MINUTES WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL September 26, 2023

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Multipurpose Room Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Official WQMAC

Approved at the January 9, 2024 Meeting

Notice of Public Meeting – The Water Quality Management Advisory Council (WQMAC) convened for a Regular Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 707 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, with notice of the meeting given to the Secretary of State on November 1, 2022. The agenda was posted at DEQ twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. Mr. Brian Duzan, Chair, called the meeting to order. Ms. Quiana Fields called roll and confirmed that there was a quorum.

MEMBERS	PRESENT
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Ron Jarman
Eric Lee
Mary Mach
Kenneth Schwab
Bill Smith
Steve Sowers
Debbie Wells
Duane Winegardner
Brian Duzan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Matheson Rick Moore

DEO STAFF PRESENT

Shellie Chard
Jeff Franklin
Brian Clagg
Travis Mensik
Jonathan Allen
Vance Pennington
Nicholas Huber
Michelle Wynn
Jennifer Boyle
Susan Mensik
Othman Shahin
Patrick Rosch
Bruce Vande Lune
John Reid

John Reid Greg Carr Mark Hildebrand April Eberle Quiana Fields

OTHERS PRESENT

Jenny Longley, Court Reporter

Approval of Minutes from the January 5, 2023 Meeting – Mr. Duzan called for a motion to approve the January 5, 2023 minutes, Mr. Lee moved to approve and Ms. Mach made the second.

Ron Jarman	Yes		Steve Sowers	Yes	
Eric Lee	25	Yes	Debbie Wells	Yes	
Mary Mach		Yes	Duane Winegardner	Yes	
Kenneth Schwab		Abstain	Brian Duzan	Yes	
Bill Smith		Yes			

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 – Mr. Duzan called for a motion to approve the 2024 Council dates; January 9, April 30, July 30 and September 24. Mr. Lee moved to approve and Dr. Jarman made the second.

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Ron Jarman	Yes	Steve Sowers	Yes	
Eric Lee	Yes	Debbie Wells	Yes	
Mary Mach	Yes	Duane Winegardner	Yes	
Kenneth Schwab	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes	
Bill Smith	Yes			

DISCUSSION OF RULEMAKING FOR THE JANUARY 2024 WQMAC MEETING:

OAC 252:606 – OKLAHOMA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (OPDES) STANDARDS – Mr. Brian Clagg, Environmental Manager of the WQD, stated that during the previous rulemaking cycle, it was discussed that DEQ staff intended to merge OAC 252:690 and OAC 252:740, "Implementation of Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards" in future rulemaking. DEQ staff have since determined that a better approach entails incorporating the contents of Chapter 690 into two of our existing rules, Chapters 606 and 611 and subsequently revoking Chapter 690.

For OAC 252:606, DEQ will be proposing to incorporate from OAC 252:690 applicable portions of Subchapter 1, titled "Introduction", Subchapter 3, titled "Point Source Discharges", and Appendices: B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J. This will consolidate the technical permitting rules for point source discharges into one rule. The remaining contents of Chapter 690, consisting of the remainder of Subchapter 1, "Introduction", Subchapter 5, titled "Groundwater Protection", and Subchapter 7, titled "Water Quality Standards Implementation Plan, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality will be incorporated into Chapter 611 as discussed below.

DEQ will also be proposing an update of the federal rules incorporated by reference from July 1, 2022 to July 12, 2023. One final regulatory change consisted of the U.S. EPA finalizing clarifications to its NPDES Stormwater Phase II regulations due to recent changes made by the Census Bureau. The changes to EPA's regulations are limited to clarifying that the designation criteria for small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4's), which have been used since the promulgation of the regulations in 1999, will remain the same. These clarifications are necessary due to the Census Bureau's recent decision to discontinue its practice of publishing the location of "urbanized area" in the Phase II regulations with the phrase "urban areas with a population of at least 50,000", which is the Census Bureau's longstanding definition of the term urbanized areas. This change allows NPDES permitting authorities to use 2020 regulatory practice. Another rule change was made to 40 CFR Part 423, the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category, to extend the date for existing coal-fired power plants to submit a notice of planned participation (NOPP) for the permanent cessation of coal combustion subcategory in the 2020 Steam Electric Reconsideration Rule from October 13, 2021 to June 27, 2023. This rule was effective May 30, 2023. There was a question by the Council and none by the public.

See transcript pages 5 = 14

OAC 252:611 - GENERAL WATER QUALITY - Mr. Clagg stated as noted in the discussion above for Chapter 606, DEQ staff will be proposing to incorporate remaining parts of OAC

252:690 Subchapter 1, titled "Introduction", Subchapter 5, titled "Groundwater Protection" and Subchapter 7, titled "Water Quality Standards Implementation Plan, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality", into Chapter 611. There were no questions or comments by the Council or the public.

See transcript pages 14 - 15

OAC 252:628 - INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE FOR SURFACE WATER AUGMENTATION - Mr. Clagg stated that the DEQ will be proposing updates to this chapter to remove references to OAC 252:690 and where applicable, replace these references with appropriate chapters. There were no questions or comments by the Council or the public.

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OAC 252:690 - WATER QUALITY STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION - Mr. Clagg stated that upon incorporation of Chapter 690 into existing rule Chapters 606 and 611, DEQ staff will be proposing to revoke Chapter 690. There were no questions or comments by the Council or the public.

See transcript pages 15 - 16

OAC 252:730 - OKLAHOMA'S WATER QUALITY STANDARDS - Mr. Clagg, stated that the DEQ will be proposing updates to this chapter to remove references to OAC 252:690 and where applicable, replace these references with appropriate chapters. DEQ staff will also be proposing updates to this chapter to correct typographical errors. There were no questions or comments by the Council or the public.

