

**Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
Proposed Revisions to Chapter 1 of
Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations,
Surface Water Quality Standards**

The Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will consider proposed revisions to Chapter 1, Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations – Surface Water Quality Standards.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Quality Division, pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Environmental Quality Act, Wyoming Statutes 35-11-101 to 1507 et seq., proposes to amend and revise Chapter 1 of the Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations (Chapter 1). Chapter 1 contains the quality standards for surface waters in the state including water classifications, designation of protected uses, numeric and narrative water quality criteria, and implementation policies. These proposed revisions are directly related to Section 20, Agricultural Water Supply in the form of a new appendix (Appendix H) which serves to interpret the Section 20 narrative standard into procedures for setting effluent limits and conditions in Wyoming Pollution Discharge Elimination System (WYPDES) permits.

The EQC will discuss the proposed revisions with DEQ at a work session taking place at the Wyoming Game and Fish Office, 3030 Energy Lane, Casper, WY on September 30, 2008 as an EQC meeting agenda item. During this meeting, public comment will not be received, but the public is invited to attend. Anyone unable to attend the Casper location may contact the EQC office about alternative video sites.

The comment period ran from July 8, 2008 through August 26, 2008. The EQC will hold public hearings on October 24, 2008 at the Herschler Building, 122 W. 25th, Rm. B63, Cheyenne, WY at 9:30 A.M.; October 28, 2008 at the City of Gillette, Community Meeting Room, 201 E. 5th St., Gillette, WY at 9:30 A.M.; November 6, 2008 at the Holiday Inn of the Waters, 115 E. Park Street, Hot Springs State Park, Thermopolis, WY at 9:30 A.M. At these hearings, the public is invited to provide oral statements that focus on the written comments, the Department of Environmental Quality's analysis of comments, and issues raised by the analysis.

Copies of this proposed rule, Statement of Principal Reasons, and associated documents are available for review at the DEQ, Water Quality Division website: <http://deq.state.wy.us/wqd/watershed/surfacestandards/index.asp>. Comments submitted during the comment period can be viewed at the EQC website: <http://deq.state.wy.us/eqc/docket.htm> under the link titled "WQD Chapter 1, Section 20, Agric. Water Supply". Response to Comment summaries will also be posted on the DEQ website listed above on or before September 24, 2008. Persons may request a copy of the proposed rules by contacting Connie Osborne at 307-777-5593, fax at 307-777-5973; email address: cosbor@state.wy.us. Questions regarding the proposed rules may be directed to David Waterstreet at 307-777-6709.

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