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The City of Anadarko to Participate in DEQ's OKStar Program

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is pleased to announce that the City of Anadarko is the first municipality to participate in the OKStar Program. On October 13, 2014, the Anadarko City Council approved the measure for the city to become a pilot program for OKStar.

OKStar is a voluntary program focused on improved environmental performance through waste reduction and increased efficiency. This new phase of the OKStar program works with municipalities to achieve and maintain environmental compliance and go beyond regulations to protect the environment, promote worker safety and enhance the quality of life for residents.

The commitment made by the people and administration of Anadarko will improve the city's health as well as its finances. Anadarko is currently purchasing power from renewable sources and has created a community wide recycling program. The City is exploring additional options as a part of the OKStar Program including: conducting energy audits on city buildings, installing efficient lighting, expanding the recycling program to include household hazardous waste, adopting an anti-idling policy for fleet vehicles and developing employee education related to energy conservation and good environmental stewardship.

"I am proud to be working with the City of Anadarko. The forward-thinking of Rocky Rogers, Anadarko's City Manager, as well as the City Council and the people of Anadarko, is creating a progressive city. Their willingness to participate in OKStar and build on the work they are already doing is quite encouraging. Additionally, the City will serve as an example to the businesses and residents of the community," said Dianne Wilkins, OKStar Program Administrator.

For more information on OKStar, visit:
<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/pollutionprevention/OSIP/index.htm> or contact Dianne Wilkins at (405)702-9128 or dianne.wilkins@deq.ok.gov.

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