

IDAPA 58 – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

58.01.20 – RULES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF DRINKING WATER LOAN PROGRAM

DOCKET NO. 58-0120-1901 (CHAPTER REPEAL)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking. The action is authorized by Chapters 1 and 76, Title 39, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: No hearings have been scheduled. Pursuant to Section 67-5222(2), Idaho Code, a public hearing will be held if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency. Written requests for a hearing must be received by the undersigned on or before November 20, 2019. If no such written request is received, a public hearing will not be held.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: DEQ initiated this rulemaking in response to [Executive Order No. 2019-02](#), Red Tape Reduction Act, issued by Governor Little on January 21, 2019. Upon review of its existing rules, DEQ determined that its two revolving loan rule chapters could be simplified and consolidated into a single chapter. DEQ proposes to delete IDAPA 58.01.20, Rules for Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program, and merge necessary and relevant sections of IDAPA 58.01.20 with IDAPA 58.01.12, Rules for Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans. DEQ has initiated a separate rulemaking for the revisions to IDAPA 58.01.12 (Docket No. 58-0112-1901).

Prospective grant and loan recipients, consulting engineers, grant and loan administrators, other funding agencies, public officials representing various counties and cities, and the public at large may be interested in commenting on this proposed rule.

After consideration of public comments, DEQ intends to present the final proposal to the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality (Board) in 2020 for adoption of a pending rule. The rule is expected to be final and effective upon adjournment of the 2021 legislative session if adopted by the Board and approved by the Legislature.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the incorporation by reference is necessary: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: The text of the proposed rule was drafted based on discussions held and concerns raised during negotiations conducted pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5220. On August 1, 2019, DEQ posted notice of the negotiated rulemaking on its website, and a preliminary draft rule was made available for public review. The Notice of Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the August 2019 issue of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Vol. 19-8, pages 158–159](#), and a meeting was held on August 27, 2019. Key information was posted on the DEQ website and distributed to the public. No comments were received.

At the conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking process, DEQ formatted the draft for publication as a proposed rule. DEQ is now seeking public comment on the proposed rule. The negotiated rulemaking record, which includes the negotiated rule draft, documents distributed during the negotiated rulemaking process, and the negotiated rulemaking summary, is available at www.deq.idaho.gov/58-0120-1901.

IDAHO CODE SECTION 39-107D STATEMENT: This proposed rule does not regulate an activity not regulated by the federal government, nor is it broader in scope or more stringent than federal regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS: For assistance on technical questions concerning this rulemaking, contact Tim Wendland at tim.wendland@deq.idaho.gov or (208) 373-0439.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Anyone may submit written comments by mail, fax or e-mail at the address below regarding this proposed rule. DEQ will consider all written comments received by the undersigned on or before December 4, 2019.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2019.

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