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**TITLE 785. OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD
CHAPTER 1. ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE OF OKLAHOMA WATER
RESOURCES BOARD**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 3. Organization, Meetings and Comprehensive Water Plan

785:1-3-1. Origin, composition and operations of the Board [AMENDED]

785:1-3-2. Purpose of the Board [AMENDED]

785:1-3-3. Offices of the Board [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Rules

785:1-5-3. Amending of rules ~~or Standards~~ by Board [AMENDED]

785:1-5-4. Petition requesting promulgation, amendment or repeal of a rule ~~or Standard~~ by others [AMENDED]

Subchapter 9. Time Periods for Permit and License Issuance and Denial

785:1-9-1. Time period for permit and license issuance or denial [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board ("Board") is proposing to amend certain provisions of Chapter 1 of the Board's rules to conform to state statutes and clarify agency procedures. All references to water quality standards are being removed as a result of Senate Bill 1325 (2022), which transfers the authority for the Water Quality Standards program to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality ("ODEQ"). The current rules and any future amendments will be promulgated by ODEQ. Other amendments are being made to update the composition of the Board to reflect prior statutory changes and Board practice.

AUTHORITY:

Oklahoma Water Resources Board, 82 O.S., § 1085.1; 82 O.S., § 1085.2; Senate Bill 1325 (2022).

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 17, 2023. Written comments may also be submitted via e-mail to Cris.Krittenbrink@owrb.ok.gov before 5:00 PM on January 17, 2023. Persons wishing to present oral comments to the Board may do so at the public hearing on January 17, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held January 17, 2023, during the monthly meeting of the Board which will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Board's offices located at 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73118.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The Board requests that any business entities affected by these proposed rules provide, within the Comment Period from December 1, 2022 through January 17, 2023, 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 Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118 before 5:00 P.M. on January 17, 2023 or Cris.Krittenbrink@owrb.ok.gov.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed amendments may be reviewed by appointment 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. The proposed amendments may also be viewed on the Board's 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 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.owrb.ok.gov>.

CONTACT PERSON:

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