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## PUBLIC NOTICE

July 14, 2011

### REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO OKLAHOMA'S WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF WETUMKA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Public Comment Period Begins: July 14, 2011

**Public Comment Period Ends: August 30, 2011**

**Permittee:** City of Wetumka, 202 N. Main, Wetumka, OK 74883-3009

**Receiving waters and proposed point of discharge location:** Unnamed tributary to the North Canadian River [Section 15, Township 9 North, Range 9 East (SW/SW/SE) in Hughes County (Latitude: 35° 14' 55.95" N; Longitude: -96° 14' 5.94" W)]

The City of Wetumka currently operates two wastewater treatment facilities: the North plant and the South plant. The City of Wetumka has decided to use the North plant as its main facility. The South plant will be used to collect and pump wastewater to the North plant. The North plant currently consists of a secondary sewage lagoon with a design flow of 0.063 million gallons per day (MGD). The City is currently looking to upgrade this system to a mechanical plant and increase the discharge to 0.28 MGD. The Wetumka North wastewater facility discharges into an unnamed tributary to the North Canadian River in Hughes County in the Lower North Canadian watershed.

DEQ conducted a waste load allocation (WLA) study. 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 unnamed tributary to the North Canadian River to develop these recommended maximum amounts that may be discharged into it with a design flow of 0.28 MGD:

**June – October:** 10 mg/L CBOD<sub>5</sub> (5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand)  
15 mg/L TSS (total suspended solids)  
4 mg/L NH<sub>3</sub>-N (ammonia nitrogen)  
3 mg/L DO (dissolved oxygen)

**November – March:** 20 mg/L BOD<sub>5</sub> (5-day biochemical oxygen demand), 30 mg/L TSS

**April – June:** 15 mg/L CBOD<sub>5</sub>, 20 mg/L TSS, 8 mg/L NH<sub>3</sub>-N, 4 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 **August 30, 2011** to:

Dr. Karen 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](mailto:Water.Comments@deq.ok.gov)

You may also request a public meeting in writing. If there is a significant degree of public interest, the Department of Environmental Quality will schedule a public meeting. After evaluating comments received and making any necessary changes, the modification will be submitted to EPA for final approval.

FACILITY:	WETUMKA NORTH	CITY/TOWN:	WETUMKA
LEGAL:	S15 T09N R10E SW/SW/SE	COUNTY:	HUGHES
POD:	S15 T09N R09E SW/SW/SE	SEGMENT:	520500
LATITUDE:	35° 14' 55.95" N	LONGITUDE:	96° 14' 5.94" W
NPDES #	<del>OKG580006</del> OK0032425	Facility ID:	S-20554
CURRENT TREATMENT PROCESS:	<del>LAGOON</del> Mechanical Secondary		
PRESENT AVG. DAILY FLOW (MGD):	0.074	PRESENT POPULATION:	<del>742</del> 1282
DESIGN AVG. DAILY FLOW (MGD):	<del>0.063</del> 0.28	YEAR <del>2030</del> 45 POPULATION:	<del>627</del> 1980

RECEIVING STREAM:	<del>UNTRIB, CANADIAN R,</del> NUNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO NORTH CANADIAN RIVER	STREAM CLASS:	INTERMITTANT
7 DAY 2 YEAR LOW FLOW (MGD):	0	WATER QUALITY RANKING:	7268
DMA:	CITY OF WETUMKA	DMA STATUS:	<del>NO RESPONSE FORM SENT TO FACILITY</del>

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WASTELOAD ALLOCATION: Summer Limits (Jun-Oct): 10 mg/L CBOD<sub>5</sub>, 15 mg/L TSS, 4 mg/L NH<sub>3</sub>-N, 3 mg/L DO  
 Winter Limits (Nov-Mar): Secondary (20 mg/L BOD<sub>5</sub>, 30 mg/L TSS)  
 Spring Limits (Apr-May): 15 mg/L CBOD<sub>5</sub>, 20 mg/L TSS, 8 mg/L NH<sub>3</sub>-N, 4 mg/L DO

STRATEGY:  
 RECOMMENDED TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES  
 A) CONSOLIDATE OR REGIONAL TREATMENT  
 B) UPGRADE  
 C) LAND APPLICATION

EPA APPROVAL DATE: 7/23/1986

RECORD LAST UPDATED: ~~08/15/2006~~ Changed permit number, and added facility ID number 07/13/2011

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