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**TITLE 785. OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD
CHAPTER 35. WELL DRILLER AND PUMP INSTALLER LICENSING**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 13. Authorization to Drill Groundwater Wells [NEW]

785:35-13-1. Authorization to drill groundwater wells [NEW]

SUMMARY:

The staff of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board ("OWRB") is proposing promulgation of new rules in Oklahoma Administrative Code ("OAC") 785:35. OAC 785:35-13 is proposed to provide for an authorization-to-drill system to groundwater well construction requirements. The amendment will require that licensed well drillers provide notice to the OWRB before drilling any new or replacement groundwater wells. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure compliance with well spacing requirements, groundwater well construction standards, and prevent waste and contamination of groundwater resources.

AUTHORITY:

Oklahoma Water Resources Board; 82.O.S. § 1085.2; 82 O.S. § 1020.16.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present data, views, or arguments orally or in writing may do so to Chrystal Krittenbrink at 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, or by email to chrystal.krittenbrink@owrb.ok.gov. Comments must be received by the OWRB no later than the 5:00 p.m. on the day of the public hearing, January 18, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held January 18, 2022 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 at the Board's office location at 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, or may be obtained from the "Contact Person" identified below upon prepayment of the copying charge. The proposed rules may also be viewed on the Board web site at <http://www.owrb.ok.gov>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., § 303(D), a Rule Impact Statement is available for review at the OWRB's office, 3800 North Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Rule Impact Statement may also be viewed on the OWRB web site at <http://www.owrb.ok.gov>.

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