



# DEQ 2023 LEGISLATION UPDATE

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**Session Attributes**

- Considerable differences of opinion between the Office of the Governor and Legislative leadership
- Political Maneuvering
- Special Session

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## DEQ Related Enacted Bills

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## **HB 1004X** (eff. 7/01/23)

- General appropriations, including DEQ funding and additional funding for rural water infrastructure grants

## **HB 1023X** (eff. 11/01/23)

- Authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality to tear down its parking garage and use site for employee parking

## **HB 2802** (eff. 8/24/23)

- Extends sunset date to 2026 for Water Quality Management Advisory Council, Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Council, Solid Waste Management Advisory Council, and Radiation Management Advisory Council

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## **SJR 0022** (eff. 8/24/23)

- Approves and disapproves certain proposed permanent rules of Oklahoma state agencies
  - All DEQ Rules were approved with this resolution

## **HB 1982** (eff. 11/01/23)

- Modifies the entity to receive certain written comments pertaining to Water Quality Standards

## **HB 2293** (eff. 11/01/23)

- Creates Oklahoma Flood and Drought Management Task Force to be comprised of two groups: a management group and an advisory group.
  - Management group led by OWRB, includes: DEQ; ODEM; ODAFF; Health Department; Conservation Commission; ODWC; OCS; and Military Department

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## SB 200 (eff. 6/07/23)

- ❑ Requires DEQ and OCC, as state agencies with implementing responsibilities under SDWA, to identify and report to SOEE any modifications to their respective regulatory and statutory frameworks that may be necessary for development of Class VI UIC wells
- ❑ Identified areas and recommended modifications shall be reported to Governor, SOEE, and legislative leadership by 8/01/23

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**Bills of Interest Not Enacted**



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**DEQ feasibility study for establishing  
nuclear facilities in Oklahoma**

**Increase in Tax Commission's Emission Reduction  
Technology Rebate from \$10M to \$25M**

**Department of Mines merged into DEQ**

**Canine Cooperative Grant Program to DEQ**



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**Live-stream videoconferenced public meetings**

**No *Chevron* or *Auer* deference to agencies**

**Administrative rules approvals (left to Governor)**



**QUESTIONS**