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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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### **Draft Revisions to Oklahoma's Continuing Planning Process Document Are Available**

#### **A Public Meeting has been Scheduled to Discuss the Revisions**

**Public Comment Period Begins: Wednesday, October 24, 2012**  
**Public Meeting: 2:00 pm on Friday, November 16, 2012**  
**Public Comment Period Ends: 4:30 PM, Monday, November 26, 2012**

#### **PURPOSE**

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing to revise Oklahoma's Continuing Planning Process Document (CPP). This notice is to inform interested persons of the proposed revisions, where to get additional information, how to provide input, and the date of the public meeting to discuss the proposed revisions.

#### **WHAT IS THE CPP?**

The CPP is a document required by the Federal Clean Water Act and describes how water quality programs are implemented within Oklahoma. It describes both present and planned water quality management programs and the strategy the State uses in conducting these programs. The CPP serves as an overall guide for how DEQ protects our streams, lakes, and rivers. It does not contain specific information about individual facilities but sets out the procedures and process that the State uses to improve water quality in Oklahoma. The CPP summarizes the minimum standards for water quality in the State and details how those standards are implemented in wastewater discharge permits and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies. One major focus of the CPP describes the technical analyses used to determine pollution control requirements for wastewater discharges. The CPP also outlines the planning and intergovernmental cooperation processes to follow, including public participation in water pollution programs.

#### **WHAT KINDS OF CHANGES ARE PROPOSED?**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (EPA) approved the current version of the CPP on June 1, 2007. The 2012 Draft CPP proposes the following major changes:

- Chapter 2: Part II and sections of Part III were replaced with the reference to State Rules.
- Chapter 3:
  - Permitting Procedures: A new policy for discharges into lakes and reservoirs is proposed.
  - Integrated Water Quality Report Listing Methodology: This section updates, revises, and lays out a methodology to assess the quality of the State's waterbodies for the purpose of reporting in the Integrated Report.
- Chapter 4:
  - Revised public participation and adoption procedures for TMDLs and 208 Plan.

- Criteria and procedures for issuing fish consumption advisories were modified.
- Stream monitoring requirements for new discharges into streams were added.
- In Appendix E, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund requirements were updated.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DEQ will be conducting a Public Meeting at the time, date, and location given below to help foster understanding and solicit comments on proposed changes to the CPP. The Public Meeting will consist of a short presentation, an informal question & answer session, and an opportunity for public comments. During the meeting, anyone can give oral or written comments. Staff from DEQ and other involved State agencies will be on hand to address questions on proposed revisions to the CPP. The Public Meeting will be held on the following time/date/location:

**2:00 P.M., Friday, November 16, 2012**  
**Department of Environmental Quality**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Multipurpose Room**  
**707 North Robinson**  
**Oklahoma City, OK**

(Map to DEQ can be found here: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/map2deq.pdf>)

## HOW TO PROVIDE INPUT

The Department invites your comments. This is a draft document and is subject to change based on comments received during the public participation process. All official comments for the record must be submitted either in writing or by e-mail before the end of the comment period or orally at the public meeting. For clarity, written comments are preferred. The Department will prepare a responsiveness summary addressing all comments received. Then the CPP will be modified, if needed, and submitted to EPA for final approval.

The comment period will be open for 30 days. **In order for comments to be considered, they must be received before 4:30 PM on November 26, 2012.** If you have any comments regarding the draft 2012 CPP, please submit your comments in writing to:

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## HOW TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION

- The proposed CPP document will be available at the following DEQ web site: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/WQDnew/>
- Hard copies can be purchased for \$40 from the DEQ Oklahoma City office.



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