

To: EQC members
From: Joe Carroll, staff attorney
Re: Administrative rule review
Date: October 17, 2025

Introduction:

This is EQC's rule review memo for its October meeting. EQC reviews nonwater proposals by DEQ, DNRC, FWP, the entities attached to them, and the sage grouse oversight team. There are currently five MAPA proposals for EQC to review. No further action is required by EQC, but members are strongly encouraged to review the proposals and submit questions to staff.

Previously reviewed proposals:

DNRC's proposal regarding recreational land use and FWP's proposal regarding private landowner rules were reviewed at EQC's last meeting. Both are likely adoptable at this time.

Adoptions since EQC's last meeting:

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board, attached to DEQ, adopted a set of rules reviewed at EQC's last meeting.

New from DEQ:

DEQ has a proposal regarding underground storage tank fees. The proposal would raise one set of fees. The proposal would also change another fee from being collected annually to being collected triennially. The proposal is likely adoptable at this time. Its official designation is MAR [2025-205.1](#).

New from DNRC:

The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, attached to DNRC, has a rule proposal that revises reports that owners/operators of an oil or gas well must submit and lowers a fee. The proposal is likely adoptable at this time. Its official designation is MAR [2025-230.1](#).

New from FWP:

FWP has a rule proposal to implement four bills from the 2025 session. A hearing is scheduled for November 10, 2025. The comment period extends to November 12, 2025. The proposal cannot be adopted until that date. Its official designation is MAR [2025-297.1](#).

Submitting questions:

If you have any questions regarding these rule proposals or the MAPA process, please call 444-3804 or email joseph.carroll@legmt.gov. I can answer procedural questions about the proposals discussed above or the MAPA process. I can direct substantive questions regarding proposals to the appropriate agency.