

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1045

By: Erwin of the House

and

Rabon of the Senate

An Act relating to environment; amending Section 2, Chapter 289, O.S.L. 1994 (27A O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1-3-103), which relates to the official agricultural environmental agency; clarifying language; designating the Department of Agriculture as an official environmental regulatory agency for agricultural point source and nonpoint source pollution; authorizing and directing the Department to seek delegation to administer certain programs for agricultural point and nonpoint source discharges; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 289, O.S.L. 1994 (27A O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1-3-103), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-3-103. The Department of Agriculture is ~~hereby~~ designated as an official environmental regulatory agency for agricultural point source and ~~non-point~~ nonpoint source pollution within its jurisdiction as specified in subsection D of Section 1-3-101 of ~~Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title. The Department is ~~hereby~~ authorized and directed to seek delegation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer any and all of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) programs for agricultural point and ~~non-point~~ nonpoint source discharges within its specified jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-10 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Agriculture is designated as an official environmental regulatory agency for agricultural point source and nonpoint source pollution within its jurisdiction as specified in subsection D of Section 1-3-101 of Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Department is authorized and directed to seek delegation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer any and all of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) programs for agricultural point and nonpoint source discharges within its specified jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2001.

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the Senate