

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Agency: State Engineer's Office
Ground Water Division

Address: Herschler Building, 4 East
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

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The State Engineer's Office intends to promulgate revised rules in Part II, "Regulations and Instructions," of the State Engineer's Office rules. These rules were last filed by the Secretary of State on March 5, 1974. The State Engineer is authorized under Wyoming Statute §41-3-909 to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary or desirable to enable him to administer Wyoming Statutes §§ 41-3-901 through 41-3-938. Rulemaking within Part II is required to allow the Ground Water Division of the State Engineer's Office to amend the existing "Regulations and Instructions" to respond to changes in technology, recognize new and changing uses for groundwater, recognize new methods that the public can use to obtain information, recognize new resources that the public can use to initiate and complete the process to appropriate groundwater, and recognize changes in the manner that the State Engineer's Office conducts certain elements of business in response to implementing numerous statutory requirements that have been enacted since the current rules were filed.

Specific information on the revised rules can be found in the "Statement of Principal Reasons for Promulgating Revised Rules" that accompanies these rules. A copy of the proposed revised rules can be obtained from the State Engineer's Office, Ground Water Division, Herschler Building, 4 East, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 (307-777-6163), or downloaded from the State Engineer's Office website at <https://seo.wyo.gov>. The proposed rules are not provided in strike and underscore revisions due to vast amendments of the original document.

The proposed amended rules will be available for public inspection for 45 days (commencing June 26, 2013 and ending August 10, 2013 during normal business hours at the following locations:

Ground Water Division
State Engineer's Office
Herschler Building, 4 East
Cheyenne, Wyoming
Phone: 777-6163

Office of Superintendent, Water Division No. 1
510 West 27th Avenue
Torrington, Wyoming
Phone: 532-2248

Office of Superintendent, Water Division No. 2

1833 South Sheridan Avenue
Sheridan, Wyoming
Phone: 672-9207

Office of Superintendent, Water Division No. 3
715 East Roosevelt
Riverton, Wyoming
Phone: 856-0747

Office of Superintendent, Water Division No. 4
115 Park Street
Cokeville, Wyoming
Phone: 279-3441

Any interested person may submit data, views or arguments to the Ground Water Division before August 10, 2013, at the address specified below. Any person may urge the Ground Water Division not to adopt the revised rules, and may request the Ground Water Division state its reasons for overruling the consideration urged against adoption. Requests for an agency response under this paragraph must be made before, or within, thirty (30) days after adoption of the rules, addressed to the Ground Water Division as specified below. Each objection shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: 1) the objector's name, address, and telephone number, and 2) the reason for the objection. Objections should be addressed to:

State Engineer's Office
Ground Water Division
c/o Lisa Lindemann, Administrator
Herschler Building, 4 East
Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-6163

A public hearing will be held if requested by 25 persons, a governmental subdivision or by an association having not less than 25 members. Requests for a public hearing should be addressed to the State Engineer at the address provided above.

These proposed rules are revised rules. They are not being amended to comply with federal law or regulatory requirements. The proposed amendments meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements.