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Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will consider proposed revisions to Chapter 1 of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), Water Quality Division's (WQD), Water Quality Rules and Regulations at a public hearing to be held on July 11, 2013 in Room B63, Herschler Bldg., 122 West 25th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming commencing at 9:00 a.m.

The WQD, pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Environmental Quality Act, Wyoming Statutes §35-11-302, proposes to amend and revise Chapter 1 of the Water Quality Rules and Regulations, Wyoming Surface Water Quality Standards. The revisions are intended to meet the triennial review requirements of the Clean Water Act, resolve Environmental Protection Agency disapprovals from the last revision of Chapter 1, update numeric criteria for priority and non-priority pollutants, revise the duration of the *E. coli* geometric mean and correct a number of omissions, errors, or inconsistencies that have been identified since the most recent revision.

The EQC is accepting comments on the proposed revisions beginning May 13, 2013. The written comment period ends at 5:00 p.m. MST on June 27, 2013. Comments must be written and signed by the commenter. Comments are to be sent to the following address: WDEQ/Water Quality Division, 122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building - 4W, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Copies of the rule package are available for review at: http://deq.state.wy.us/wqd/watershed/surfacestandards/index.asp. Questions and requests for copies of the proposed rule can be directed to Lindsay Patterson at (307)777-7079 (phone), (307)777-5973 (fax) or lindsay.patterson@wyo.gov (email).

WQD will file a response to comments with the EQC and post those on the WQD's website http://deq.state.wy.us/wqd/watershed/surfacestandards/index.asp prior to the EQC's July 11, 2013 hearing. The proposed rule package, comments submitted, and the response to comments will be posted on the EQC's website (http://eqc.state.wy.us/docket.htm) under the link titled "13-3103" as they are received. On July 11, 2013 the EQC will consider the proposed rules, written comments, and the response to comments along with any modifications proposed to the draft rules. At the public hearing, oral statements that focus on the written comments and WDEQ's response to comments will be accepted.

The EQC will determine if the record will remain open beyond the close of the scheduled hearing. The EQC may close the record and make a final decision at the conclusion of the comments. As such, those wishing to comment on the proposed revisions should submit comments according to the schedule above.

Any person wishing to use a digital presentation during their testimony before the EQC must provide a digital copy to the EQC no less than 3 days prior to the hearing unless you contact the EQC and request an extension for good cause. Failure to submit a timely digital copy will result in the person not being allowed to use the presentation during their testimony.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternative formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Please provide sufficient advance notice for such requests.

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