

## Necessity Findings

**10 CSR 10-6.210 Confidential Information.** This rulemaking will clarify the procedures for receiving and handling confidential business information, clarify requirements for granting a claim of confidentiality and which emission data elements will be held confidential, reorganize the rule into the standard rule organization format, and remove the definitions currently listed in section (3) of the rule since they can be found in the general definitions rule 10 CSR 10-6.020. The rulemaking will clarify that any claim for confidentiality should be submitted when the information is initially submitted. It will also codify that, when an owner or operator makes a claim of confidentiality, they must include a publicly viewable version of the document. The rulemaking is administrative and editorial in nature. These changes will produce benefits by clarifying rule text and reducing the possibility of releasing confidential information to the public.

- No 60-day comment period is necessary since this rule action does not prescribe any environmental limits or standards.
- Affects any business regulated by the department's Air Pollution Control Program that submits information and requests the program to designate it confidential. However, the changes will clarify the public disclosure requirements for making a confidentiality claim and make the rule easier to read and understand.
- Public hearing expected December of this year
- Expected to be effective May of next year

