

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 100. AIR POLLUTION CONTROL**

Before the Air Quality Advisory Council on October 16, 2025
Before the Environmental Quality Board on January 21, 2026

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Subchapter 2. Incorporation By Reference

252:100-2-3 [AMENDED]

APPENDIX Q. Incorporation By Reference [AMENDED]

A. Statement of need for the rule change and legal basis supporting it. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) must update its rules to maintain consistency with federal regulations promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This rulemaking proposes to update language in OAC 252:100-2, Incorporation by Reference, and the content in OAC 252:100, Appendix Q, Incorporation by Reference, to integrate the latest changes and additions to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), including but not limited to Part 60, New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and Parts 61 and 63 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), and other EPA regulations referenced in Chapter 100. This ensures that state rules reflect the most current federal requirements.

The legal basis for the proposed changes is supported by:

Environmental Quality Board; 27A O.S. §§ 2-2-101, 2-2-201, 2-3-402, and 2-5-106.

Air Quality Advisory Council; 27A O.S. §§ 2-2-201 and 2-5-107.

Oklahoma Clean Air Act; 27A O.S. §§ 2-5-101 through 2-5-130.

Oklahoma Uniform Permitting Act; 27A O.S. §§ 2-14-101 through 2-14-304.

B. Classification of rule change (major/non-major), justification for that classification, and business cost estimate over the first five (5) years. The proposed rule is a non-major rule change because no new costs are expected with this rulemaking and thus the business cost estimate will not exceed the threshold of \$1,000,000 over the initial five-year period following the promulgation of the proposed rule, as defined in 75 O.S. Section 303(D)(3)(b). This proposed rule only incorporates by reference preexisting federal regulations. Therefore, this proposed rule will not impose any additional costs that the referenced federal rule(s) did not already impose upon affected facilities.

C. Description of the purpose of the proposed rule change, whether the change is mandated by federal law or is required to participate in or implement a federal program, and whether the change exceeds the requirements of the federal law. DEQ is proposing to update language in Subchapter 2, Incorporation by Reference, to reflect the incorporation of EPA regulations as of June 30, 2025. DEQ is also proposing to update the content in OAC 252:100, Appendix Q, Incorporation By Reference, to incorporate the latest changes to EPA regulations. The gist of these rule proposals and the underlying reasoning for the rulemaking is to incorporate the latest changes or additions to 40 C.F.R. Part 60, New

Source Performance Standards (NSPS), 40 C.F.R. Parts 61 and 63, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), and other EPA regulations referenced in Chapter 100.

D. Description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule(s), including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule(s), and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities.

The classes of persons most likely to be affected by the proposed rules are the owners and operators of facilities that are subject to the federal regulations being incorporated by reference. These same owners and operators are the class of persons who will bear any costs associated with the rules, however, no additional costs are expected to be incurred by these persons because the facilities are already subject to the federal regulations that will be incorporated by reference. As of September 15, 2025, DEQ has not received any added information regarding cost impacts from private or public entities.

E. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule(s). The citizens of Oklahoma will benefit from the proposed rule amendments by the assurance that the most current regulations available are in place to protect public health and welfare.

F. Comprehensive analysis of the rule change's economic impact, including impacts to the full-time-employee count of the agency, costs or benefits, a quantification of implementation and compliance costs on the affected businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, state or local governments, and on the state as a whole, with a listing of all fee changes and justification for each fee change.

DEQ expects no new economic impact on the affected classes of persons (including businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, state or local governments, and the state as a whole) from this rulemaking activity as it aligns state rules with preexisting federal standards, without imposing any additional requirements that are not already present in the federal regulations. Cost analyses were conducted by the EPA, in accordance with federal requirements, when it originally proposed the federal regulations that are referenced in this rule. DEQ anticipates no changes to full-time employee counts and no fee changes are included in this rulemaking.

G. Detailed explanation of methodology and assumptions used to determine the economic impact, including dollar amounts calculated. DEQ's methodology in determining the conclusion above is based on the fact that the preexisting federal regulations referenced in this proposed rule are already applicable to the affected parties. Therefore, this proposed rule enacts no new requirements.

H. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule(s) will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule(s). DEQ anticipates no economic impact on political subdivisions. No cooperation from political subdivisions is required to implement or enforce the rule. DEQ will be responsible for all aspects of implementation and enforcement of these regulations.

- I. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule(s) may have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.** DEQ anticipates no adverse economic impact on small businesses. Since these federal rules are already in place, economic impacts on small businesses will not change.
- J. Any measures taken by the agency to minimize cost and impact of the proposed rule change on business and economic development in the state, local governmental units, and for individuals.** There are no additional compliance costs expected due to this rule, and thus no additional measures were taken by DEQ.
- K. Determination of the effect of the proposed rule(s) on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule(s) is/are designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk.** The referenced preexisting federal regulations in this proposed rulemaking generally have a positive effect on public health, safety, and the environment by reducing emissions and sustaining protections against air toxics and pollutants. No additional benefits are expected from this proposed rule.
- L. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule(s) is/are not implemented.** If the proposed changes are not implemented, the updated standards will be enforced by the federal government rather than the State. There will be no detrimental effect on public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule is not implemented.
- M. Analysis of alternatives to adopting the rule.** DEQ has determined that full incorporation of these rules is the least costly and most effective method to achieve consistency with federal regulations without regulatory gaps. Failure to do so could place Oklahoma's delegated authority status at risk.
- N. Estimates of the amount of time that would be spent by state employees to develop the rule and of the amount of other resources that would be utilized to develop the rule.** DEQ staff estimate 130 hours of professional time for rule development, including but not limited to, rule drafting, legal review, stakeholder coordination, formally presenting rule changes to the Air Quality Advisory Council and Environmental Quality Board, managing public comment periods, and filing the final rule.
- O. Summary and preliminary comparison of any existing or proposed federal regulations that are intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule.** These state amendments directly incorporate federal rules from 40 C.F.R. Parts 60, 61, and 63 (e.g., NSPS for oil/gas and incinerators, NESHAPs for manufacturing), mirroring their scope, stringency, and compliance mechanisms without deviation.
- P. This rule impact statement was prepared on:** September 15, 2025
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