

**TITLE 785. OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD  
CHAPTER 20. APPROPRIATION AND USE OF STREAM WATER**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 13. Interference Conditions at Bureau of Reclamation Reservoirs [NEW]

785:20-13-1. Definitions

785:20-13-2. Lugert-Altus Reservoir

785:20-13-3. Tom Steed Reservoir

785:20-13-4. Notification of interference

**SUMMARY:**

The staff of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board ("OWRB") is proposing or is considering promulgation of a new Subchapter 13 to Chapter 20. The proposed subchapter is proposed to use study data, setting specific drought thresholds to limit surface water withdrawal by junior surface water permits upstream of Lugert-Altus and Tom Steed reservoirs. Other amendments may be considered or proposed as a result of public comments.

**AUTHORITY:**

Oklahoma Water Resources Board, 82 O.S., §§ 105.1, et seq and 82 O.S., § 1085.2.

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

Persons wishing to present written comments may do so at 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118 before 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024. Written comments may also be submitted via e-mail to [Cris.Krittenbrink@owrb.ok.gov](mailto:Cris.Krittenbrink@owrb.ok.gov) before 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024. Persons wishing to present oral comment to the OWRB may do so at the public hearing on January 16, 2024.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing will be held January 16, 2024, during the monthly meeting of the Board which will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the OWRB's offices located at 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73118.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

The OWRB requests that any business entities affected by these proposed rules provide the Board, in dollar amounts if possible, the increase in the level of direct costs such as fees, and 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. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Chrystal Krittenbrink at 3800 North Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma before the close of the comment period.

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of the proposed amendments may be reviewed by appointment at the OWRB's office location at 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, or may be obtained from Chrystal Krittenbrink, Legal Assistant, at [Cris.Krittenbrink@owrb.ok.gov](mailto:Cris.Krittenbrink@owrb.ok.gov). The proposed amendments may also be viewed on the OWRB web site at <http://www.oklahoma.gov/owrb>.

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Pursuant to 75 O.S., § 303(D), a Rule Impact Statement is available for review by appointment at the OWRB's office, 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The

Rule Impact Statement may also be viewed on the OWRB web site at  
<http://www.oklahoma.gov/owrb>.

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