

**TITLE 155. OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
CHAPTER 40. WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Chapter 40. Water Quality Programs [New]

**SUMMARY:** The Oklahoma Conservation Commission has been designated in statute as the technical lead agency with responsibility for the state=s nonpoint source water quality programs. These programs are carried out under the authority of Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act. These new rules outline agency responsibilities in three program areas: the Water Quality Standards Implementation Plan, the Nonpoint Source Management Plan, and the Blue Thumb Program.

**AUTHORITY:**

Oklahoma Conservation Commission; 27A O.S. 2001, ' 1-1-202

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

Persons may submit oral or written comments to Ben Pollard, Assistant Director, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, 2800 N. Lincoln, Suite 160, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, (405) 521-2384, FAX (405) 521-6686 or via electronic mail to [ben.pollard@conservation.ok.gov](mailto:ben.pollard@conservation.ok.gov), during the period from December 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing on the proposed amendments has not been scheduled, however, pursuant to 75 O.S. Supp. 2006, ¶ 303(B)(9), Apersons may demand a hearing@ by contacting Ben Pollard, Assistant Director, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, 2800 N. Lincoln, Suite 160, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, (405)521-2384, FAX(405)521-6686 or via electronic mail at [ben.pollard@conservation.ok.gov](mailto:ben.pollard@conservation.ok.gov) no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 31, 2008.

**REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs or others costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing from December 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, to Ben Pollard, Assistant Director, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, 2800 N. Lincoln, Suite 160, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, (405)521-2384, FAX(405)521-6686 or via electronic mail at [ben.pollard@conservation.ok.gov](mailto:ben.pollard@conservation.ok.gov).

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of the rules may be obtained by contacting Ben Pollard at the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, 2800 N. Lincoln, Suite 160, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, (405)521-2384, FAX(405)521-6686 .

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Pursuant to 75 O.S. Supp. 2006, ' 303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and will be available on and after December 16, 2008, at the same location above listed for reviewing and obtaining copies of the proposed rules.

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