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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO OKLAHOMA'S WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PITTSBURG COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT #14 WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Public Comment Period Begins: June 20, 2012

Public Comment Period Ends: August 6, 2012

Permitee: Pittsburg County Rural Water District #14, P.O. Box 3309, McAlester, Oklahoma 74501 [Facility Legal Description: NE/NW/SW Section 2, Township 6 North, Range 16 East I.M.]

Receiving waters and location: Unnamed tributary into Lake Eufaula (Latitude: 35° 1' 21.79" North; Longitude: 95° 35' 30.48" West)

The Pittsburg County Rural Water District (RWD) #14 does not currently discharge any wastewater. However, the Pittsburg County RWD #14 recently requested permission to discharge wastewater with a design flow of 0.0117 million gallons per day (MGD) after they make improvements to their drinking water treatment facility. The wastewater would consist of decant water along with water from their backwash basins. This wastewater would go into primary and secondary lagoons before being discharged into an unnamed tributary that flows into [Lake Eufaula](#). This water treatment facility is located in the [Lower Canadian watershed](#) in Pittsburg County.

The [Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality](#) (DEQ) conducted a waste load allocation (WLA) study which determines the maximum amount of pollutants in treated wastewater which can safely be discharged into a waterbody without adversely affecting its quality. DEQ's Lake Discharge Policy states that discharges into streams within two miles of the lake shall be considered as if the discharges were occurring directly into the lake. The Pittsburg County RWD #14 proposed point of discharge is about two-tenths of a mile from Lake Eufaula so the Lake Discharge Policy is in effect.

The Oklahoma Lake Discharge Policy requires that new facilities or expanding existing facilities may not exceed a monthly average limit of 15 mg/L of total suspended solids (TSS) in their effluent. No dissolved oxygen (DO)-demanding substances will be discharged, hence a standard lake TSS discharge limit was applied. This policy does not preclude the responsibility of the Pittsburg County RWD#14 to obtain appropriate approvals from the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) or any other entity responsible for control of State lakes. This limit is a minimum requirement. If a TMDL is approved for Lake Eufaula, any more stringent limitations contained in the TMDL will apply. A TMDL, or [Total Maximum Daily Load](#), is a plan to improve water quality for impaired waterbodies by establishing limits for each pollutant exceeding the standards.

The following is DEQ's proposed WLA for the recommended maximum amount of TSS that may be discharged into this reach of Lake Eufaula with a design flow of 0.0117 MGD. The limits established for dissolved iron, aluminum, and manganese are judged to represent the level of treatment attainable through the application of the Best Available Technology (BAT) that is economically achievable. The pH limitations are derived from [Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards](#).

Monthly Average Limit Year Round: 15 mg/L TSS
 1.0 mg/L Dissolved Iron
 1.0 mg/L Dissolved Aluminum
 1.0 mg/L Dissolved Manganese
 pH (standard unit): 6.5 – 9.0

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 **August 6, 2012** to:

Dr. Karen K. Miles
 Water Quality Division
 Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
 P.O. Box 1677
 Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677
 (405) 702-8192
 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.

FACILITY:	Pittsburg County Rural Water District #14 (proposed)	CITY/TOWN:	McAlester
LEGAL:	NE/NW/SW S2 T6N R16E I.M.	COUNTY:	Pittsburg
POD:	NE/NW/SW S2 T6N R16E I.M.	SEGMENT:	220600
LATITUDE:	35° 1' 21.79" N	LONGITUDE:	-95° 35' 30.48" W
NPDES #	OK0045969	Facility ID	W-20607
OPERATIONS DESCRIPTION:	Water treatment facility		
WASTE WATER DESCRIPTION:	Backwash and decant water		
PROPOSED TREATMENT PROCESS:	Primary and secondary lagoons		

DESIGN FLOW (MGD):	0.0117	County's 2010 Population:	45,837
		County's Proposed 2030 Population:	49,200
RECEIVING STREAM:	Unnamed tributary to Lake Eufaula	STREAM CLASS:	Lake

Per DEQ's Lake Discharge Policy: 15 mg/L TSS*

WASTELOAD ALLOCATION (monthly average)	Dissolved Iron	1.0 mg/L
	Dissolved Aluminum	1.0 mg/L
	Dissolved Manganese	1.0 mg/L
	pH (standard unit)	6.5 - 9.0

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EPA APPROVAL DATE: Pending
RECORD LAST UPDATE: 06/19/2012



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