

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 27: Environmental Quality

Chapter 15: Cherokee Nation Energy and Sustainability Act of 2026

§ 1504. Definitions

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A. Recycling: Processes or activities that include collecting recyclable materials that would otherwise be considered waste, sorting and processing recyclables into raw materials such as fibers, and manufacturing raw materials into new products, as well as activities to recover and reuse materials for their original purpose, irrespective of whether Cherokee Nation or its entities engage in all aspects of the recycling process.

B. Waste Reduction: The process of minimizing the amount and impact of waste generated by human activities.

C. Reasonably Optimal Energy Consumption: A fact-based published determination, made by the Secretary of Natural Resources, that Cherokee Nation, its entities or the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation has achieved a reasonably high level of efficient energy consumption that could be improved upon only by an unreasonably high expenditure of resources relative to the improvement.

D. Reasonably Optimal Water Consumption: A fact-based published determination, made by the Secretary of Natural Resources, that Cherokee Nation, its entities or the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation has achieved a reasonably high level of efficient water consumption that could be improved upon only by an unreasonably high expenditure of resources relative to the improvement.

E. Reasonably Optimal Food Waste Efficiency: A fact-based published determination, made by the Secretary of Natural Resources, that Cherokee Nation, its entities or the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation has achieved a reasonably high level of food waste efficient that could be improved upon only by an unreasonably high expenditure of resources relative to the improvement.

F. Light Pollution: The alteration of the natural patterns of light and dark in ecosystems, resulting from artificial lighting.

Historical Data

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