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Re: Request from Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality for DMR-QA Program
Partial Participation Waiver

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received your letter, dated October 14, 2011, requesting that EPA grant the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) a partial waiver from participation in the Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance Program (DMR-QA).

As stated in your letter, ODEQ administers both the DMR-QA program for the State, as well as a voluntary state laboratory accreditation (certification) program. Approximately one-third of the major National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program facilities in the State required to participate in the DMR-QA program also participate in the voluntary laboratory accreditation program. The ODEQ laboratory accreditation program serves a purpose similar to the DMR-QA program, which requires permittees to participate in two (2) proficiency testing rounds each year with examinations annually and to have two (2) out of three (3) acceptable results during the 18 month testing period. Inspection of these laboratories occurs on a biennial basis, concurrently with the requirement to implement a quality system similar to the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP).

ODEQ has provided documentation of an effective laboratory accreditation program. Specifically, the laboratory accreditation program is authorized by State statute (27 A O.S. 2-4-301) and its rules are recommended by the Laboratory Services Advisory Council (27A O.S. 2-2201), adopted by the Environmental Quality Board (27A O.S. 2-2-101), and approved by the Governor and the Oklahoma Legislature (75 O.S. 250). The laboratory certification rules are found in the Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC 252:301).

To address appropriate oversight of the effectiveness of the accreditation program, ODEQ proposes to submit an annual report to EPA, Region 6 that will detail the number of Oklahoma laboratories participating in the program. The report will include both commercial labs and labs with DMR participants. The report will also contain the total number of laboratories in the program, as well as a listing of inspections performed that year. A summary of the laboratories' pass/fail rates will also be included in the annual

Facilities that are in the Laboratory Accreditation Program			
NPDES ID	DMR Cognizant Official	Title	Facility Name
1	OK0000094 A. GRUPE/T. SPARKMAN/A. WOOD		PSO Southwestern
2	OK0000256 VICE PRSNT,HEALTH SAFETY & ENV		ConocoPhillips Company
3	OK0000442 Zack William, Env Coordinator		OG and E-Horseshoe Lake
4	OK0000451 DANNY FREEMAN, ENV SUPERVISOR		OG and E-Seminole
5	OK0000523 DARRELL ELLIOTT, CHEIF		USA- McAlaster Army Ammunition
6	OK0000744 Brad Burris	ENV. MANAGER	Weyerhaeuser Co.-Valliant
7	OK0000795 GILBERT MITCHELL, PLANT MNGR		Tyson Foods, Inc-Broken Bow
8	OK0000809 Cathy Scheirman, ECD		USAF-Tinker AFB OKC
9	OK0000825 MR. DAVID C. RODERICK V.P.REF.		Wynnewood Refining Co.
10	OK0000876 ANDREW HAAR	ENV. MANAGER	Holly Refining & Marketing
11	OK0001295 JOHN SHIVER		Valero Ardmore Refinery
12	OK0001309 GREGG LORIMOR -TECHNICAL MGR		Sinclair Tulsa Refining Co.
13	OK0002429 Quaid/Cobarrubio/Wood		Public Service Co. -Riverside
14	OK0021024 CODY GREENFIELD, ENV. LEADER		Koch Nitrogen Co.,LLC
15	OK0026221 THOMAS KRUEGER, WPC MANAGER		TMUA North
16	OK0026239 Thomas Krueger WPC Manager		TMUA South
17	OK0029149 Gary Collins, EHS & QC Manager		Terra Nitrogen, L.P.
18	OK0030341 GENERAL MANAGER		Stilwell Area Development Authority
19	OK0034321 KARL MEYERS, VICE PRESIDENT		FORT JAMES OPERATING CO.
20	OK0034380 BARTON/LEHMAN/BERRYHILL/WOOD		PSO- NE Generating Station
21	OK0034568 JASON STUTZMAN, DIRECTOR		OK Ordnance Works Auth/TSC
22	OK0034657 Chuck Smithson, Env Chem Supr		OG and E-Muskogee Unit 4, 5, and 6
23	OK0035068 FORD BENHAM, ENV SUPERVISOR		OGE Energy Corp.-Sooner Generation Station
24	OK0035149 MR JACK MARCY PLANT SUPT		GRDA-Chouteau
25	OK0036161 Steven M. Moore	PLANT MANAGER	Terra International (Oklahoma) Inc.
26	OK0043869 Rick Shackelford, Plant Mgr		Green Country Energy, LLC
27	OK0044083 Todd S. Jonas, V.P.		Kiowa Power Partner, LLC.
28	OK0044504 LANCE WHISMAN		CP Kelco Us, Inc.-Muskogee
29	OK0045250 JOHN SCHUTTE,SEN. STAFF ENV.		OG & E-MCCLAIN
30	OKS000201 ROY W. FOSTER		City of Tulsa

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