This rulemaking has been initiated in response to challenges made in enforcing and updating portions of the Technical Guidance Manual for Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems (TGM).

On May 31, 2019, DEQ posted notice of the negotiated rulemaking on its website. On June 5, 2019, the notice of negotiated rulemaking was published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, and a meeting was held on July 10, 2019. On September 4, 2019, a preliminary draft rule was posted on DEQ’s website. Three additional meetings were held between September 2019 and April 2020. Stakeholders and members of the public participated by signing up for email notifications, attending the meetings, and submitting comments. Key information was posted on DEQ’s website and distributed to persons who participated in the negotiated rulemaking.

All comments received during the negotiated rulemaking process were considered by DEQ when making decisions regarding the development of the rule. At the conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking process, DEQ submitted the draft rule to the Division of Financial Management to review for compliance with Executive Order No. 2020-01, Zero-Based Regulation. Based on that review, DEQ has formatted the draft for publication as a proposed rule. The negotiated rulemaking record, which includes the negotiated rule drafts, documents distributed during the negotiated rulemaking process, and the negotiated rulemaking summary, is available at deq.idaho.gov/58-0103-1901.