

**TITLE 460. DEPARTMENT OF MINES**  
**CHAPTER 12. WATER QUALITY STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking and informal meeting

**PROPOSED RULE:**

Chapter 12. Water Quality Standards Implementation Plan [NEW]

**SUMMARY:**

This new Chapter 12, entitled Water Quality Standards Implementation Plan, is being proposed to comply with the statutory requirements of O.S. Title 27A, Section 1-1-202 (B). The new chapter describes in general terms the processes, procedures, and methodologies the agency utilizes to ensure that it complies with Clean Water Act anti-degradation standards within its jurisdictional areas as set forth in O.S. Title 27A. Twenty years ago, the agency drafted its initial Water Quality Standards Implementation Plan as required by O.S. Title 27A Section 1-1-202(B) and used that plan as a guide to draft many of its current permitting regulations related to water quality. While the plan was utilized and updated from time to time, the agency now seeks to promulgate the plan as part of its administrative rules.

**AUTHORITY:**

27A O.S. Section 1-1-202; 45 O.S. Section 1.5 et seq., Oklahoma Mining Commission.

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

Beginning October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, the public may present their views, either orally or in writing, to the below listed contact person.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing on the proposed rule changes will be held on December 29, 2020 at the Oklahoma History Center 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City 73105, in the Chesapeake Event Center meeting room, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Department will make every effort to facilitate and accommodate remote participation for the public hearing by phone or video conference, and will require social distancing and masks for those who attend in person. Information on how to participate remotely will be provided on the Department's internet website at least one week prior to the hearing.

**REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

N/A.

**COPIES OF THE PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the below listed contact person after November 16, 2020.

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Copies of the Rule Impact Statement may be obtained from the below listed contact person on and after December 1, 2020.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Andrea Adams, Legal Secretary, Oklahoma Department of Mines, 2915 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 213, Oklahoma City, OK 73106; (405) 522-9840.