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FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1187

By: Standridge of the Senate

and

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[ environment and natural resources - Department of  
Environmental Quality - Uniform Environmental  
Permitting Act - District Court - codification -  
emergency ]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-2-105 of Title 27A, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It is the policy of this state to facilitate the  
implementation of water reuse projects for the purpose of conserving  
and augmenting the supply of water available for public water  
supplies and for municipal and industrial uses. To that end, the  
Department of Environmental Quality and the Oklahoma Water Resources  
Board shall take all actions necessary to facilitate the development  
and implementation of such projects. The term "water reuse project"

1 shall mean any project for which an applicant is applying for  
2 approvals or permits from the Department for the development or  
3 implementation of a project, in whole or in part, to conserve or  
4 augment the supply of water to be made available as a public water  
5 supply, or for any municipal or industrial use in this state. Such  
6 permits may include any permit which the Department has authority to  
7 issue under Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, including, but not  
8 limited to, discharge permits under the Oklahoma Pollutant Discharge  
9 Elimination System (OPDES permits), sewage treatment and collection  
10 design and construction permits, and public water supply design and  
11 construction permits.

12 B. 1. The Department shall approve permits for point source  
13 discharges into sensitive public and private water supplies, as  
14 defined by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, where such discharges  
15 do not contain concentrations of pollutants greater than the  
16 existing concentrations of such pollutants in the receiving  
17 reservoir, as determined by the approved Total Maximum Daily Loading  
18 study for the water body. Provided, the Department shall approve  
19 and issue such permit only where the Department has received the  
20 written concurrence of the supplier of water implementing an  
21 associated water reuse project. For purposes of this section, the  
22 term "pollutant" shall be limited to those constituents of the  
23 discharge that have been identified by the state as causing the  
24 impairment of the receiving basin or reservoir, resulting in

1 placement of the basin or reservoir on the Section 303(d) list of  
2 impaired water bodies. The issuance of such permit by the  
3 Department shall not be considered by the Board or the Department as  
4 a violation of the anti-degradation policy of the state water  
5 quality standards.

6 2. Upon receipt of an application for any permits which in the  
7 estimation of the applicant are necessary or convenient for the  
8 purpose of developing and implementing a water reuse project, the  
9 Department shall review such application and, within ninety (90)  
10 days from the date of receipt of such application, the Executive  
11 Director shall either approve or reject the application and, if  
12 rejected, provide to the applicant in writing a complete listing and  
13 explanation of:

- 14 a. the reasons for the rejection,
- 15 b. citations to all laws and regulations that require  
16 such rejection, and
- 17 c. how the application can be amended so that it can be  
18 approved, and

19 the permits, which to the applicant are necessary or convenient  
20 for the development and implementation of the water reuse project,  
21 can and shall be issued by the Executive Director.

22 3. Such permits shall be considered Tier III permits under the  
23 Uniform Environmental Permitting Act. If the applicant disputes the  
24 rejection of any such permit by the Department or disputes any of

1 the terms of an issued permit, the applicant shall have the right to  
2 an individual proceeding on the rejection of the permit application  
3 or the disputed terms of the permit pursuant to the Administrative  
4 Procedures Act.

5 4. The provisions of this section shall be enforceable in an  
6 action for an order in mandamus in District Court.

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

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