



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

December 15, 2021

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received an application for Water Quality Certification (WQC) pertaining to proposed activities on Belle Isle Creek OK520710020160_00 in Oklahoma County. 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 will comply with the Oklahoma Water Quality Standards (WQS), and Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the CWA.

This Public Notice opens December 15, 2021 and closes January 14, 2022.

The City of Oklahoma City submitted an application for construction of a gravity sanitary sewer line crossing Belle Ilse Creek. The repair work is covered under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Nationwide Permit 58 (NWP58), Maintenance. Appendix A of the WQS designates Belle Isle as a Sensitive Water Supply (SWS). For NWP 58 DEQ has denied Section 401 Water Quality Certification in SWS designated waterbodies and requires a project-specific Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

The applicant proposes to construct a gravity sanitary sewer line crossing Belle Isle Creek. The purpose of this project is to eliminate a sanitary sewer lift station servicing the existing collection system. The scope of the project includes a proposed 8-inch PVC sanitary sewer line that will connect an existing sanitary sewer network on the north side of the creek to a gravity main on the south side of the creek and cross the creek as shown in the attached exhibit. To protect the proposed sanitary sewer pipe, a 12-inch steel casing is proposed with a 12-inch concrete cap. The pipe will cross the creek at the highest flowline (with a 12" Pipe Casing and 12" Concrete Encasement) creating a minor rise in the creek flowline as shown in the profile.

The project is located in Section 8, Township 12 North, Range 3 West, I.M, in Oklahoma 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 January 14, 2022 to:

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