

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

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Appendix E. Primary Ambient Air Quality Standards [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The Department is proposing to amend Appendix E to maintain consistency with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Specifically, the PM_{2.5} Primary Standard is being amended to reflect recent changes made by EPA in lowering the annual standard from 12.0 µg/m³ to 9.0 µg/m³. The gist of the proposed rule is to ensure Appendix E is consistent with the federal NAAQS.

AUTHORITY:

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.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written comments may be submitted to the contact person from June 17, 2024, through July 17, 2024. Oral comments may be made at the July 24, 2024 Air Quality Advisory Council meeting and at the September 10, 2024 Environmental Quality Board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Before the Air Quality Advisory Council at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at the Tulsa Tech-Owasso Campus, 10800 North 137th East Avenue, Owasso, OK 74055.

If the Council recommends adoption, the proposed rules will be considered by the Environmental Quality Board at its meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Headquarters, 1802 Chukka Hina Drive, Durant, OK 74701.

These hearings shall also serve as public hearings to receive comments on the proposed revisions to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) under the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 51.102 and 27A O.S. § 2-5-107(6)(c), and to the State Title V (Part 70) Implementation Plan under the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 70 and 27A O.S. § 2-5-112(B)(9).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The Department requests that business entities or any other members of the public affected by these rules provide the Department, within the comment period, in dollar amounts if possible, the increase in the level of direct costs such as fees, and the indirect costs such as reporting, recordkeeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by a particular entity 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, OK 73102, or reviewed online at <https://www.deq.ok.gov/council-meetings/air-quality-advisory-council/>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENTS:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D), a rule impact statement was prepared and is available on the DEQ website at <https://www.deq.ok.gov/council-meetings/air-quality-advisory-council/>. Copies may also be obtained from the Department by calling the contact person listed below.

CONTACT PERSON:

The contact person for this proposal is Melanie Foster, Environmental Programs Manager, who can be reached by phone at (405) 702-4100. Please email written comments to AQDRuleComments@deq.ok.gov. Mail should be addressed to Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677, ATTN: Melanie Foster.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:

Should you desire to attend the public hearing but have a disability and need an accommodation, please notify the Air Quality Division three (3) days in advance at (405) 702-4177. For the hearing impaired, the TDD relay number is 1-800-522-8506 or 1-800-722-0353, for TDD machine use only.