See transcript page 16

OAC 252:740 – IMPLEMENTATION OF OKLAHOMA'S WATER QUALITY

STANDARDS – Mr. Clagg stated that the DEQ staff will be proposing updates to this chapter to correct typographical errors. There were no questions or comments by the Council or the public.

See transcript pages 16 - 17

OAC 252:641 – INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL PUBLIC ON-SITE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS – Mr. Nicholas Huber of the Environmental Complaints and Local Services Division, stated that the DEQ staff will be proposing revisions to Chapter 641 that will incorporate several changes that came about from discussions with the Oklahoma On-site Wastewater Association. These changes include language addressing the use of safety systems in manhole risers, septic tank sizing options and a proposed increase to the current surety bond amount. DEQ staff will also be resolving a potential conflict with Statue as it applies to DEQ staff conducting soil profile descriptions. There were questions and comments by the Council and none by the public.

See transcript pages 17 - 25

OAC 252:645 – SEPTAGE PUMPERS AND TRANSPORTERS – Mr. Huber stated that the DEQ staff will be proposing revisions to Chapter 645 that will incorporate several changes that came about from discussions with the Oklahoma On-Site Wastewater Association. These changes will include language for the certification of drivers being employed by the License holder, amendments to the renewal training requirements and the inclusion of a surety bond to address potential remediation actions. DEQ staff will also be proposing additional fees to this

Chapter for driver certification and the exam required for all new Licensees and drivers. There were no questions or comments by the Council or the public.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Jeff Franklin, Division Director of the SELS and Ms. Shellie Chard, Division Director of the WQD, provided an update on division activities.

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NEW BUSINESS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 2:00p.m. at DEQ.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Duzan called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Jarman moved to adjourn and Mr. Winegardner made the second. The meeting was adjourned at 2:49p.m.

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Eric Lee	Yes	Debbie Wells	Yes	
Mary Mach	Yes	Duane Winegardner	Yes	
Kenneth Schwab	Yes	Brian Duzan	Yes	
Bill Smith	Yes			

Transcript and Attendance Sheet are attached as an official part of these Minutes.

1	Page 1		Dr. Moore is absent.
2	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	2	39,439
3	WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL	1 3	MR. SCHWAB: Present.
4	ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 2:00 PM	4	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
5	•		MR. SMITH: Yes, here.
6			MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
7		-	MR. SOWERS: Present.
8	MEMBERS PRESENT	8	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Wells?
9	Ron Jarman	9	MS. WELLS: Here.
10	Eric Lee	10	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Winegardner?
11	Mary Mach	11	MR. WINEGARDNER: Yes.
12	Steve Sowers	12	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
13	Bill Willard Smith	13	MR. DUZAN: Here.
14	Duane Winegardner	14	MS. FIELDS: We have a quorum.
	Brian Duzan	15	MR. DUZAN: Okay. The next thing is the
16	Debbie Wells	16	approval of the minutes from our last meeting, which
17	Kenneth Schwab	17	was January S, 2023.
18		18	I think everybody should have gotten
19	MEMBERS ABSENT	19	them ahead of time, any questions or comments?
20	Mark Matheson	20	MR. LEE: Motion to approve.
21	Rick Moore	21	MS. MACH: Second.
22		22	MR. DUZAN: We have a motion and a second,
23		23	we'll have a vote.
24		24	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?
25	REPORTED BY: Jenny Longley, CSR	25	DR. JARMAN: Yes.
1	Page 2	,	Page 4 Ms. FIELDs: Mr. Lee?
2	MR. DUZAN: This regular meeting of the	2	
	Water Quality Management Advisory Council was called] 3	
	in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. Notice for	4	MS. MACH: Yes.
5	this September 26, 2023 regular meeting was filed	5	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?
6	with the Secretary of State on November 1, 2022.		MR. SCHWAB: Abstain.
7	The Agenda was duly posted at DEQ at least 24 hours	-	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?
8	prior to the meeting.	1 8	MR. SMITH: Yes.
9	Only matters appearing on the posted	,	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?
10	Agenda may be considered at this regular meeting.	10) MR. SOWERS: Yes.
11	In the event that this meeting is continued or	11	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Wells?
12	reconvened, public notice of the date, time, and	12	MS. WELLS: Yes.
13	place of the continued meeting will be given by	13	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Winegardner?
14	announcement at this meeting. Only matters	14	MR. WINEGARDNER: Yes.
15	appearing on the Agenda of a meeting which has been	15	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?
16	continued may be discussed at the continued or	16	MR. DUZAN: Yes.
17	reconvened meeting.	10	MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.
18	We'll have our roll call.	18	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Moving on, we'll go to
19	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?	19	our schedule of meeting for next year, calendar year
20	DR. JARMAN: Here.	20	of 2024. I think everybody got sent them out ahead
21	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?	21	of time, and they're on the agenda.
22	MR. LEE: Yes.	22	Does anybody have any questions or
23	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?	23	comments about these dates and times?
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24	MS. MACH: Yes.	24	MR. LEE: Motion to approve.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTERS

