TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CHAPTER 631. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY OPERATION

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1 Introduction 252:631-1-2 [AMENDED] 252:631-1-3 [AMENDED] 252:631-3-1 [AMENDED] 252:631-3-10 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The Department is proposing to: (1) amend the definition for "Public Water Supply (PWS) System" to exclude certain purchase water systems that meet explicit requirements; (2) update the rule concerning the date of the incorporation by reference of certain federal regulations from July 1, 2015, to January 1, 2017 which allows for inclusion of all pertinent CFR parts amended between July 1, 2015 and January 1, 2017, specifically allowing for newly approved alternative testing methods for contaminants listed at 40 CFR 141.21(f)(3) found in Appendix A to Subpart C of Part 141; (3) clarify the reporting requirements of 40 CFR 141; and (4) modify language to include a process control to for stability to calcium carbonate for groundwater systems.

AUTHORITY:

Environmental Quality Board, 27A O.S. § 2-2-101; Water Quality Management Advisory Council, 27A O.S. § 2-2-201; and 27A O.S. § 2-6-103, 2-6-303 and 2-6-306.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written comments may be submitted to the contact person from August 15, 2017, through September 15, 2017.

Oral comments may be made at the Water Quality Management Advisory Council meeting on September 26, 2017, and at the Environmental Quality Board meeting on November 19, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Before the Water Quality Management Advisory Council on September 26, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room on the first floor of the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102.

Before the Environmental Quality Board on November 19, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at the NSU Event Center, 1041 N. Garand Avenue, Tahlequah, OK 74464.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The DEQ requests that business entities affected by the proposed rules provide to DEQ (during the comment period) the increase (in dollar amounts if possible) in the level of direct costs (e.g., fees) and indirect costs (e.g., reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss), or other costs expected to be incurred due to compliance with the proposed rules.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the contact person, reviewed at the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, during normal business hours (8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday) or reviewed online at http://www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/index.htm.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Copies of the rule impact statement may be obtained from the contact person or may be reviewed online at http://www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/index.htm.

CONTACT PERSON:

The contact person is Mark Hildebrand. Mark may be contacted at: Mark.Hildebrand@deq.ok.gov (e-mail), (405) 702-8100 (phone) or (405) 702-8101 (fax). The DEQ is located at 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. The DEQ's mailing address is P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-1677.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Persons with disabilities who desire to attend the rulemaking hearing and need an accommodation should notify the contact person three (3) days in advance of the hearing. For hearing impaired, the TDD relay number is 1-800-522-8506 or 1-800-722-0353, for TDD machine use only.