

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces that the Construction General Permit (CGP) OKR10 for stormwater discharges associated with construction activity in the State of Oklahoma is available for review.

The permit authorizes stormwater discharges associated with construction activities that result in land disturbance of equal to or greater than 1 acre, or less than 1 acre if they are part of a larger common plan of development or sale that disturbs 1 acre or more (See Part 1.2.1.A of the proposed CGP OKR10).

The permit also authorizes stormwater discharges from support activities (e.g. concrete or asphalt batch plants, equipment staging yards, material storage areas, excavated material disposal areas, and borrow areas) that are directly related to a construction site which is required to have permit coverage. Those support activities are not commercial operations that serve unrelated different sites (see Part 1.2.1.B of the proposed CGP OKR10).

This proposed permit will replace CGP OKR10, which will expire on September 12, 2017. Both new operators and existing permittees must obtain coverage under this new permit in order to discharge stormwater from construction activities. This general permit will be issued for a 5-year term.

A list of changes in the proposed CGP as compared to the previous CGP can be found in Section C of the proposed CGP factsheet.

A copy of the proposed OKR10 permit and fact sheet may be reviewed at the office of DEQ, Water Quality Division, 707 N. Robinson Ave., Oklahoma City, OK, 73102, or at 9933 East 16th Street, Tulsa, OK, 74128 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A copy of the proposed permit and fact sheet may also be viewed on the DEQ's website.

Pursuant to OPDES Act, Title 27A O.S. § 2-14-302, persons wishing to make comments concerning the proposed permit may do so by sending the comments in writing to the contact person for DEQ, at the address listed below, within 30 days after the date of publication or mailing. Comments should include: (1) name and address of the interested person, (2) the permit name to which the request relates, (3) the nature and basis of the interest of the person affected, and (4) a statement of the objection or comment, the basis of the objection or comment, and any requested action by DEQ. The contact person for DEQ, to schedule a date and time to review the proposed permit at the office of DEQ is:

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DEQ will conduct a public meeting which will consist of a short presentation on the proposed permit followed by an informal question and answer session with DEQ's staff. General public may submit their formal written comments, if any, on the proposed permit immediately after the presentation session.

The public meeting will be held at:

2:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 23, 2017
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
1st Floor Multipurpose Room
707 North Robinson Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73102

After evaluating the comments received and making any necessary changes, the General Permit OKR10 will be issued with effective and expiration dates.