REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
DEPARMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OKLAHOMA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

A Public Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Robert S. Kerr Environmental Research Center
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Ada, OK 74820

A copy of this notice and agenda has been posted in a prominent location at the offices of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on November 6, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. A copy of this agenda is also available on DEQ's website at www.deq.ok.gov.

Please turn off cell phones

1. **Call to Order** – Shannon Ferrell, Chair

2. **Announcements** – Shannon Ferrell, Chair

   Announcements will include the introduction of any new Board members or special meeting guests, as well as safety information for the current meeting venue and any other general housekeeping matters of interest to the Board. These announcements are for informational purposes only, and no action by the Board is required.

3. **Roll Call –** Quiana Fields, Secretary, Board & Councils

4. **Approval of Minutes** of the September 9, 2026, Regular Meeting

5. **Executive Director's Report –** Robert Singletary, Executive Director, DEQ

   Mr. Singletary's report may include significant agency accomplishments and activities since the last Board meeting, as well as information pertaining to budgetary and/or legislative matters. This report is for informational purposes only, and no action by the Board is required.

6. **Budget Update and Financial Overview (FY 2027) –** Kathy Aebischer, Director of Administrative Services

   Ms. Aebischer' s report will include an update and overview of DEQ's current budget for Fiscal Year 2027. This report is for informational purposes only. Although discussion may occur, no action by the Board is required.

7. **Rulemaking - OAC 252:606 – Oklahoma Pollutant Discharge Elimination System**
   Subchapter 1 – Introduction [AMENDED]
   Subchapter 6 – Point Source Discharges [AMENDED]

Appendix L – Equations for Implementation of Numerical Criteria for Toxic Substances to Protect the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Beneficial Use [AMENDED]

DEQ is proposing to add and modify definitions to Subchapter 1, as well as adding language to SUBCHAPTER 6 for determination of reasonable potential for selenium and changing language to disallow monitoring frequency reductions for a parameter when the receiving water is impaired for that parameter. New equations are proposed to be added to Appendix L consistent with the proposed changes to sections in Subchapters 1 and 6.

- Presentation – George Russell, IV, DEQ Water Quality Director
- Questions and discussion by the Board
- Comments by the public
- Discussion and possible action by the Board, which may include roll call vote(s)

8. **Rulemaking - OAC 252:730 – Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards**
   Subchapter 1 – General Provisions [AMENDED]
   Subchapter 3 – Antidegradation Requirements [AMENDED]
   Subchapter 5 – Surface Water Quality Standards [AMENDED]
   Subchapter 7 – Groundwater Quality Standards [AMENDED]
   Appendix A – Designated Beneficial Uses of Surface Waters [AMENDED]
   Appendix E – Requirements for Development of Site Specific Criteria for Certain Parameters [AMENDED]
   Appendix F – Statistical Values of the Historical Data for Mineral Constituents of Water Quality (Beginning October 1976 Ending September 1983, Except as Indicated) [AMENDED]
   Appendix G – Numerical Criteria to Protect Beneficial Uses [AMENDED]
   Appendix H – Beneficial Use Designations for Certain Limited Areas of Groundwater [AMENDED]

   DEQ is proposing to comply with the Water Quality Standards Triennial Review and includes the following updates: add, remove and/or modify certain definitions; update Primary Body Contact Recreation by replacing confidence intervals with geometric mean and statistical threshold values, applicable to both E. coli and Enterococci; updating Secondary Body Contact Recreation to add numeric criteria for E. coli and enterococci based on EPA's water ingestion formula; adding language allowing the use of the copper biotic ligand model for development of copper site-specific criteria; adding language allowing for the potential use of multiple regression model for the creation of copper site-specific criteria; requiring the use of a fish tissue study for selenium site-specific criteria; removal of site-specific metals criteria that were not approved by EPA; removal of segment averages that were not approved by EPA; recalculation of certain criteria and the addition of Aquatic Life and Human Health criteria values based on EPA's recommended values; and, including an updated version of Appendix H that was missing in the most recent version of Chapter 730.