Page 5	Page 7 1 August 23, 2022 Water Quality Management Advisory
2 second, we'll have a vote.	2 Council meeting, the Council voted to recommend to
3 MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?	3 the Environmental Quality Board these Emergency
4 DR. JARMAN: Yes.	4 rules. These included the two new Chapters, 730 and
5 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?	5 740, but also included updating several other
6 MR. LEE: Yes.	6 existing Chapters to change references from Chapters
7 MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?	7 45 and 46 to the new Chapters 730 and 740. Then, in
8 MS. MACH: Yes.	8 the January 5, 2023 Water Quality Management
9 MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?	9 Advisory Council meeting, the Council voted to
	10 recommend these rules, now as permanent rules, to
	11 the Environmental Quality Board. The Environmental
	12 Quality Board subsequently voted to permanently
	13 adopt the rules, and on June 1, 2023, Governor Stitt
	14 signed a joint resolution approving the permanent
	15 rules.
	16 So, partly what remained from that
	17 round of rulemaking was the new Chapter 740, titled 18 "Implementation of Oklahoma's Water Quality
	19 Standards" (which replaced OWRB's Chapter 45), and
	20 DEQ's existing Chapter 690, titled "Water Quality
	21 Standards Implementation". Because of the
	22 similarities of these two chapters, we had discussed
	23 that DEQ intended to merge Chapters 690 and 740 into
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25 presentation from Brian Clagg on 252:606.	25 determined that a better approach entails
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Water Quality Management Advisory Council 9/26/2023 3 (9 - 12) Page 11 1 vellow: B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and J. And as you 1 EPA have discontinued use of the term "urbanized 2 will see, those will be reassigned in Chapter 606 as 2 area" -- and I know a lot of that may sound like 3 Appendix H through P. So what this does, this 3 rambling, so just listen to this last sentence here 4 consolidates the technical permitting rules for 4 because I think it kind of covers it as it applies 5 point source discharges into one rule, Chapter 606. 5 to us. Since the Census Bureau and EPA have 6 The remaining contents of Chapter 690, consisting of 6 discontinued the use of the term "urbanized area", 7 the remainder of Subchapter 1, "Introduction", 7 we will need to delete references to "urbanized 8 Subchapter 5, titled "Groundwater Protection", and 8 area" and replace them with references to "urban 9 Subchapter 7, titled "Water Quality Standards 9 areas with a population of at least 50,000", we will 10 Implementation Plan, Oklahoma Department of 10 do that during the next permit renewal process. 11 Environmental Quality", this will all be 1.1 Another rule change that was made was 12 incorporated into Chapter 611, which we will discuss 12 to 40 CFR Part 423, which is the Steam Electric 13 a little further down in the agenda. 13 Power Generating Point Source Category, and the Now, in addition to these changes, 14 14 change was to extend the date for existing 15 DEQ will also be proposing an update of the federal 15 coal-fired power plants to submit a notice of 16 rules incorporated by reference from July 1, 2022 to 16 planned participation, an NOPP, for the permanent 17 July 12, 2023. One final regulatory change 17 cessation of coal combustion subcategory in the 2020 18 consisted of the U.S. Environmental Protection 18 Steam Electric Reconsideration Rule from October 13, 19 Agency finalizing clarifications to its National 19 2021 to June 27, 2023. This rule became effective 20 Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 20 May 30, 2023. 21 Stormwater Phase II regulations due to recent So at the January 9, 2024 Water 22 changes made by the Census Bureau. The changes to 22 Quality Management Advisory Council meeting, DEQ 23 EPA's regulations are limited to clarifying that the 23 will be proposing permanent rulemaking for Chapter 24 designation criteria for small municipal separate 24 606 that includes these updates. And lastly, I 25 storm sewer systems, known as MS4's, which have been 25 would like to note that, as we've done with past $$\operatorname{\textsc{Page}}\ 12$$ 1 rulemaking, we plan to hold a couple of informal $$\operatorname{\textsc{Page}}\ 10$$ used since the promulgation of the regulations in 2 1999, will remain the same. These clarifications 2 public meetings, one in Oklahoma City and one in 3 are necessary due to the Census Bureau's recent 3 Tulsa, to discuss these rules and answer any 4 decision to discontinue its practice of publishing 4 questions from the public. The meeting in Oklahoma 5 the location of "urbanized areas" along with the 5 City is scheduled for the morning of Thursday. 6 2020 census and future censuses. The clarifications 6 November the 2nd, and the Tulsa meeting is scheduled 7 in this final rule replaced the term "urbanized 7 for Wednesday, November 8th, in the afternoon, at 8 area" in the Phase II regulations with the phrase 8 the Centennial auditorium in Veterans Park. I will 9 "urban areas with a population of at least 50.000". 9 be putting out flyers in October announcing these 10 which is the Census Bureau's longstanding definition 10 meetings and we will need to coordinate Council 11 of the term "urbanized areas". This change allows 11 member attendance just to ensure that we don't form 12 NPDES permitting authorities to use 2020 Census and 12 a quorum at these meetings. That concludes my 13 future Census data in a manner that is consistent 13 comments on Chapter 606. Thank you, Brian. 14 with existing longstanding regulatory practice. MR. DUZAN: Thank you, sir. Any questions 14 15 Now, I'd like to note that our current General 15 or comments from the Council? 16 Permit OKR04, which became effective June 1, 2021 16 DR. JARMAN: I guess I'd like to ask a 17 and will expire on May 31, 2026, notes that 17 question and ask the Director, these are convoluted

18 "Urbanized Area" is defined by the U.S. Census

19 Bureau and that the Census Bureau identifies an

20 urbanized area as an area with 50,000 or more

21 people. However, our definitions in the Phase II

22 General Permit OKR04 also state that the Census

23 Bureau "delineates urban areas after each decennial

24 census by applying specified criteria to decennial

25 census and other data". Since the Census Bureau and

18 changes, how many are meaningful and if -- what kind 19 of impact this is going to have on dischargers in 20 Oklahoma MS. CHARD: This is Shellie Chard, Water 22 Quality Division Director. So the federal changes 23 that we're talking about right now are - I'm going 24 to use the term - relatively minimal. Yes, they are 25 a change, but it's not something like a new effluent

