

OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD
RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
for Rule Amendments in OAC 785: Chapter 50
Proposed for Adoption During 2017

A. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULES.

The staff of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board ("OWRB") is proposing to amend various provisions of OAC 785: Chapter 50 as follows:

Section 785:50-7-7 is proposed to be amended to add language regarding what bond requirements are needed in order to receive Emergency and Rural Economic Action Plan Grants (REAP). The intended effect of this amendment is to help clarify the requirements needed from grant recipients in order to get the grant funds.

Section 785:50-8-8 is proposed to be amended to clarify the date the projects must be completed for a REAP grant. The intended effect of this amendment is to clarify the grant fund distribution process.

Section 785:50-9-23 is proposed to be amended to remove language regarding the L1 application document. The intended effect is to remove unnecessary requirements in the loan application process.

Sections 785:50-9-33 is proposed to remove existing language of the rules to reflect the correct process of loan closing and construction. The intended effect is to create more cohesive sections and make the language easily understood for potential applicants.

B. A DESCRIPTION OF THE CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULES, INCLUDING CLASSES THAT WILL BEAR THE COSTS OF THE PROPOSED RULES, AND ANY INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES.

Eligible public entities who qualify for financial assistance from the OWRB are most likely affected by the proposed rules. The same classes affected will bear the costs of the rules. There has been no information about the cost impacts received from any private or public entities.

C. A DESCRIPTION OF THE CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULES.

Representatives of the eligible entities who pursue financial assistance from the OWRB will benefit by the proposed amendments by having clearer guidance and direction as to obtaining financial assistance from the OWRB.

D. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULES UPON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING A LISTING OF ALL FEE CHANGES AND, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, A SEPARATE JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH FEE CHANGE.

The probable economic impact upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions will not be significant.

E. THE PROBABLE COSTS AND BENEFITS TO THE AGENCY AND TO ANY OTHER AGENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULES, THE SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED FOR

IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULES, AND ANY ANTICIPATED EFFECT ON STATE REVENUES, INCLUDING A PROJECTED NET LOSS OR GAIN IN STATE REVENUES IF IT CAN BE PROJECTED BY THE AGENCY.

No extraordinary costs to the OWRB or other agencies are anticipated. It is anticipated that the proposed amendments will have no effect on state revenues.

F. A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULES WILL HAVE AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE RULES.

Because most political subdivisions are eligible entities for purposes of financial assistance of the OWRB, such political subdivisions who apply for financial assistance will be required to cooperate in completing applications and complying with terms of the financial assistance obtained. There should be no significant economic impact on any political subdivisions.

G. A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULES MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE ECONOMIC EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT.

There will be no adverse economic impact on small business.

H. AN EXPLANATION OF THE MEASURES THE AGENCY HAS TAKEN TO MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS AND A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY OR NONREGULATORY METHODS OR LESS INTRUSIVE METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULES.

There are no measures to be taken to minimize compliance costs, and there are no less costly or nonregulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rules.

I. A DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULES ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT AND, IF THE PROPOSED RULES ARE DESIGNED TO REDUCE SIGNIFICANT RISKS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT, AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE RISK AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE PROPOSED RULES WILL REDUCE THE RISK.

The proposed rules should have no effect on the public health, safety and environment.

J. A DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT IF THE PROPOSED RULES ARE NOT IMPLEMENTED.

If the proposed rules are not implemented, there should be no detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment.

K. THE DATE THE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED AND IF MODIFIED, THE DATE MODIFIED:

This rule impact statement was prepared on December 15, 2015.