 or Mark.Hildebrand@deq.ok.gov.

Oral comments may be made at the Water Quality Management Advisory Council meeting on October 7, 2014, and at the Environmental Quality Board meeting on November 13, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Before the Water Quality Management Advisory Council on October 7, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room on the first floor of the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N.