

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting to Develop Rules Chapter 1 – Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations Surface Water Quality Standards

September 12, 2011

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), Water Quality Division (WQD), is initiating a rule making process to revise Chapter 1 of the Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations. Chapter 1 describes the water quality standards for surface waters in Wyoming.

As an initial step in the rule making process, the WQD is seeking public input and comment regarding a number of revisions to Chapter 1. Revisions include: resolution of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) disapprovals from the last rule making, updates of numeric criteria for priority and non-priority pollutants to the most recent federal recommendations, and correction of a number of omissions, errors, or inconsistencies that have been identified since the most recent update in April 2007. The public is invited to submit comments and recommendations on the proposed modifications as well as provide suggestions of additional revisions that should be considered during this rule making. Any suggested revision(s) must include sufficient rationale, including scientific information to support the proposed change. Copies of the rule making outreach document detailing the proposed changes can be downloaded from the DEQ website at <http://deq.state.wy.us/wqd/events/index.asp>. Mailed copies may also be requested by contacting Connie Osborne at phone: 307-777-5593, fax: 307-777-5973, or email: connie.osborne@wyo.gov.

A public meeting will be held on **October 13, 2011** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission hearing room located at 2211 King Boulevard in Casper, WY. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain public input on the scope and extent of the proposed revisions to Chapter 1 of Wyoming's Water Quality Rules and Regulations. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternative formats will be made available, upon request, for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments can be submitted to WQD at any time before **October 21, 2011**. Written comments should be addressed to Lindsay Patterson, DEQ/WQD, Herschler Building 4-W, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or faxed to 307-777-5973. **E-mailed comments will not be accepted.** Questions may be directed to Lindsay Patterson at 307-777-7079 or lindsay.patterson@wyo.gov.

To receive electronic notifications related to surface water quality standards or other proposed actions by WDEQ please visit our list serve website (<http://deq.state.wy.us/listserves/>) and follow the directions to sign up for your list serve of interest.