   - Presentation – George Russell, IV, DEQ Water Quality Director
   - Questions and discussion by the Board

- Comments by the public
- Discussion and possible action by the Board, which may include roll call vote(s)

9. **Rulemaking - OAC 252:740 – Implementation of Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards**

    Subchapter 1 – General Provisions [AMENDED]
    Subchapter 3 – Implementation of Narrative Toxics Criteria to Protect Aquatic Life Using Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing [AMENDED]
    Subchapter 5 – Implementation of Numerical Criteria to Protect Fish and Wildlife From Toxicity Due to Conservative Substances [AMENDED]
    Subchapter 9 – Implementation of Criteria to Protect the Agriculture Beneficial Use [AMENDED]
    Subchapter 11 – Implementation of Temperature Criteria to Protect Fish and Wildlife Propagation Beneficial Use [AMENDED]
    Subchapter 13 – Implementation of Antidegradation Policy [AMENDED]
    Subchapter 15 – Use Support Assessment Protocols [AMENDED]
    Subchapter 17 – Implementation of Dissolved Oxygen Criteria to Protect Fish and Wildlife Propagation [AMENDED]

    DEQ is proposing to comply with the Water Quality Standards Triennial Review and includes the following updates: add, remove and/or modify certain definitions; update reasonable potential to allow the use of a fish tissues study to confirm the need for a water quality-based effluent limit; update Assessment of Fish and Wildlife Propagation support to add fish tissue criteria as the preferred method for assessing waterbodies for selenium, with water column criteria being used if fish tissue is unavailable; and, adding Assessment of Secondary Body Contact Recreation support to add criteria values for assessment.

    - Presentation – George Russell, IV, DEQ Water Quality Director
    - Questions and discussion by the Board
    - Comments by the public
    - Discussion and possible action by the Board, which may include roll call vote(s)

10. **Consideration of and Action on the Annual Environmental Quality Report**

    The Oklahoma Environmental Quality Code requires DEQ to prepare an "Oklahoma Environmental Quality Report" and to submit it to the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President Pro Tempore by January 1st of each year. The statutorily prescribed purpose of the report is to outline the DEQ's annual funding needs for providing environmental services within its jurisdiction, reflect any new federal mandates, and summarize DEQ-recommended statutory changes. The Environmental Quality Board is authorized to review, amend (as necessary), and approve the report.

    - Presentation – Madison Miller, Deputy Executive Director, DEQ
    - Questions and discussion by the Board

- Questions, comments and discussion by the public
- Discussion and possible action by the Board, which may include a roll call vote on approval

11. **Petition to Initiate Rulemaking: Outstanding Resource Water Designations** – Tyler Powell, Blue River Foundation of Oklahoma

    A Petition to Initiate Rulemaking has been filed by the Blue River Foundation requesting that the EQB modify OAC 252:730 Appendix A to change the designation of two segments of the Blue River (Waterbody ID Nos. 410600020010_10 and 410600020010_20). The Petition proposes to change the designations from "High Quality Waters" to "Outstanding Resource Waters.

    - Presentation – Tyler Powell, Blue River Foundation.
    - Questions and discussion by the Board
    - Discussion and possible action by the Board, which may include a vote to approve or deny the petition.

12. **New Business** (Any matter not known about and which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the posting of agenda)

13. **Next Meeting**

    The next regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Board is scheduled to be held on January 20, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., at the offices of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73102.

14. **Adjournment**

Public Forum – Following Adjournment – The Board meets several times a year at different locations across the State to hear the views and concerns of all Oklahomans about environmental issues. This opportunity is informal, and we invite you to follow the instructions provided during and at the conclusion of the Board meeting if you would like to speak during the forum. If necessary to accommodate the public, the Board Chair may decide to conduct the Forum prior to the Call to Order.

Should you desire to attend but have a disability and need an accommodation, please notify the DEQ three days in advance at 405-702-7100. For hearing impaired, the TDD Relay Number is 1-800-722-0353 for TDD machine use only.