

# PUBLIC NOTICE

June 20, 2025

The [Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality \(DEQ\)](#) has received an application for a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) pertaining to proposed activities on Stage Stand Creek in Stephens County. The activities require the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit under Section 404 of the CWA (Section 404 Permit). Under [Section 401 of CWA](#), the State is required to review any Federal permit regarding activities in Waters of the United States. The purpose of the Certification review, according to DEQ regulations [[Title 252, Chapter 611-3-1\(a\)](#)], is to determine whether the proposed discharge(s) will comply with the [Oklahoma Water Quality Standards](#) (WQS), and Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the CWA.

**This Public Notice opens on June 20, 2025, and will close on July 21, 2025.**

Territory Golf Course (Territory) submitted an application for bank stabilization on Stage Stand Creek at the Territory in Stephens County. The repair work is covered under Section 404 Permit, Nationwide Permit 13 (NWP13), Bank Stabilization. WQS designates Stage Stand Creek as a Sensitive Water Supply (SWS) water. In December of 2020 DEQ required a project-specific WQC for NWP13 for projects in SWS waters.

The extreme recent rainfall events have caused rapid erosion of the creek bank, threatening to undermine a bridge across the creek. Territory proposes the installation of gabion baskets along approximately 120 linear feet (0.03 acre) of the creek adjacent to Hole 2 and Hole 6 of the existing golf course to stabilize eroded banks along the creek to prevent further soil loss around the existing golf course and prevent the failure of an existing pedestrian (golf cart) bridge. Best management practices (BMPs) will be utilized during construction operations and prevent the discharge of sediment laden storm water from the construction site. Any potential indirect effects of the proposed action will be minimal. Territory has taken partial emergency measures around the bridge abutment to prevent its failure.

The project is located in Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 8 West, I.M, in Stephens County, Oklahoma.

DEQ is soliciting comments concerning the water quality impacts of the project. The comments received will be considered by DEQ in issuing a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the proposed project. Please submit your comments in writing by the end of the workday on July 21, 2025, to:

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