

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY CHAPTER 45. WATER QUALITY STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SUBCHAPTER 1. WATER QUALITY STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

(A) PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

These rules incorporate the changes made during 2007 to the Oklahoma Water Quality Standards. Each agency with environmental jurisdiction is required to implement the appropriate changes in their individual environmental programs. The Oklahoma Water Quality Standards are developed by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board through their rulemaking authority and the standards are ultimately adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

(B) CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULE AND ANY INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES:

These rules affect persons who are regulated by the Agricultural Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Act. No cost impacts have been received to date.

(C) PERSONS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULE:

Persons who are regulated by the Department's environmental programs will benefit, as well as citizens of the state of Oklahoma.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBABLE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE UPON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS:

All affected persons benefit from the proposed rules because the Water Quality Standards Implementation Plan provides guidance to all regarding how the Department's programs implement water quality standards.

(E) PROBABLE COST AND BENEFITS TO AGENCY; SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

No additional cost to the agency is anticipated by the rules.

(F) DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION WILL HAVE ANY ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PROPOSED RULE:

No effect on any political subdivision is anticipated by the amendments to these rules.

(G) DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:

The proposed rules have no adverse effect on small business.

(H) DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY METHODS OR NON-REGULATORY METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULES:

The agency is unaware of any non-regulatory methods to achieve the purpose of these proposed rule changes.

(I) DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:

The proposed rules have the effect of ensuring the Department adequately protects the public health, safety, and environment.

(J) DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:

The agency is not aware of any detrimental effect the proposed rules will have on public health, safety, and environment.

(K) DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:

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