



DEQ 2021 LEGISLATION UPDATE

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Session Attributes

Ended not with a bang but with a whimper

The more things change, the more they stay the same, e.g.:

- Record number of bills, including hundreds of shell bills
- Complaints about openness and transparency, especially budget bills (“warm from the printer”)
- When push comes to shove, Rules of Procedure don’t mean much

Big issues:

- Managed care for Medicaid
- Federal/state/municipal authority
- Merit System reform
- Abortion
- Critical race theory
- Redistricting

2 Enacted Bills

Bills Related to DEQ Areas of Environmental Responsibility

HB 1705 (eff. 7/01/21)

- Eliminate hazardous waste disposal plans and slightly adjust generator and TSD fees

HB 2402 (eff. 7/01/21)

- Authorize political subdivisions to utilize design-build project delivery for water and wastewater facilities

SB 246 (eff. 11/01/21)

- Air curtain incinerators required for land-clearing and brush-burning fires only in Oklahoma County and Tulsa County, rather than whole MSA

SB 448 (eff. 11/01/21)

- Advanced plastics recycling facilities (post-use polymer/recovered feedstock depolymerization, gasification, pyrolysis, solvolysis) not subject to solid waste permitting

HJR 1046

- Administrative rules approval

Government Operations Measures

HB 2900 (eff. 7/01/21)

- General appropriations (FY 22)
 - ❖ \$1.8M increase in general revenue money to DEQ for additional assistance to small public water supply systems and for FTEs in the lab, local services, and water/wastewater

HB 1146 (eff. 1/01/22)

- Merit System reform

HB 1236 (eff. 7/01/21)

- Legislative/Attorney General review of federal regs and executive orders

SB 913 (eff. 9/01/21)

- Revised administrative rules review procedure, including new joint legislative committee

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Bills of Interest Not Enacted

A photograph of the North Carolina State Capitol building, featuring a large dome and classical columns. The building is set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there are several blue flags on poles and some green trees on the right side. A blue rectangular text box with a white border is overlaid on the upper part of the image.

PFAS Waste Act

Live-stream videoconferenced public meetings



QUESTIONS