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PUBLIC NOTICE

February 2, 2015

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO OKLAHOMA'S WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF POCOLA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Public Comment Period Begins: February 2, 2015

Public Comment Period Ends: March 19, 2015

Permitee: Pocola Municipal Authority, P.O. Box 397, Pocola, OK 74902 [Facility Legal Description: N½ Section 5, Township 9 North, Range 270 East I.M. in LeFlore County]

Receiving waters and location: [Poteau River](#) (Latitude: 35° 16' 53" North; Longitude: -96° 28' 08" West)

The Town of Pocola's Wastewater Treatment Facility has requested permission to move their discharge location from a tributary to Cedar Creek to the Poteau River in addition to increasing their current design flow from 0.275 MGD to 0.55 MGD. The Town of Pocola is located in the [Poteau watershed](#) in LeFlore County.

The [Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality](#) (DEQ) conducted a waste load allocation (WLA) study for the Town of Pocola. A waste load allocation is the maximum amount of pollutants in treated wastewater that can safely be discharged into a waterbody without adversely affecting its quality. DEQ, along with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has evaluated the Poteau River to develop these recommended maximum amounts that may be discharged into it with a design flow of 0.55 MGD:

Year round: 30 mg/L BOD₅ (5-day biochemical oxygen demand)
30 mg/L TSS (total suspended solids)

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 19, 2015** to:

David Akakpo
Water Quality Division
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
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.

FACILITY 208:		Pocola Municipal Authority		CITY/TOWN:	POCOLA ecola		
FACILITY LEGAL LOCATION:		NW¼, SW¼, NE¼, S8, T9N, R27E, I.M.,		COUNTY:	LeFLORE		
POD LOCATION:	SE/SE/SE S10, T9N, R10E I.M. N1/2 S5, T9N, R27E I.M.			SEGMENT:	220100 520500		
POD LATITUDE:	35° 16' 51" N			POD LONGITUDE:	94° 28' 09" W		
NPDES #:	OK0034134		FACILITY ID #:		S-20102		
CURRENT TREATMENT PROCESS:		Extended Aeration with chlorination basin treatment of effluent					
PRESENT AVG. DAILY FLOW (MGD):		0.275 0.55		2010 CENSUS POPULATION:		3664 4056	
DESIGN AVG. DAILY FLOW (MGD):		0.275 0.55		YEAR 2030 PROJECTED POPULATION:		5300 4910	
RECEIVING STREAM:		Trib. Cedar Creek Poteau River (OK WBID: OK520510000010_00)			STREAM CLASS:		1 Perennial
7-day 2-year low flow in MGD (7Q2):		0					
7-day 2-year low flow in MGD (7Q2):		SUMMER	12.3 MGD	SPRING	181.6 MGD	WINTER	42.7 MGD
DMA:	Town of Pocola / Pocola Municipal Authority			DMA STATUS:		pending	
WASTELOAD ALLOCATION:		Jun-Oct: Secondary (20 mg/l BOD5, 30 mg/l TSS) w/ 3 mg/l DO; Nov-May: Secondary (20 BOD5, 30 TSS) Year round: Secondary 30 mg/l BOD5, 30 mg/l TSS					
RECOMMENDED TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES							
A)	CONSOLIDATE OR REGIONAL TREATMENT						
B)	UPGRADE						
C)	LAND APPLICATION						
				EPA APPROVAL DATE:		11/30/1999 pending	
				RECORD LAST UPDATED:		12/10/1999 1/30/2015	



You are receiving this notice because you are either on DEQ's list to receive all public notices about proposed Waste Load Allocations or you are located downstream in an affected watershed. If you are receiving this notice in error, are getting multiple notices, or do not want to receive future notices, please let us know. In addition to notices about changes in 208 Plans for facilities, the, DEQ's TMDL, Modeling, 208, & 303(d) Section sends out public notices about proposed changes in the Integrated Report, proposed TMDLs, 404 projects, 401 Certification requests, and proposed changes in the CPP.

If you would like to receive any or all of these public notices via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Water.Comments@deq.ok.gov. Also, please let us know if you want to receive notices for the entire State or just for your watershed. **By receiving PDF public notices via e-mail, you will help save money and the environment by reducing the amount of paper we use to mail them.** In addition to helping the environment, you will be able to click on helpful FYI hyperlinks.