

TITLE 15A – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(2)g. that the Department of Environmental Quality intends to readopt with substantive changes the rules cited as 15A NCAC 01A .0102; and 01S .0101.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.deq.nc.gov/accessdeq/rules-regulations/deq-proposed-rule>

Proposed Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Instructions on How to Demand a Public Hearing: *(must be requested in writing within 15 days of notice): Contact: Jennifer Everett at jennifer.everett@deq.nc.gov*

Reason for Proposed Action: *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, the Department of Environmental Quality is proposing to readopt the rules for technical corrections and clarity.*

Comments may be submitted to: *Jennifer Everett, 1601 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1601; email jennifer.everett@deq.nc.gov*

Comment period ends: June 15, 2026

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit a written objection to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive letters via U.S. Mail, private courier service, or hand delivery to 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, or via email to oah.rules@oah.nc.gov. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please review 26 NCAC 05 .0110 or call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- State funds affected
- Local funds affected
- Substantial economic impact (\geq \$1,000,000)
- Approved by OSBM
- No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 01 - DEPARTMENTAL RULES

SUBCHAPTER 01A – GENERAL ORGANIZATION

SECTION .0100 - GENERAL

15A NCAC 01A .0102 HOW TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT

(a) ~~The Headquarters of the Department of Environmental Quality is located in the Environment and Natural Resources Green Square Building, 217 West Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, Carolina, 27603. The mailing address of the Department is 1601 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1601. The toll-free telephone number is (877) 623-6748. The Department's website shall be located at <https://www.deq.nc.gov/>. All citizens wishing to contact the Department are urged to make initial contact through the regional manager at the nearest regional office. Information regarding the location of the regional offices is available through the following website: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/guest/contacts>.~~

*History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-10(b);
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. October 1, 1984; February 23, 1979;
Transferred from T15.01A .0004 Eff. November 1, 1989;
Amended Eff. October 1, 2012; March 1, 1990;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. November 12, 2014;
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2026.*

SUBCHAPTER 01S - OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

SECTION .0100 - NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

15A NCAC 01S .0101 FEES

(a) For enrollment in the North Carolina Environmental Education Certification Program an applicant shall submit to the Office of Environmental Education and Public Affairs an enrollment application, provided by the Office of Environmental Education and Public Affairs, accompanied by a one-time money order or non-refundable check fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(b) The application shall be submitted on a form provided by the Environmental Education Certification Program that includes:

- (1) Applicant's Name;
- (2) Applicant's Employer;
- (2) Name of school or workplace, if different from applicant's employer;
- (3) State whether the applicant is a classroom teacher, a nonformal teacher or neither;
- (4) If the applicant is a classroom teacher, identify the grade(s) and subject(s) he or she has taught; and
- (5) If the applicant is licensed to teach in NC.

(c) The application and fee shall be submitted to NCDEQ Environmental Education, 1601 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1601.

History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-285.21; 143B-285.22; 143B-285.23; 150B-19(5)(d);

Eff. January 1, 2009;

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. November 12, 2014;

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