TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 626. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

RULEMAKING ACTION:
    Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking
PROPOSED RULES:
    Subchapter 3. Permit Procedures
    252:626-3-2 [AMENDED]
    252:626-3-6 [AMENDED]
    252:626-3-7 [AMENDED]
    Subchapter 9. Treatment
    252:626-9-2 [AMENDED]
    252:626-9-8 [AMENDED]
    252:626-9-10 [AMENDED]
    252:626-9-11 [AMENDED]
    Subchapter 17. Finished Water Storage
    252:626-17-1 [AMENDED]
    Subchapter 19. Distribution System
    252:626-19-3 [AMENDED]
    Appendix E. Gravel Support for Rapid Rate Slow Sand Filters [AMENDED]
SUMMARY:
    The gist of this rule and the underlying reason for the rulemaking is to allow electronic submittal of plans and specifications and engineering reports; update references to International Fire Code (IFC) and American Water Works Association (AWWA); correct typographical errors and update other incorrect references; provide specific reference to the sedimentation portion of the clarification section; remove "the maximum detention time of the rapid mix basin, at design flow is 30 seconds" and replace with "provide good mixing of the raw water with the chemicals applied and prevent deposition of solids in the mixing zone; add language noting a rapid mix detention time of not more than 30 seconds; and remove "Cathodic protection shall be provided for all steel tanks to prevent under bottom corrosion". For Appendix E, DEQ is proposing to amend the name of the Appendix. There are no substantive changes to the Appendix.
AUTHORITY:
    Environmental Quality Board; 27A O.S. §§ 2-2-101, 2-6-103, and 2-6-203.
    Water Quality Management Advisory Council; 27A O.S. § 2-2-201.
COMMENT PERIOD:
    Written comments may be submitted to the contact person from October 15, 2025, through December 2, 2025. Oral comments may be made at the Water Quality Management Advisory Council meeting on December 2, 2025, and at the Environmental Quality Board meeting on January 21, 2026.
PUBLIC HEARINGS:
    Before the Water Quality Management Advisory Council on December 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality offices, First Floor, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. If the Council recommends adoption, the proposed rules will be considered by the Environmental Quality Board at its meeting scheduled on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the DEQ Headquarters, First Floor, 707 N. Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.
REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:
    DEQ requests that business entities or any other members of the public affected by these rules provide to DEQ (during the comment period) the increase (in dollar amounts if possible) in the

level of direct costs (e.g., fees) and indirect costs (e.g., reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss), or other costs expected to be incurred due to compliance with the proposed rules.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the contact person, reviewed at the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, during normal business hours (8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday) or reviewed online at https://oklahoma.gov/deq/divisions/executive-offices/office-of-communication-and-education/events/2025/december/wqmac-dec-2025.html.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Copies of the rule impact statement may be obtained from the contact person or may be reviewed online at https://oklahoma.gov/deq/divisions/executive-offices/office-of-communication-and-education/events/2025/december/wqmac-dec-2025.html.

CONTACT PERSON:

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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:

Persons with disabilities who desire to attend the rulemaking hearing and need an accommodation should notify the contact person three (3) days in advance of the hearing. For hearing impaired, the TDD relay number is 1-800-522-8506 or 1-800-722-0353, for TDD machine use only.