

**TITLE 252. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 100. AIR POLLUTION CONTROL**

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RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Subchapter 49. Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Rebate Program

252:100-49-1 Purpose and Applicability [AMENDED]

252:100-49-3 Definitions [AMENDED]

252:100-49-5 Program criteria and qualification determination [AMENDED]

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Quality (Department or DEQ) is proposing to amend Subchapter 49, Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Rebate Program in OAC 252:100, to implement recent changes to applicable provisions of the Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Incentive Act, 68 O.S. § 55006, et seq. DEQ and the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) jointly administer the "Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Rebate Program" to provide an incentive for "Emission Reduction Projects" – implementation of new and innovative technologies to reduce air pollutant emissions from oil and gas facilities. The gist of this rule proposal and the underlying reason for the rulemaking is to implement the Department's responsibilities under the recently revised Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Incentive Act.

CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED: The classes of persons affected are the owners and operators of oil and gas facilities that have implemented a qualifying Emissions Reduction Project and are potentially eligible for a rebate for associated expenses.

CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO WILL BEAR COSTS: The classes of persons who will bear costs are the owners and operators of facilities that prepare and submit a rebate claim under the program.

INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS FROM PRIVATE/PUBLIC ENTITIES: The Department has not received any information on cost impacts as of this date.

CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED: The citizens of Oklahoma will benefit from implementation of qualifying Emissions Reduction Projects, and owners and operators of facilities that have implemented a qualifying Emissions Reduction Project will benefit if they are eligible for a rebate for associated expenses.

PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS: There should be positive economic impacts on affected classes of persons potentially eligible for a rebate under this program. No new costs are associated with these proposed changes to existing rules.

PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: The Department anticipates no economic impact on political subdivisions.

POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS: The Department anticipates no adverse effect on small business.

LISTING OF ALL FEE CHANGES, INCLUDING A SEPARATE JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH FEE CHANGE: The Department is not proposing any fee changes in this rule. The statutory changes broadened the types of facilities potentially eligible for the rebate program, and the same existing fee would be applicable to those facilities.

PROBABLE COSTS AND BENEFITS TO DEQ TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE: The Department anticipates there will be some increased costs associated with the implementation of the program associated with the expanded pool of potentially eligible facilities. The Department may benefit from emissions reductions that result from any additional projects that are eligible under the rebate program.

PROBABLE COSTS AND BENEFITS TO OTHER AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE: Although no other agencies will be implementing these proposed DEQ regulations, OTC will likely incur some additional costs in meeting its statutory obligations under the updated rebate program. DEQ did not evaluate any possible benefits to the OTC.

SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE RULE: The Department will continue to use the \$1,000 fee to help offset costs for DEQ to administer the review of rebate claims under this rule. Other program fees and federal grants will be used to fund the remaining costs to implement these regulations.

PROJECTED NET LOSS OR GAIN IN REVENUES FOR DEQ AND/OR OTHER AGENCIES, IF IT CAN BE PROJECTED: The Department has not attempted to estimate a net change in revenues from these proposed rules for either DEQ or OTC, because it does not have data to project how many rebate claims are likely to be received in a given year.

COOPERATION OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT OR ENFORCE RULE: None is required. The Department will continue to be responsible for all aspects of implementation regarding its obligations under these regulations.

EXPLANATION OF THE MEASURES THE DEQ TOOK TO MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS: The proposed amendments to the existing rules are not expected to change the costs for facilities to document implementation of potentially eligible projects, including the associated expenditures and the actual emissions reduction achieved.

DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY OR NONREGULATORY OR LESS INTRUSIVE METHODS OF ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE: The Department has determined that there are no less costly or nonregulatory or less intrusive methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.

DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT: The proposed rule will have a positive effect on public health, safety, and the

environment if the rebate program serves as an incentive for additional facilities to implement Emission Reduction Projects.

IF THE PROPOSED RULE IS DESIGNED TO REDUCE SIGNIFICANT RISKS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT, EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE RISK AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE PROPOSED RULE WILL REDUCE THE RISK: The proposed rule will reduce risks to public health, safety, and the environment if the rebate program incentivizes additional facilities to voluntarily implement new Emission Reduction Projects, but is not designed to reduce specifically identified risks.

DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT IF THE PROPOSED RULE IS NOT IMPLEMENTED: If the proposed rule is not implemented, facilities will have less certainty of required documentation, qualifications, and procedures under the Act. That could result in implementation of fewer new voluntary Emission Reduction Projects, and loss of any potential benefits of such projects on the public health, safety and environment.

PROBABLE QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE IMPACT ON BUSINESS ENTITIES (INCLUDE QUANTIFIABLE DATA WHERE POSSIBLE): There will be a positive impact on business entities, since the proposed amendment will assist in implementing the statutory expansion of the rebate program for the costs of eligible voluntary Emission Reduction Projects that have been completed.

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