

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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A Public Meeting: December 2, 2025, at 2:00 pm
Department of Environmental Quality

Location: Multi-Purpose Room, 1st Floor
DEQ Building
707 N. Robinson
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – Brian Duzan**
- 2. ROLL CALL – Quiana Fields**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2025, MEETING**
- 4. COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

Discuss and vote on dates, times, and locations of the Water Quality Management Advisory Council (“WQMAC”) meetings for the 2026 calendar year. Staff recommend meetings be held in DEQ’s 1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room at DEQ’s Oklahoma City office which is located at 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Based on the Environmental Quality Board (“EQB”) schedule and expected rulemaking efforts, staff recommends the following meeting dates and times:

- Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

5. PERMANENT RULEMAKING OAC 252:301 – “LABORATORY ACCREDITATION”

After legislative and gubernatorial approval of changes to chapters 301, 302, and 307, during the 2025 legislative session, an unintended oversight by DEQ to timely publish a Permanent Rule Document in The Oklahoma Register as required by the Administrative Rules on Rulemaking and the Administrative Procedures Act resulted in a failure to promulgate the rule changes. As such, the rulemaking process must be repeated and DEQ staff is proposing the same changes as approved in the April 30, 2024, WQMAC meeting. These changes include updating the rule to modify the title, clarify program definitions, correct references, and standardize language between other DEQ Lab Accreditation Program (LAP) rules. Additional proposed updates are to simplify the program renewal and application processes and fee

calculations, remove the late application fee, and revise the annual accreditation period and timelines for submitting renewal applications and invoice payment. Other proposed changes are to update incorporations by reference for EPA methodologies and to make other amendments for conformity and added flexibility with method requirements under the EPA Primary Drinking Water regulations, National Standards for Solid Waste Methods, and EPA Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants. DEQ is also proposing rule amendments clarifying accreditation groups and types, proficiency testing, and laboratory assessments.

- A. Presentation – Taryn Hurley
- B. Discussion by the Council
- C. Discussion by the Public
- D. Additional Discussion by the Council
- E. Vote

6. PERMANENT RULEMAKING OAC 252:302 – “FIELD LABORATORY ACCREDITATION”

Due to the need to repeat the previous rulemaking process, DEQ staff are proposing the same changes as approved in the April 30, 2024, WQMAC meeting. These changes include updating the rule to modify the title, clarify program definitions, correct references, and standardize language between other DEQ Lab Accreditation Program (LAP) rules. Additional proposed updates are to simplify the program renewal and application processes and fee calculations and revise the annual accreditation period and timelines for submitting renewal applications and invoice payment. Other proposed changes are to update incorporations by reference for EPA methodologies and make amendments allowing more flexibility with method requirements under the national program for EPA Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants. DEQ is also proposing rule amendments to clarify proficiency testing requirements.

- A. Presentation – Taryn Hurley
- B. Discussion by the Council
- C. Discussion by the Public
- D. Additional Discussion by the Council
- E. Vote

7. PERMANENT RULEMAKING OAC 252:307 – “TNI LABORATORY ACCREDITATION”

Due to the need to repeat the previous rulemaking process, DEQ staff is proposing the same changes as approved in the April 30, 2024, WQMAC meeting. These changes include updating the rule to modify the title, clarify program definitions, correct references, and standardize language between other DEQ Lab Accreditation Program (LAP) rules. Additional proposed updates are to simplify the program renewal and application processes and fee calculations, remove the late application fee, and revise the annual accreditation period and timelines for submitting renewal applications and invoice payment. Other proposed changes are to update incorporations by reference for EPA methodologies and to make other amendments for conformity and added flexibility with method requirements under the EPA

Primary Drinking Water regulations, National Standards for Solid Waste Methods, and EPA Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants. DEQ is also proposing rule amendments to clarify proficiency testing requirements.

- A. Presentation – Taryn Hurley
- B. Discussion by the Council
- C. Discussion by the Public
- D. Additional Discussion by the Council
- E. Vote

8. OAC 252:606 “OKLAHOMA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (OPDES) STANDARDS”

DEQ is proposing to update the federal rules incorporated by reference from July 8, 2024, to January 17, 2025. The regulatory changes are minor in nature, primarily consisting of grammar and style changes.

DEQ is proposing updating the section on fees. Currently, Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments are made on July 1st every year for individual discharge permits and individual permit fees for industrial users. The proposed update is to apply the CPI to stormwater and other general discharge permit fees.

DEQ is proposing adding and modifying definitions to Subchapter 1. INTRODUCTION, as well as adding language to SUBCHAPTER 6. POINT SOURCE DISCHARGES 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. Equation L-9a for calculating the toxic substance chronic numerical criterion long-term average is proposed to be added to Appendix L as well as Equations L-12 and L-13 for converting from fish tissue to water column for selenium criteria.

