

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-03**

**REPORT of the OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**1. AGENCY NAME:** Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB)

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**3. SHORT DESCRIPTION OF METHOD USED TO CONDUCT REVIEW:**

Rule by rule analysis of entire OWRB administrative code, Title 785

**4. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNNECESSARY, COSTLY, INEFFECTIVE, DUPLICATIVE, & OUTDATED REGULATIONS**

6

**5. ANALYSIS OF UNNECESSARY, COSTLY, INEFFECTIVE, DUPLICATIVE, & OUTDATED REGULATIONS**

<b>A. RULE REFERENCE</b>	<b>b. SHORT SUMMARY OF RULE</b>	<b>c. DATE CREATED</b>	<b>d. EXPLANATION</b>
785:1-3-6	Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan	6-25-93	This rule is a recitation of the statutory responsibilities of the Board regarding the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan. The rule does not provide any additional authority or description of the program.
785:20-3-10	Telecopier submittals	7-1-97	This rule is duplicative of another rule regarding submission of applications and other documents.
785:20-5-4	Board determination and approval of application.	7-1-96	This rule is duplicative of the statute and could be combined with another rule in the subchapter to convey the same information.
785:20-5-8	Notice of Board decision	7-1-97	This rule could be combined with another rule in the subchapter to convey the same information.
785:20-5-9	Issuance of permit	7-1-97	This rule could be combined with another rule in the subchapter to convey the same information.
785:32-3-1 (b)	Aquifer storage, forms to furnished by the board	9-14-18	This rule requires the OWRB provide certain forms yearly via US mail. Forms may be provided electronically instead which will avoid the expense of unnecessary copies if forms change, and this will conserve postage, printing, and staff resources.

## **6. PRIOR RULE REVISIONS**

Each time the OWRB undertakes a rulemaking action, the relevant chapter is reviewed in its entirety for outdated, unnecessary, and/or costly regulations. In 2018, the OWRB updated Chapter 5 (Fees) and removed one section and five subsections as well as updating outdated language.

In 2019, while making rule changes to Chapter 30 (Taking and Use of Groundwater) required by statute, OWRB reviewed the entire chapter and revoked OAC 785:30-3-5.1 because the authority for that section had been transferred to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.

In 2020, the OWRB reviewed provisions related to Well Driller and Pump Installer Licensing in Chapters 5 and 35. The review resulted in the clarification of the categories and fees for licensure, including the removal of several subsections.

The OWRB has also made several revisions over the last few years to Chapter 50 (Financial Assistance). These revisions were designed to streamline the rules related to the loan/grant application process to reduce the potential time and cost burden to borrowers.