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1	Page 13 limitation guideline or a new standard; so I don't	1	Page 15 Okay. We'll move on, then, to
2	expect to see much change.	2	252:628, "Indirect Potable Reuse for Surface Water
3	A lot of the convoluted discussion	3	Augmentation".
4	here around the Census Bureau and the 50,000	4	Brian?
5	population, urbanized area, that's a whole lot of	5	MR. CLAGG: Yep. The changes to this one
6	federal government speak to say we're going to stop	6	will be relatively minor.
7	calling things "urbanized areas" and we're going to	7	As we are proposing to revoke Chapter
8	stop referencing Census Bureau terms and we're just	8	690, we reviewed all of our other Chapters to find
9	going to go with 50,000 or above to designate who is	9	any that referenced Chapter 690. This chapter,
10	required to have permits and implement stormwater	10	which deals with indirect potable reuse, contained
11	plans and programs.	11	several references to Chapter 690. Therefore, we
12	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Any other questions or	12	will be proposing an update to this Chapter to
13	comments from the Council? Do we have any questions	13	remove those references and, where applicable,
14	or comments from the public? Okay. If not, we'll	14	replace these references with appropriate Chapters,
15	move on - since that's a non-voting deal at this	15	those being either 606 or 611, which we've discussed
16	time - to 252:611.	16	earlier. That concludes my comments on Chapter 628.
17	Brian?	17	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Questions or comments
18	MR. CLAGG: Okay. As noted in the	18	from the Council?
19	discussion above for 606, DEQ staff will be	19	Questions or comments from the
20	proposing to incorporate remaining parts of Chapter	20	public?
21	690 Subchapter 1, titled "Introduction", Subchapter	21	Okay. We're going to move on to
22	5, titled "Groundwater Protection", and Subchapter	22	252:690, "Water Quality Standards Implementation".
23	7, titled "Water Quality Standards Implementation	23	Brian?
24	Plan, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality",	24	MR. CLAGG: Okay. So upon incorporation
25	into Chapter 611. So from your color coded sheet,	25	of Chapter 690 into Chapters 606 and 611, as we've
1	you can see that the "Groundwater Protection",	1	just discussed, we will be proposing to revoke
2	Subchapter 5 in Chapter 690, will become Subchapter	2	Chapter 690. And that's all my comments on 690.
3	7 in Chapter 611, and the Chapter 690 Subchapter 7,	3	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Questions or comments
4	"Water Quality Standards Implementation Plan", will	4	from the Council?
5	become Subchapter 9.	5	Questions or comments from the
6	Can y'all hear me? Do I need to	6	public?
7	start over?	7	Then we're going to move on down to
8	MR. DUZAN: No, you're good.	8	730, "Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards".
9	MR. CLAGG: Okay.	9	MR. CLAGG: All right. So this was one of
10	The purpose of Chapter 611, as	10	our new chapters from last year. Looking through
11	defined in the rule, is to protect, maintain and	11	it, it contained a few references to Chapter 690, so
12	improve the quality of waters of the state, and to	12	we will be proposing updates to correct those
13	enforce and protect Oklahoma's Water Quality	13	references. There were also some typographical
14	Standards. This rule implements the broad authority	14	errors that will be corrected, as well. Thank you.
15	of the DEQ over surface, ground and other waters of	15	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Questions or comments
16	the state.	16	from the Council?
17	At the January 9, 2024 Water Quality	17	Questions or comments from the
18	Management Advisory Council meeting, DEQ will be	18	public? Okay. We're going to move on down to
19	proposing permanent rulemaking for Chapter 611 that	19	252:740, "Implementation of Oklahoma's Water Quality
20	includes these updates. That concludes my comments	20	Standards".
21	on Chapter 611.	21	MR. CLAGG: Okay. And of course, this was
22	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Questions or comments	22	the second new rule that we added in the last
23	from the Council on this?	23	rulemaking, and it also contained some typographical
24	Questions or comments from the	24	errors that we are looking to proposing to
25	public?	25	correct those, as well. That's my comments on
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25 the need to expand some of the reach is what they

Page 19 1 Chapter 740, thank you. 1 kind of indicate. MR. DUZAN: Okay. Questions or comments We have an installer that has had 3 from the Council? 3 some problems in the southern part of the state with Questions or comments from the 4 fraud and some jail time that he's facing, and they 5 public? 5 would like to see some additional law. So it's a Okay. Thank you, Brian. 6 fairly extensive request that we're, at this time, MR. CLAGG: Thank you. 7 not really looking at addressing. MR. DUZAN: We're going to move on down to I would offer, if any of you are 9 252:641, "Individual and Small Public On-site Sewage 9 Interested, to be available to hear that discussion 10 Treatment Systems", and Nicholas is going to talk 10 at the conference, and that is Thursday in Muskogee. 11 at the Convention Center. I believe I'm after 11 about that now. MR. HUBER: Well, good afternoon, I'm 12 lunch, about 12:45, and I will hang around after if 13 Nicholas Huber with the Environmental Complaints and 13 you are interested in attending and I'll provide 14 Local Services Division. I'm going to start out 14 more information. 15 with a short summary about both chapters I'm going We will be holding our outreach 16 to talk about, to try to condense and streamline. 16 meetings in November with Water Quality, the 17 November 2nd and the 7th -- or, I think it was the So since the last time I was here in 18 front of you guys with our last rule revision, we've 18 8th. The 8th. So we'll provide that notice along 19 been working with all our stakeholders, the Oklahoma 19 with their notice, so that we have that opportunity. 20 On-site Wastewater Association, to try to identify 20 Then our public comment period will be October --21 additional changes that the industry needs and that 21 December 1st through the end of the month. 22 they see fit. 22 So I'll briefly discuss the 641 23 And so I have been meeting with the 23 changes. So we will be proposing revisions to 24 Chapter 641 that will incorporate several changes 24 Board President every other month for the last 18 25 months, discussing different things that they feel, 25 that have come from discussions with the Oklahoma Page 20 1 as an organization, need to be changed in Chapter 1 Onsite Wastewater Association. 2 641 and Chapter 645, which is our pumper rules. Those changes include language We started this process with 3 addressing the use of safety systems and manhole 4 stakeholder meetings, with a small group, so we met 4 risers, septic tank sizing options, and a proposed 5 with a select handful, five or six installers and 5 increase to the current surety bond amount required 6 pumpers, to discuss their proposed changes. Out of 6 for our certified installers and profilers. We will 7 that, we came up with the draft that we'll be 7 also be resolving a potential conflict with statute A bringing to you guys -- to you all in January. 8 as it applies to DEO staff conducting soil profile The draft recently was sent out to 9 descriptions. 10 around 350 of the organization holders or members, MR. DUZAN: Okay. Thank you. 10 11 those are all the installers and the pumpers across 11 Any questions or comments from the 12 Council? Go ahead. 12 the state. They received that draft in the 13 beginning of September and have been reviewing and 13 MS. MACH: Pardon me, I had a question. 14 providing some feedback. 14 Thank you, Nicholas. You mentioned We have our educational conference 15 something about the soil profile descriptions. Does 16 tomorrow and Thursday, at which time, Thursday 16 this have anything to do with the previously 17 afternoon, we'll be presenting an informal 17 proposed changes that weren't passed about the perc 18 discussion of the rules to gather comments, answer 18 test or how soil was classified at that time? 19 questions, try to really narrow down what changes we 19 MR. HUBER: No, this is to ensure 20 want to see. 20 compliance with the current statute as it's listed 21 Several of the comments that we've 21 in rule. 22 received up to this point are very positive. We've 22 MS. MACH: Okay. Thank you. 23 actually received several that have asked us to go a 23 MR. DUZAN: Okay. Any other questions? 24 little bit further than we are proposing, they see MR. LEE: Yes, Mr. Chair. So on the

25 increase to the surety bond amount, like, what kind

25 bonding. We actually heard they'd like to have an

1 of range are we talking about or what increase, 1 increase in fees that they have to pay every year 2 percentage-wise, are we looking at? We felt what we were asking for was MR. HUBER: So it is a significant 3 appropriate. I don't think it will push anybody 4 away from the certified installer program. As you 4 increase. Currently, the bonding requirement is 5 \$10,000, we are proposing raising that bond to 5 look at the amount that's associated with the 6 \$100,000. The -- over the last several years, we 6 increase, most installers average around 100 systems 7 have had significant issue enforcement -- in 7 a year, so it ends up being about a \$10 increase to 8 enforcement against installers for noncompliant 8 the cost of the system; so it's less than a percent 9 systems. The largest one involved a -- I think 9 of that overall cost that they'd be looking at. 10 there was 86 systems total, and the cost of each 10 MS. MACH: Have the Tribes been a part of 11 system is roughly, on average, about \$10,000. 11 the discussion, are they supportive? So because of the multiple systems MR. HUBER: There are several installers 13 that are included in some of these cases, that's 13 that are working wholly for the Tribes; we have not 14 where we came to that \$100,000 amount. The increase 14 heard from them. They will be at the conference 15 in cost to the installer from the \$10,000 bond is 15 tomorrow, I believe the Cherokee Nation and the 16 right around \$100 a year, and then the \$100,000 is 16 Chickasaws are attending, and then so we do have 17 going to be right around the -- or, \$1,000 per year. 17 plans to reach specifically out to them. MR. LEE: Nicholas, do you mind MR. DUZAN: And did you get any pushback 19 from your members on that or they understand the --19 elaborating a little bit on the septic tank sizing MR. HUBER: They understand, and they 20 options? 21 21 actually took a survey at our educational conference MR. HUBER: So one of the things that came 22 last year and, overwhelmingly, the members were in 22 out of our meetings with the board members and 23 support of raising that amount. We're still working 23 installers with the proposed rule change, they saw a 24 need for small flows. So what we're targeting is 24 with them to try to gather more information about 25 what that cost will be to them. We've already heard 25 flows less than 100 gallons or up to 100 gallons per 1 from several, but we want to broaden that feedbac 1 day, really targeting - we call them man caves, yo 2 know, those backyard barns or workshops that don't 2 so we'll be talking about it on Thursday with them. MS. MACH: On the surety, is it a 3 have an option to the into the existing system. Their feeling was that requiring the 4 per-project or per-installer requirement? MR. HUBER: It is a per-installer. They 5 1,000-gallon septic tank was a little overkill for 6 that small of flow, and so what we're proposing is 6 are required to provide an active surety bond for 7 their renewal, so they have to have that coverage 7 an additional sizing that actually allows for a 8 during that year, and it is a total amount. 8 500-gallon tank for flows of 100 gallons or less so DR. JARMAN: Would you anticipate a 9 that they have the ability to access some of those 10 significant change in the number of installers as a 10 tighter locations. 11 result? 3.1 So really, that's an expansion of MR. HUBER: An increase or decrease? 12 what we would offer where, instead of the 12 DR. JARMAN: I would think decrease. 13 1,000-gallon tank, they'd be able to have that 13 MR. HUBER: From what we're hearing, it's 14 smaller option available. 15 pretty broad support for the increase. Most of what MR. SMITH: Nicholas, does the -- how does 16 we hear is they would like to see a little bit more 16 -- are the aerobic tanks also included in that or is 17 skin in the game, is how they phrased it. They want 17 that separate? 18 MR. HUBER: It would be separate. It is 18 to see their license mean a little bit more. 19 So they come back to wanting to be 19 specific to the small public classification, and 20 viewed as licensed plumbers, HVAC, you know, there's 20 it'd be 100 gallons or less, and it's really 21 a little bit more to those license and trades than 21 designed only for those lateral fields, subsurface 22 what has been viewed with the septic industry, and 22 dispersal without the additional treatment. 23 they're really pushing for that. They want increase 23 MR. DUZAN: Okay. Any other questions or 24 in training requirements, they want increase in 24 comments from the Council?