- A. Presentation – Brian Clagg
- B. Discussion by the Council
- C. Discussion by the Public
- D. Additional Discussion by the Council
- E. Vote

9. OAC 252:626 “PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS”

DEQ is proposing to update the rule to allow electronic submittal of plans and specifications and engineering reports; update references to International Fire Code (IFC) and American Water Works Association (AWWA); and to correct typographical errors and update other incorrect references.

Proposed updates to SUBCHAPTER 9. TREATMENT include providing a specific reference to the sedimentation portion of the clarification section; removing “the maximum detention

time of the rapid mix basin, at design flow is 30 seconds” and replacing with “provide good mixing of the raw water with the chemicals applied and prevent deposition of solids in the mixing zone”; and, adding language noting a rapid mix detention time of not more than 30 seconds.

A proposed update removes the word “Slow” from the title of Appendix E.

- A. Presentation – Brian Clagg
- B. Discussion by the Council
- C. Discussion by the Public
- D. Additional Discussion by the Council
- E. Vote

10. OAC 252:627 – “OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER REUSE SYSTEMS”

DEQ is proposing to update the rule to include Consumer Price Index (CPI) language allowing for the annual adjustment of fees based on the CPI. This will ensure consistently amongst the rules that require annual fees.

- A. Presentation – Brian Clagg
- B. Discussion by the Council
- C. Discussion by the Public
- D. Additional Discussion by the Council
- E. Vote

11. OAC 252:656 – “WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS”

DEQ is proposing to update the rule to allow electronic submittal of plans and specifications and engineering reports and to update references to Metcalf & Eddy.

Proposed updates to SUBCHAPTER 13. PRELIMINARY TREATMENT STANDARDS allows consideration of other designs regarding detention times in Vortex-type grit chambers which may be authorized with engineering justification; and, regarding wet weather flow equalization basin construction, adds a citation requiring Flow Equalization Basins (FEBs) be located with the same requirements as lagoons to provide for groundwater protection.

A proposed update to SUBCHAPTER 16. BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT STANDARDS specifies that 4-inch piping is a minimum requirement for return sludge piping. A proposed update to SUBCHAPTER 27. WATER REUSE specifies that Category 6 reclaimed water must be drawn from the effluent of the final treatment process unit, with the intake located within or immediately downstream of the disinfection unit where disinfection is provided.

- A. Presentation – Brian Clagg

- B. Discussion by the Council
- C. Discussion by the Public
- D. Additional Discussion by the Council
- E. Vote

12. OAC 252:730 – “OKLAHOMA’S WATER QUALITY STANDARDS”

DEQ is proposing to update the rule as follows:

- Adding, removing and/or modifying certain definitions.
- Primary Body Contact Recreation: Replacing confidence intervals with geometric mean and statistical threshold values. Applies to both *E. coli* and *Enterococci*. Numeric criteria were not changed.
- Secondary Body Contact Recreation: Numeric criteria for *E. coli* and enterococci were added based on EPA’s water ingestion formula.
- Appendix A: Changing two waterbody names and adding three waterbodies.
- Appendix E: Adding language allowing the use of the copper biotic ligand model for development of copper site-specific criteria; requiring the use of a fish tissue study for selenium site-specific criteria; and removal of site-specific metals criteria that were not approved by EPA.
- Appendix F: Removal of segment averages that were not approved by EPA.
- Appendix G: Recalculation of certain criteria and the addition of Aquatic Life and Human Health criteria values based on EPA’s recommended values.
- Appendix H: Appendix H was missing in the most recent version of Chapter 730. An updated version of Appendix H has been created for inclusion in Chapter 730.

- A. Presentation – Brian Clagg
- B. Discussion by the Council
- C. Discussion by the Public
- D. Additional Discussion by the Council
- E. Vote

13. OAC 252:740 – “IMPLEMENTATION OF OKLAHOMA’S WATER QUALITY STANDARDS”

DEQ is proposing to update the rule as follows:

- Adding, removing and/or modifying certain definitions.

- Reasonable potential: Allowing the use of a fish tissue study to confirm the need for a WQBEL.
- Assessment of Fish and Wildlife Propagation support: Adds fish tissue criteria as the preferred method for assessing waterbodies for selenium, with water column criteria being used if fish tissue is unavailable.
- Assessment of Secondary Body Contact Recreation support: Addition of criteria values for assessment.

- A. Presentation – Brian Clagg
- B. Discussion by the Council
- C. Discussion by the Public
- D. Additional Discussion by the Council
- E. Vote

14. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – George Russell IV

15. NEW BUSINESS

Only those matters not known about and which could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of the posting of this agenda shall be discussed at this time.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Scheduled Meeting

17. ADJOURNMENT

Should you have a disability and need an accommodation, please notify Brian Clagg of the DEQ three days in advance at (405) 702-8118.