

IDAPA 58 - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

58.01.16 - WASTEWATER RULES

DOCKET NO. 58-0116-0801

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - ADOPTION OF PENDING RULE

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule has been adopted by the Board of Environmental Quality (Board) and is now pending review by the 2009 Idaho State Legislature for final approval. The pending rule will become final and effective immediately upon the adjournment sine die of the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature unless prior to that date the rule is rejected by concurrent resolution in accordance with Sections 67-5224 and 67-5291, Idaho Code.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5224, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that the Board has adopted a pending rule. This action is authorized by Chapters 1 and 36, Title 39, Idaho Code.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: A detailed summary of the reason for adopting the rule is set forth in the initial proposal published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, August 6, 2008, Vol. 08-8, pages 295 through 346. DEQ received no public comments; however, the definition of “reasonably accessible” has been revised for clarification purposes (Subsection 010.68). The remainder of the rule has been adopted as proposed. The Rulemaking and Public Comment Summary can be obtained at http://www.deq.idaho.gov/rules/wastewater/58_0116_0801_pending.cfm or by contacting the undersigned.

IDAHO CODE SECTION 39-107D STATEMENT: Section 39-107D, Idaho Code, provides that DEQ must meet certain requirements when it formulates and recommends rules which are broader in scope or more stringent than federal law or regulations, or which propose to regulate an activity not regulated by the federal government. There is no federal law or regulation that is comparable to plan and specification review and facility standard provisions set forth in the Wastewater Rules. Therefore, the changes to the rules are not broader in scope or more stringent than federal law or regulations.

Section 39-107D, Idaho Code, also applies to a rule which “proposes to regulate an activity not regulated by the federal government.” The Wastewater Rules address the review and approval of plans and specifications for sewage treatment plants and other waste treatment and disposal facilities and the standard by which the agency does the review and approval. This is not an activity regulated by the federal government. Therefore, Section 39-107D, Idaho Code, applies.

Section 39-107D(3), Idaho Code, provides that any rule subject to 39-107D that proposes a standard necessary to protect human health and the environment must also include in the rulemaking record and in the notice of rulemaking additional information. This additional information includes any estimates of risk accomplished, identification of populations or receptors addressed by any estimates, and other information related to an estimation of risk. The Wastewater Rules include facility and design standards which are intended to protect human health and the environment. The standards, however, are for the design and construction of wastewater systems. The rules are not based upon any express estimate or analysis of risk to public health or the environment. Instead, the facility and design standards are based upon guidelines set forth in documents, such as the “Recommended Standards for Wastewater Facilities”, that are generally accepted and used throughout the United States by engineers and state regulators.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year: Not applicable.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS: For assistance on questions concerning this rulemaking, contact Michael Stambulis at michael.stambulis@deq.idaho.gov, (208)373-0123.

Dated this 10th day of October, 2008.

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**Substantive changes have been made to the pending rule.
Italicized text is new text that has been added to the pending rule.**

Only those sections or subsections that have changed from the original proposed text are printed in this Bulletin following this notice.

The text of the proposed rule was published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, Volume 08-8, August 6, 2008, pages 295 through 346.

This rule has been adopted as a pending rule by the Agency and is now awaiting review and approval by the 2009 Idaho State Legislature for final adoption.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE AMENDED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 58-0116-0801

Subsection 010.68

010. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of the rules contained in IDAPA 58.01.16, "Wastewater Rules," the following definitions apply:
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68. Reasonably Accessible. The following criteria shall be used to determine whether a project proposing a new private municipal wastewater treatment plant, or a material modification or expansion of an existing private municipal wastewater treatment plant, is reasonably accessible to a public municipal wastewater collection system. ()