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Do we have any questions or comments

25 rules for the next rulemaking cycle. The primary

Page 25 Page 27 1 from the public? 1 changes are going to involve a topic reorganization Okay. We're going to go ahead and 2 to improve the clarity and usability of the rules. 3 move on to 252:645, "Septage Pumpers and 3 we think there's some work there that's ready to 4 Transporters". 4 take place; clarification of the proficiency testing MR. HUBER: So we are proposing provisions 5 requirements; removal of the late renewal fees; and 6 to Chapter 645 that will incorporate additional 6 we are going to propose moving the annual 7 changes from discussions with the On-site Wastewater 7 certificate cycle to the calendar year, and there's 8 Association. Those changes will include language 8 rationale for that we'll go into later. 9 for the certification of drivers that are employed What are the expectations with these 10 by License holders, amendments to the renewal 10 changes? Improved customer service, for sure, 11 training requirements, and then inclusion of a 11 reduced application turnaround times and, generally 12 surety bond to address potential remediation 12 speaking, the improved effectiveness of the program. 13 actions. We will also be proposing additional fees 13 There's things that we've identified that are room 14 to the Chapter for driver certification and 14 for improvement, and we're going to take action on 15 examination fees that will be required for all new 15 those. 16 License holders and drivers. 16 As part of that, as we ramped up for 17 these -- we've extended - as Brian knows - we've MR. DUZAN: Okay. Questions or comments 17 18 from the Council? 18 extended the annual certificates through the end of 19 19 December of 2023 to help us prepare for some of Ouestions or comments from the 20 public? 20 these changes as well as compensate for staffing 21 Okay. Thank you, Nicholas. 21 issues. 22 MR. HUBER: Thank you. 22 Speaking of staffing issues, just in MR. DUZAN: Moving on, we're going to go 23 the last two months, we've hired 10 new positions, 24 to the "Director's Report - Shellie Chard". 24 including a new quality assurance officer, managers, MS. CHARD: Before I make the Water 25 technical staff to offset that turnover that Page 28 Page 26 Quality report, I will turn it over to Jeff Franklin 1 unfortunately has had a negative impact on 2 to talk about some updates to the State 2 compliance and enforcement. And so we're getting 3 Environmental Laboratory. 3 some really good-quality people to come through the MR. DUZAN: Good, the lab stuff's always 4 doors. 5 the most important part of these, so ... Two of those hires are new manager MR. FRANKLIN: Good afternoon. Thanks, 6 positions to the laboratory. The Lab Technical 7 Shellie. Again, I'm Jeff Franklin with the State 7 Operation Manager now is Candice Smith, as Tech 8 Environmental Laboratory update. 8 Operations Manager and she now has providing I got a few things for you today, I 9 oversight to the entire State Environmental 10 want to start with the lab accreditation program. 10 Laboratory. The other one is Taryn Hurley, and 11 Since the last Council meeting, the program's 11 she's now in charge of the Lab Accreditation Program 12 undergone its routine evaluations from both 12 as well as our Quality Assurance branch. They have 13 oversight authorities, EPA and the NELAC Institute, 13 already brought a lot of positive energy and 14 positive impact on staff training, competency, and 14 so we've been busy with that. In May, the EPA auditors observed our 15 data quality; so we're excited about those moves. 16 lab accreditation folks auditing a local drinking 16 I owe you an update on the mobile 17 water lab. The report we just got vesterday found 17 lab. Basically, because of the staff turnover, 18 no deficiencies with the program. In August, we 18 we've not been able to deploy the mobile lab for 19 were evaluated by TNI, they found one nonconformity 19 it's intended use of targeted outreach emergency 20 that has since been corrected, and continued 20 response and small public water supply assistance, 21 recognition as an accredited body will be voted on 21 we just don't have the staff to do it at this time. 22 by the TNI Accreditation Council next month. 22 Hopefully, the next time we visit we will have a Of note with this bunch is within the 23 better story to tell than that. 24 LAP, we're working towards revising all three of our 24 Lab capacity update. In May, the

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25 State Environmental Lab went under its EPA drinking

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MR. FRANKLIN: No.

