AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5220, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate a rule and desires public participation before publishing a proposed rule. This rulemaking action is authorized by Chapter 1, Title 39, Idaho Code.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Those interested in participating in the negotiated rulemaking process are encouraged to attend the scheduled meeting via Zoom. For those who cannot participate by attending the meeting, information for submission of written comments is provided at the end of this notice.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A negotiated rulemaking meeting has been scheduled. Any additional meeting dates will be posted at https://www.deq.idaho.gov/recycled-water-docket-no-58-0117-2201/.

Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. MDT

MEETING SET FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

Zoom meeting link is available at:

The meeting location will be accessible to persons with disabilities, and language translators will be made available upon request. Requests must be made no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting date. For arrangements contact the undersigned.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: DEQ initiated this rulemaking in compliance with Executive Order 2020-01: Zero-Based Regulation (EO 2020-01), issued by Governor Little on January 16, 2020. Pursuant to EO 2020-01, each rule chapter effective on June 30, 2020, shall be reviewed by the agency that promulgated the rule. The review will be conducted according to a schedule established by the Division of Financial Management, Office of the Governor (DFM), posted at https://adminrules.idaho.gov/forms_menu.html. This is one of the DEQ rule chapters up for review in 2022.

The goal of the rulemaking is to perform a critical and comprehensive review of the entire chapter in an attempt to reduce overall regulatory burden, streamline various provisions, and increase clarity and ease of use.

This rulemaking also includes provisions that will allow DEQ to issue general reuse permits. General permits will be issued for specific but common uses of recycled water that need less DEQ oversight due to the nature and/or volume of the recycled water. General reuse permits will reduce the permitting process for certain uses of recycled water while still being protective of the environment and human health.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RULE: The preliminary draft rule is available at https://www.deq.idaho.gov/recycled-water-docket-no-58-0117-2201/. DEQ will facilitate negotiation of this rule in conjunction with a committee made up of stakeholders having an interest in the development of the rule. Citizens of the state of Idaho, environmental groups, and owners and operators of recycled water facilities may be interested in participating in this rulemaking. Upon conclusion of negotiations, DEQ intends to publish a proposed rule for public comment.
ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS: For assistance on questions concerning this rulemaking, contact Matthew Plaisted at matthew.plaisted@deq.idaho.gov or (208) 373-0151.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Information regarding public comment opportunities provided throughout the rulemaking process will be available at https://www.deq.idaho.gov/recycled-water-docket-no-58-0117-2201/.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2022.

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