

## **WYOMING ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL**

### **Proposed Revisions to Chapter 17, Water Quality Rules & Regulations Underground Storage Tank Rules**

The Environmental Quality Council will consider proposed revisions to Chapter 17 of the Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations. The amended Chapter 17 will replace Underground Storage Tank rules contained in the current Chapter 17 regulations.

This is a created rule written in response to the federal Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act of 2005. The rule requires licensing of operators of storage tanks, licensing of cathodic protection testers and corrosion experts, licensing of tank and line testers, and licensing of tank installers and decommissioning firms. This rule also sets up a procedure to prohibit deliveries of regulated substances to facilities which are in non-compliance with key provisions of Chapter 17.

This is also a new rule in response to the passage of House Bill 139 and House Bill 309. House Bill 139 added language to the statute regarding exemptions that can be removed from the chapter. Deadlines for payment of fees have been changed in the statute to a calendar year basis, and those changes must be reflected in the chapter. House Bill 309 effectively postpones the deadline for compliance with Part I of this Chapter until October 1, 2008.

All comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division, Storage Tank Program, Herschler Building- 4W, 122 W. 25th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002 on or before the close of business on February 22, 2007. Comments sent by fax or email will not be accepted. After the Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the written comments, a response to comments document will be prepared.

The Environmental Quality Council will consider the proposed rules, written comments and the response to comments along with any modifications, proposed by the DEQ, to the draft rules at a public hearing to be held on March 18, 2008, commencing at 1:00 P.M. in Room 1699, Herschler Bldg., 122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St. At the public hearing, oral statements that focus on the written comments, the Department of Environmental Quality's analysis of comments and issues raised by the analysis will be accepted. All persons desiring to be heard in this matter are notified to appear at the designated public hearing.

Copies of the proposed rules, statement of principal reasons, notice of intent to adopt rules and analysis of comments are available from the Department of Environmental Quality, 122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building-4W, Cheyenne, WY, 82002. Persons may request a copy of the proposed rules by contacting Connie Scranton at 307-777-6978, fax at 307-777-5973; email address: CSCRAN@state.wy.us. These rulemaking documents can also be downloaded from the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division web page: <http://deq.state.wy.us/shwd/stp/index.asp>. Questions regarding the proposed rules may be directed to Robert Lucht P.E. & P.G., at 307-777-7095.

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