

**Agenda Item:** 14-12 **Request Approval to Proceed to Public Comment and Hearing on Proposed Stormwater Control Rules and Other Water Quality Rule Revisions for Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Activities in Response to S.L. 2012-143**

**Explanation:**

In addition to the much larger mandate given to the Mining and Energy Commission, Session Law 2012-143 (S820) directed the EMC to adopt rules for stormwater control and other water quality considerations related to oil and gas exploration and development activities. DWR & DEMLR staff will present proposed stormwater rules and other minor water quality rule revisions to meet the requirements of S.L. 2012-143. The presentation will include an overview of the EMC's and MEC's complementary roles in developing environmental regulations for oil and gas exploration and production.

The proposed rule and proposed revisions do not require a fiscal note. Certification by OSBM that the rule development adhered to rulemaking principles in G.S. 150B-19.1(a) is required according to G.S. 150B-19.1.

**Recommendation:**

That the Commission approve the proposed rules to proceed to public comment and hearing and that the Chairman appoint a member of the Commission to serve as Hearing Officer.