REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO OKLAHOMA’S WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF KINGFISHER WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Public Comment Period Begins: January 28, 2015
Public Comment Period Ends: March 13, 2015

Permittee: The City of Kingfisher, 301 N Main, Kingfisher, Oklahoma 73750. [Facility Legal Description: SW/NE Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 7 West]

Receiving waters and location: Kingfisher Creek (Latitude: 35° 52' 15" N; Longitude: -97° 55' 40" W.)

The City of Kingfisher currently operates a wastewater treatment facility that discharges a design flow of 0.80 MGD to Kingfisher Creek. This mechanical wastewater treatment facility is a sequential batch reactor and the City’s method of disinfection is using ultraviolet light. This wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) is located in the Lower Cimarron-Skeleton watershed in Kingfisher County.

During a recent discharge permit renewal, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) noticed an error in the City’s current permit limits. DEQ had conducted a waste load allocation (WLA) study for the City of Kingfisher in 1988 which determined the maximum amount of pollutants in treated wastewater which could safely be discharged into a waterbody without adversely affecting its quality. The WLA approved in 1988 contained limits in terms of Ultimate Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBODu). CBODu is the amount of oxygen needed to completely oxidize all the carbon in the discharge which usually takes about 20 to 30 days. For domestic wastes or wastes exhibiting the same characteristics as domestic wastes, the 20-day values for CBOD (CBOD20) closely approximate the ultimate values. Therefore in conducting WLAs for municipal dischargers, it is common practice to consider the 20-day and ultimate values to be equal.

Sometime after 1998, the CBOD20 was mistakenly interpreted as 5-day Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD5) when the WLA was incorporated in Oklahoma’s Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP or 208 Plan). The incorrect CBOD limits were established in Kingfisher PWA’s discharge permit ever since the October 2003 renewal. To appropriately convert the limits from CBODu to CBOD5, the 30-day average CBOD20 data was collected and measured over a period of one year (January 1997 to December 1997) and the average was determined. The ratio of CBOD20 to CBOD5 was determined based on the collected analyzed data and that value was used to convert the original WLA from CBODu to CBOD5. This revision of the WQMP proposes to incorporate the correct CBOD5 values derived from the CBODu values in the 1988 WLA.

Spring Limits (April – May): 13 mg/L CBOD5; 15 mg/L TSS (total suspended solids); 2 mg/L NH3N (ammonia); 6 mg/L DO (dissolved oxygen)
Summer Limits (June – October): 11 mg/L CBOD5; 15 mg/L TSS; 2 mg/L NH3N; 6 mg/L DO
Winter Limits (November – March): 13 mg/L CBOD5; 15 mg/L TSS; 2 mg/L NH3N; 6 mg/L DO
The comment period will be open for 45 days. If you have any concerns regarding these proposed limits, please submit your comments in writing by the end of the workday on March 13, 2015 to:

David Akakpo  
Water Quality Division; Oklahoma DEQ  
P.O. Box 1677; Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677  
(405) 702-8197  
E-mail: Water.Comments@deq.ok.gov

You may also request a public meeting in writing. If there is a significant degree of public interest, DEQ will schedule a public meeting. After evaluating comments received and making any necessary changes, the WLA will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for final approval.

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**FACILITY 208: KINGFISHER WWTF**

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**PRESENT AVG. DAILY FLOW (MGD):** 0.52  
2010 CENSUS POPULATION: 4399  
YEAR 2030 PROJECTED POPULATION: 6700  
RECEIVING STREAM: Kingfisher Creek (OK Waterbody ID: OK620910050010_00)  
STREET CLASS: Intermittent  
7-day 2-year low flow in MGD (7Q2): 0  
DMA: City of Kingfisher/Kingfisher PWA  
DMA STATUS: Approved  
WASTELOAD ALLOCATION

- **Apr-May (Spring):** 24.13 mg/L CBOD₅, 15 mg/L TSS, 2 mg/L NH₃-N, 6 mg/L DO  
- **Jun-Oct (Summer):** 20.11 mg/L CBOD₅, 15 mg/L TSS, 2 mg/L NH₃-N, 6 mg/L DO  
- **Nov-Mar (Winter):** 24.13 mg/L CBOD₅, 15 mg/L TSS, 2 mg/L NH₃-N, 6 mg/L DO  

RECOMMEND TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES

- **A)** UPGRADE  
- **B)** LAND APPLICATION  
- **C)** CONSOLIDATE OR REGIONAL TREATMENT

EPA APPROVAL DATE: 9/16/1998-Pending  

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