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1 water audit for microbiology, chemistry, and
                                                                        MR. DUZAN: -- 10th floor.
2 radiochemistry. We are currently renewing -- like I
                                                                        MR. FRANKLIN: That price has actually
3 said before, we just got our report last week and
                                                            3 gone up 35 percent since we bought the one for PFAS.
4 we're still kind of digesting it, what that looks
                                                                        MR. DUZAN: Any other questions? Okay.
5 like, so again, I'll have a better update for you at
                                                                        MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you for your time.
6 the next meeting.
                                                                        MR. DUZAN: Thank you, sir.
                 We are currently renewing our TNI
                                                                        MS. CHARD: Okay. Good afternoon,
8 accreditation for PFAS testing as well as a
                                                            8 everyone. Once again, I'm Shellie Chard, Water
9 cryptosporidium and Giardia. Although the
                                                            9 Quality Division Director.
10 installation and validation are pending, we have
                                                                             The agency as a whole is experiencing
11 acquired, through grant funding, a new instrument
                                                           11 some of what Jeff touched on as far as personnel,
                                                           12 lots of turnover. You know, some of it is as people
12 that will be used for blue-green algae toxin
13 testing. This instrument is considered the gold
                                                           13 are retiring after long careers, and we're
14 standard for this type of analysis. So we're pretty
                                                           14 anticipating another couple of those this year in
15 excited about that, currently -- it lives in a bunch
                                                           15 the Water Quality Division. We have been having a
16 of boxes on the 10th floor at this time, but we're
                                                           16 lot of success in hiring environmental
                                                           17 specialist-type positions, so we're hoping that's
17 getting there.
                 I think Brian can relate to this one.
                                                           18 going to continue.
19 as well, budget update. Supply chain issues and
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                                                                             Last legislative session, we did
20 rising costs, 24 percent over the last year our
                                                           20 receive appropriations for an additional seven staff
21 supplies have gone up, continue to put an
                                                           21 related to all of the federal BIL funding that was
22 unprecedented burden on our budget and threaten lab
                                                           22 announced. It takes a lot of staff effort to get
23 capacities in an unpredictable manner, and that's
                                                           23 that money out to communities and also to do all of
24 been quite a challenge to work through.
                                                           24 the required environmental reviews and construction
                  We continue to look for and find ways
                                                           25 and operating permits; so we were very happy about
1 to reduce our operational budget, including shutting
                                                            1 that.
2 down methods that are not part of our public and
                                                                             As you may recall, we did not get
3 environmental health response or revenue producing,
                                                            3 funding or positions for the Water Quality Standards
 4 so we're going through that kind of cost-value
                                                            4 program when that was moved to us from the Water
5 analysis at this time.
                                                            5 Board; so we will be asking again this year for
                 And that's all I got for you today.
                                                             6 three positions to help us operate that program, so
7 I'll take any questions you have.
                                                            7 hopefully that will happen. We're kind of using the
            MR. SMITH: Jeff, is -- where have most of
                                                            8 duct tape and baling wire approach to try to staff
9 your people come from? Are they in state, new
                                                            9 that program.
10 graduates, out of state, or a combination of both?
                                                                             As you heard, you're going to be
            MR. FRANKLIN: We've actually hired two
                                                           11 seeing Water Quality Standards rules before you,
12 people out of state, we've never done that before,
                                                           12 updating chapters and merging and getting some
13 and they're both outstanding. One of them actually
                                                           13 cleanup. We also are collecting a very long list of
                                                           14 requested Water Quality Standards changes from
14 came from our equivalent in the State of Texas, she
15 worked in the Radiochemistry Section of the Texas
                                                           15 industry, some of those started before the program
16 Department of State Health, their laboratory, so we
                                                           16 was moved.
17 are very fortunate. She just wanted out of Austin
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                                                                             So we will start working through
18 and it was, like, kind of our lucky day. She's
                                                           18 those once we get all the rules kind of in their
19 great.
                                                           19 final form so we can start working through those
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            MR. DUZAN: So what instrument was it for
                                                           20 with the regulated community, and hopefully we will
21 your blue-green algae?
                                                           21 have the added staff to be able to do that in a
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            MR. FRANKLIN: The LC-MS MS2.
                                                           22 timely fashion as opposed to continuing to just put
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             MR. DUZAN: Not the cheapest thing on the
                                                           23 things on the list.
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                                                                            Something that you all may be
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25 interested in, there is a webinar that was just

