



DEQ 2022 LEGISLATION UPDATE

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Session Attributes

- Playing to the base in an election year
- Three extraordinary (“special”) sessions
- A whole new level of public feuding between and among the governor and legislative leadership

2 Enacted Bills

Bills Related to DEQ Areas of Environmental Responsibility

SB 1040 (eff. 7/01/22)

- ❑ General appropriations, including \$ to DEQ for rural water infrastructure grants

SB 1325 (eff. 11/01/22)

- ❑ Transfers responsibility for establishment of Water Quality Standards from OWRB to DEQ

HB 3824 (eff. 11/01/22)

- ❑ Authorizes DEQ to adopt Water Quality Standards variances and site-specific criteria with respect to water quality permits issued and enforced by DEQ

Bills Related to DEQ Areas of Environmental Responsibility (cont.)

HB 3568 (eff. 7/01/22)

- ❑ Requires DEQ to certify to Tax Commission installation of air emission control equipment by a company engaged in upstream or midstream oil and gas operations, allowing for a partial rebate by OTC of the cost, if funds are available

SB 1190, 1852, 1853, 1856, 1857 (eff. dates ranging from 7/01/22 to 1/01/23)

- ❑ Creates various tools and mechanisms (e.g., career tech courses, production goals, carbon sequestration grants, tax credits) to better position Oklahoma to be a player in the emerging hydrogen energy field. DEQ does not implement the programs, but will be involved.

SB 429 (eff. 8/25/22)

- ❑ Provides \$75M in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money to OWRB for water and wastewater grants. It is unclear at this point where resources to manage DEQ's increased workload will come from.

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Bills of Interest Not Enacted



Department of Mines merged into DEQ

Live-stream videoconferenced public meetings

No *Chevron* or *Auer* deference to agencies

Administrative rules approvals (left to Governor)



QUESTIONS