

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to waters and water rights; requiring
8 certain environmental agencies to assist the Oklahoma
9 Water Resources Board in developing a strategic plan
10 for the Lake Wister watershed; stating purpose of the
11 plan; directing the Board to coordinate with certain
12 environmental agencies on creating a restoration and
13 protection strategy; requiring submission of the
14 strategy by a certain date; specifying information
15 and actions to be included in the strategy; requiring
16 an annual progress report; requiring submission of
17 the progress report; stating contents of the progress
18 report; providing for codification; and declaring an
19 emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1091 of Title 82, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. The Department of Environmental Quality, the Corporation
Commission, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and
Forestry, the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Oklahoma
Conservation Commission shall assist the Oklahoma Water Resources
Board in developing a strategic plan for improving water quality and

1 in preventing and eliminating the pollution of waters in Lake Wister
2 and within the Lake Wister watershed.

3 B. 1. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall coordinate with
4 the appropriate state environmental agencies to create a coordinated
5 watershed-based restoration and protection strategy for the Lake
6 Wister watershed. The strategy shall be submitted to the Governor,
7 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
8 of Representatives by July 1, 2012.

9 2. The coordinated watershed-based restoration and protection
10 strategy shall include but not be limited to:

- 11 a. identification of all permitted or registered water
12 pollution sources,
- 13 b. an overall pollutant-specific load reduction as
14 identified in a developed total maximum daily load
15 (TMDL), or as otherwise calculated in the absence of a
16 developed total maximum daily load, to bring Lake
17 Wister back into compliance with water quality
18 standards,
- 19 c. pollutant-specific load reduction goals for each state
20 environmental agency to accomplish through its water
21 quality protection programs,
- 22 d. detailed compliance schedules indicating how much of
23 the load reduction goal will be accomplished each year
24 by each state environmental agency,

- 1 e. industry-specific descriptions of how load reduction
2 goals for each state environmental agency will be
3 accomplished,
- 4 f. an outline of innovative, cooperative intrastate and
5 interstate strategies that will be pursued in order to
6 expedite pollutant reductions,
- 7 g. a collection and review of testing data on the type
8 and level of carcinogens, bacteria and other
9 pathogenic organisms that are present in Lake Wister,
10 and
- 11 h. a description of pollution reduction efforts that will
12 be pursued including but not limited to:
- 13 (1) the construction and use of floating wetland, rip
14 rap structures, and
- 15 (2) the availability of a poultry litter subsurfacers
16 machine for use by property owners within the
17 watershed.

18 C. 1. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall coordinate with
19 the appropriate state environmental agencies to create an annual
20 progress report. The progress report shall be submitted to the
21 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker
22 of the House of Representatives.

23 2. The annual progress report shall include any revisions and
24 updates to the information provided in the original strategy.

1 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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