24 spot to get their three minutes and then either

25 decide at the time, 'Okay, no, I don't really have

Page 35 Page 33 announced about the time this meeting started, EPA 1 anything to say', or offer whatever comments. So 2 will be doing on October 17th on the Lead and Copper 2 that is an opportunity that's coming up. 3 Rule improvements. Don't really know much about it Oklahoma City will be sponsoring the 4 other than the EPA sent to the drinking water 4 Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities 5 administrators and said, 'Feel free to pass on to 5 meeting in November, that will be -- I believe it's 6 your staff and any interested communities'. I'm not 6 at the Omni, at the convention center. That's all 7 sure who's going to be interested, so we're probably 7 of the state agencies that implement the SRF 8 going to just send it out to anybody who has 8 programs or state-specific funding programs. So 9 expressed an interest or who we have a good email 9 that will be here. And then in June, next summer, the 11 I can't tell you anything about it 11 National Biosolids Workshop and Conference will be 12 other than EPA says they're going to host this 12 held here in Oklahoma City. So we will have a lot 13 webcast and they hope to share EPA's timeline and 13 of opportunities for people to hear firsthand some 14 activities associated with the Lead and Copper Rule 14 of the emerging issues and technologies related to 15 improvements, talk about what may happen after this 15 biosolids and I'm sure some of the PFAS and 16 improvement is proposed, and how communities can 16 biosolids intersection that we're hearing so much 17 provide input to EPA and what other information 17 about all across the country. So all of that will 18 might become available. 18 be happening here in Oklahoma City. 19 So I don't have a lot of information. 19 One last thing, on Sunday, 20 but anyone who would like to get the information on 20 October 1st, Karen Steele, who is the Water Ouality 21 that webcast, you can either let Brian or me know 21 Assistant Division Director, she's unable to be here 22 and we will share that with you, and then we'll be 22 today, but she will be graduating from the Water 23 sharing it with the Municipal League and Rural Water 23 Leadership Institute. 24 and pretty much anybody else who expresses an 24 She's the first regulator in the 25 interest to us. 25 country to complete this program and the third On October 11th is a meeting of the $$\operatorname{\textsc{Page}}$$ 36 $^{\circ}$ Oklahoman, the first Oklahoman is sitting here with 2 National Drinking Water Advisory Council, that is a 2 us, Mary Elizabeth Mach, and Environmental Quality 3 virtual meeting. You do have to register in advance 3 Board member Alexie Kindrick, is the second. So DEO 4 with EPA to listen in on that. There will be a 4 and DEQ-connected individuals are making an impact 5 discussion of the Microbial and Disinfection 5 by completing that year-long program with an 6 Byproducts Workgroup that's been going on for the 6 international group of water professionals. 7 last year or so. So that's pretty exciting for us, and The ultimate outcome may be a new 8 I'm very proud of Karen for being able to go through 9 disinfection byproducts rule related to the use of 9 that process and complete that. So follow DEQ's 10 chloramines. Maybe - I know, I'm sorry - looking at 10 Twitter account, and you'll see pictures of 11 disinfection processes, looking at should there be 11 graduation Sunday night. 12 an update to any of the bacteria rules, definitely So thank you all very much, I'm happy 13 going to be a lot to talk about there. There will 13 to answer any questions that you may have about any 14 also likely be discussion of the PFAS drinking water 14 of these items or any other water-related issues you 15 proposed rules. And I haven't seen an agenda; so 15 might have. MR. DUZAN: Okay. Thank you, Shellie. 16 there may be more of that to come. 16 But there is a link on EPA's website. 17 You mentioned Band-Aids and baling wire or duct tape 18 you can just type in NDWAC and it should come up and 18 and baling wire earlier. Parking garage, is it 19 tell you how to register. You have to tell EPA in 19 still --20 advance of the meeting if you wish to speak or ask 20 MS. CHARD: It needs more than duct tape 21 questions, you have to do that ahead of seeing all 21 and baling wire. 22 the materials that will be discussed. So some 22 MR. DUZAN: Okay. I wasn't sure. 23 organizations or individuals will simply request a MS. CHARD: So DEQ's budget had a small 23

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24 amount of money included to begin the demolition of

25 the garage. We are asking for additional funding so

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	1	that we actually can complete that demolition.	1	Page 3 MR. DUZAN: We have a motion and a second,	9
	2	During the time that that occurs, the	2	we'll have a vote.	
	3	agency will go back to more of a telework situation	3	MS. FIELDS: Dr. Jarman?	
	4	because I don't know you know, if you've tried to	4	DR. JARMAN: Yes.	
	5	park in Oklahoma City for very long or very often,	5	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Lee?	
	6	it's pretty difficult.	6	MR. LEE: Yes.	
	7	One of the parking lets that we have	7	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Mach?	
	8	been leasing, we lose access to it I believe on	8	MS. MACH: Yes.	
	9	October 1st. There are buildings being built on	9	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Schwab?	
	10	almost all of the surface parking in the downtown	10	MR. SCHWAB: Yes.	
	11	area.	11	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Smith?	
	12	So we will be trying to figure out	12	MR. SMITH: Yes.	
	13	how to best have the appropriate people in the	13	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Sowers?	
	14	office when they need to be. We are renting some	14	MR. SOWERS: Yes.	
	15	additional spaces in the Heritage garage, so we will	15	MS. FIELDS: Ms. Wells?	
	16	continue to have some staff in the office all the	16	MS. WELLS: Yes.	
		time, but we will be on more of a telework schedule.	17	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Winegardner?	
	18	In a perfect world, we would have the	18	MR. WINEGARDNER: Yes.	
		money appropriated to do the demolition this spring	19	MS. FIELDS: Mr. Duzan?	
		and then hopefully have the money to begin the	20	MR. DUZAN: Yes.	
	1	process to build a new garage. There have been some	21	MS. FIELDS: Motion passed.	
		conversations about some partnerships with other	22	MR. DUZAN: Then we are adjourned.	
		entities in the downtown area that also need	23	(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:49 PM)	
		parking.	24	U	
	25	There have been some discussions	25		
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	1	about some kind of a mixed-use-type construction	1	rug. 1	
	2	project which would be, potentially, retail or	2	CERTIFICATE	
	3	something on the first couple of floors and then	3	I, Jenny Longley, Certified Shorthand	
	4	parking.	4	Reporter within and for the State of Oklahoma, do	
	5	But honestly, I don't know really	5	hereby certify that the above and foregoing meeting	
	6	where any of that stands other than bill language	6	was by me taken in shorthand and thereafter	
	7	that allowed the Commissioners of the Land Office to	7	transcribed; and that I am not an attorney for nor	
	8	sell our building. That is no longer a thing, so	8	relative of any of said parties or otherwise	
	9	they will not be selling our building at this point,	9	interested in the event of said action.	
	10	and hopefully we will be tearing down a falling-down	10	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto	
	11	parking garage and replacing it with something that	11	set my hand and official seal this 4th day of	
	12	is not falling down, but I think this is a project	12	October, 2023.	
i	13	that is going to go on for a while.	13	11.7	
	14	MR. DUZAN: Okay. Any other questions or	14	1000	
	15	comments from the Council?	15	Jenny Longley, CSR	
	16	Questions or comments from the	16	CSR # 1903	
	17	public?	17		
	18	Okay. I do not believe we have any	18		
	19	new business. So our next scheduled meeting is	19		
	20	Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in this	20		
	21	building.	21		
	22	And at that, I will entertain a	22		
	23	motion for adjournment.	23		
	24	DR. JARMAN: So moved.	24		
	24 25	DR. JARMAN: So moved. MR. WINEGARDNER: Second.	24 25		



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