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DEQ Introduces a New Grant Program for Some Water Systems

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) invites small water systems to apply for funds through a new grant program. To assist public water supply systems that serve less than 10,000 people get into compliance with current and proposed rules, DEQ is offering a grant to provide engineering services. The goal is to help systems come into compliance with federal regulations.

“When a water system does not meet federal and/or state regulations, DEQ can provide technical assistance to help that system remedy the problem,” said DEQ Engineering Manager Patty Thompson. “This grant opportunity offers an avenue to achieve that goal.”

A total of \$2 million has been set aside for this program for this year. Four systems will be selected each quarter and will receive a maximum of \$125,000. For the first quarter, the four systems selected are:

- Osage County Rural Water District #20 (Hulah) – to correct violations that date back to 2004
- Pawnee Public Works Authority – to correct violations that date back to 2002
- Salina Public Works Authority – to correct violations that date back to 2004
- Sardis Lake Water Authority – to correct violations that date back to 2005

To apply, or for more information, visit www.deq.state.ok.us. Click on the Water Quality Division, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Drinking Water Engineering Planning and Design Grant Fund. Interested systems can also contact Bradley Cook at (405) 702-8237 or brad.cook@deq.ok.gov.

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