TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 4. RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 7. Environmental Permit Process
Part 1. THE PROCESS
252:4-7-4. Filing an application [AMENDED]
252:4-7-6. Receipt of applications [AMENDED]
252:4-7-7. Administrative completeness review [AMENDED]
252:4-7-8. Technical review [AMENDED]
252:4-7-9. When review times stop [AMENDED]
252:4-7-10. Supplemental time [AMENDED]
252:4-7-19. Consolidation of permitting process [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

DEQ proposes to change its rules in Subchapter 7, Part 1 to remove the requirements that permit applications be submitted in paper form or in duplicate and clarify that permits may be filed in electronic formats. Additional changes proposed will allow for electronic correspondence between the applicant and DEQ staff during the permit review and will allow DEQ to consolidate the review of multiple permit applications that involve the same site.

AUTHORITY:

Environmental Quality Board; 27A O.S., § 2-2-101 and 27A § 2-3-302: Oklahoma Environmental Quality Code, Filing Permits or other Authorizations.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written comments may be submitted to the contact person from November 2, 2026, through December 11, 2026. Oral comments may be made at the December 8, 2026, Formal Rules Hearing at 10:00 am at the offices of the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 North Robinson Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, and at the January 20, 2027, Environmental Quality Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 North Robinson Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Oral comments may be made at the December 8, 2026 Formal Rules Hearing at 10:00 am at the offices of the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 North Robinson Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. The proposed rules will be considered by the Environmental Quality Board at its meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on January 20, 2027 at the offices of the Department of Environmental Quality, 707 North Robinson Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

DEQ requests that business entities affected by these proposed rules provide DEQ, within the comment period and in dollar amounts if possible, the increase or decrease in the level of direct costs such as fees and the indirect costs such as reporting, record keeping, 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 and may be viewed on the DEQ website at https://oklahoma.gov/deq/rules-and-regulations/proposed-rules-regulations.html.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Copies of the Rule Impact Statement may be viewed or downloaded at https://oklahoma.gov/deq/rules-and-regulations/proposed-rules-regulations.html.

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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:

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