

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 307. TNI LABORATORY ACCREDITATION [NEW]**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

- Chapter 307. TNI Laboratory Accreditation [NEW]
- Subchapter 1. Introduction [NEW]
- Subchapter 3. Laboratory Accreditation Process [NEW]
- Subchapter 5. Conditions of Accreditation [NEW]
- Subchapter 7. Onsite Assessment Requirements [NEW]
- Subchapter 9. Management and Technical Requirements [NEW]
 - Part 1. Proficiency Testing [NEW]
 - Part 3. Personnel and Subcontractors [NEW]
 - Part 5. Quality Systems [NEW]
 - Part 7. Record keeping and Reporting [NEW]
- Subchapter 11. Secondary Accreditation [NEW]

SUMMARY:

This Chapter will provide standards for the voluntary accreditation of privately and publicly owned laboratories for performance of analyses of water and wastewater, solid and hazardous waste, soil, sludge and petroleum hydrocarbons and will apply to laboratories accredited or applying to be accredited by the Department of Environmental Quality consistent with The NELAC Institute (TNI) standards.

This rule adoption process is progressing in tandem with the revocation of Chapter 303, TNI Laboratory Accreditation. Chapter 303 is to be replaced with Chapter 307 due to inconsistency with TNI Standards language and difficulty in enforcing the rule as previously written.

AUTHORITY:

Environmental Quality Board; 27A O.S. §§ 2-2-101, 2-2-201 and Article IV., Laboratory Services and Certification, § 2-4-101 *et seq.*

COMMENT PERIOD:

Deliver or mail written comments on the proposed rules to the contact person from June 2, 2014 through July 2, 2014. Oral comments may be made at the Water Quality Management Advisory Council on July 8, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Before the Water Quality Management Advisory Council at 1:00 p.m. on July 8, 2014, in the Multi-Purpose Room on the 1st floor of the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

Before the Environmental Quality Board on November 13, 2014 at 9:30 am in Tulsa at location to be determined.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The Department requests that business entities affected by these proposed rules provide the Department, within the comment period and in dollar amounts if possible, the increase or decrease in the level of direct costs such as fees and the indirect costs such as reporting, record

keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by a particular entity due to compliance with the proposed rules.

COPY OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGES:

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained from the contact person or may viewed on the DEQ web site at www.deq.state.ok.us or may be reviewed at the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Rule Impact Statement for the proposed rules will be on file at the Department of Environmental Quality and may be requested from the contact person.

CONTACT PERSON:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Persons with disabilities who desire to attend the public hearing to be held before the Water Quality Management Advisory Council and need assistance should notify the contact person three days in advance of the meeting during business hours at 405-702-1000 or by using TDD relay number 1-800-522-8506.