

# PUBLIC NOTICE

April 30, 2024

The [Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality \(DEQ\)](#) has received an application for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) pertaining to proposed activities on Rocky (Hobart) Lake, OK311500030060\_00, in Washita County to be authorized under CWA Section 404 permit for the discharge of dredged or fill material. Under [Section 401 of the Clean Water Act \(CWA\)](#), the State is required to review any Federal permit regarding activities in navigable waters. 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 April 30, 2024 and will close on May 30, 2024.**

The City of Hobart submitted an application for rehabilitating of the existing spillway and improving of the earthen dam and emergency spillway. The repair work is covered under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Nationwide Permit 3 (NWP3), Maintenance. Appendix A of the WQS designates Rocky (Hobart) Lake as a Sensitive Water Supply (SWS). For NWP3, DEQ has denied Section 401 Water Quality Certification in SWSs and requires a project-specific Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

The applicant proposes to remove and replace a portion of the existing spillway, raise existing earthen dam approximately 0.8 ft, lower emergency spillway approximately 3 ft, remove trees from dam, and remove sediment immediately downstream of spillway. Temporary coffer dam will be constructed at downstream end of channel restoration. The dam is being raised to meet freeboard criteria with respect to the probable maximum flood. The crest of the primary spillway and the normal pool elevation will not change.

The project is located in Section 14, Township 8 North, Range 18 West, I.M, in Washita County, Oklahoma.

DEQ is soliciting comments concerning 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 May 30, 2024, to:

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