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OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

December 19, 2012

This is to give notice that the [Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality \(DEQ\)](#) has made a tentative determination to reissue a permit for the discharge of [stormwater](#) from the **Oklahoma City Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)**. The co-permittees who make up the Oklahoma City MS4 include the following entities:

[City of Oklahoma City](#)
420 West Main
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

[Oklahoma Department of
Transportation \(ODOT\)](#)
200 N.E. 21st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

[Oklahoma Turnpike Authority \(OTA\)](#)
3500 N. Martin Luther King
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

The proposed permit would authorize all existing or new stormwater point source discharges from the Oklahoma City MS4 into the following [waters of the State](#) either directly or through other smaller unnamed creeks and tributaries:

[Canadian River](#), [Oklahoma River](#), [Coon Creek](#), [Deep Fork of the Canadian River](#), [Deer Creek](#), [Lake Hefner](#), [Hog Creek](#), [North Canadian River](#), [Lake Overholser](#), [Pecan Creek](#), [Stanley Draper Lake](#), and [Little River](#).

Under this proposed permit, the Oklahoma City MS4 is required:

- To reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4 to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP).
- To locate and eliminate uncontrolled and unpermitted [illicit and industrial stormwater discharges](#).
- In the case of [spills](#), to take responsibility or insure the party responsible for the spill takes reasonable and prudent measures to minimize the impact of discharges on human health and the environment.
- To reduce the [discharge of pollutants from construction sites](#).
- To implement, maintain, and [evaluate](#) the [Best Management Practices \(BMPs\)](#) in all elements of the [Oklahoma City MS4 Stormwater Management Program \(SWMP\)](#).
- To monitor the MS4 to provide data necessary to assess the effectiveness and adequacy of SWMP control measures; and identify water quality improvements or impact.

The comment period will be open for 30 days from **December 19, 2012 to January 18, 2013**. If you have any concerns regarding the proposed permit, please submit your comments in writing by **January 18, 2013** to:

[Karen Milford](#)
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Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 1677
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677
(405) 702-8191
Water.Comments@deq.ok.gov

A copy of the proposed permit and factsheet is available for public review during 30 days from **December 19, 2012 to January 18, 2013**. To view the actual documents click on the file link from DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/publicpermits.html>.

A fact sheet about the proposed permit for the Oklahoma City MS4 has been developed. The fact sheet, as well as the draft permit, can be viewed, downloaded, or printed from this DEQ web site: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/stormwater/index.html>.

In addition, a printed copy of the fact sheet, as well as the proposed permit for the Oklahoma City MS4, may be checked out on loan from 9:00 am to 4:30 p.m. at DEQ's Water Quality Division in [Oklahoma City](#) at 707 North Robinson for copying at your own expense. The telephone number for the Oklahoma City Stormwater Quality Management Program is (405) 297-1774.

To receive an electronic copy of the proposed permit for the Oklahoma City MS4 and/or fact sheet, send a blank writable compact disk or thumb drive, along with a **PREPAID** return postage mailer, to Robin Bankhead, DEQ-WQD, P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677.

You may also request a public meeting in writing. If there is a significant degree of public interest, DEQ will schedule a public meeting. Requests for a public meeting should include:

- Name and address of the interested person,
- The application name to which the objection or comment(s) relates,
- The nature and basis of the interest of the person affected, and
- A statement of the objection or comment, the basis therefore, and any requested action by DEQ.

Following the comment period, the DEQ will provide a written response to all persons who submitted comments on the proposed permit. The responses will also be posted on the DEQ website. DEQ will make a final determination on whether significant changes to the proposed permit are necessary and when the permit will become effective.



You are receiving this notice because you are either on DEQ's list to receive all public notices or you are located in the Oklahoma City MS4 watershed where there is a proposed permit for the discharge of stormwater.

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