

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL 1187

By: Standridge and Fields of
the Senate

and

Martin (Scott) of the House

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An Act relating to environment and natural resources;
requiring the Department of Environmental Quality to
receive, review, and evaluate certain permit
applications for water reuse projects; requiring the
Department to issue permits; requiring the Department
to approve certain discharges into sensitive public
and private water supplies; specifying review
procedures and timelines; providing for codification;
and declaring an 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 Title 27A, Section 2-2-105 reads as
follows:

A. The Department of Environmental Quality shall receive,
review, and evaluate permit applications for discharges to water
bodies for water reuse projects. The Department shall approve such
applications as comply with the applicable rules of the

1 Environmental Quality Board for discharges to the waters of the
2 State.

3 B. 1. Subject to subsection A of this section, the Department
4 shall issue permits for point-source discharges into sensitive
5 public and private water supplies, as defined by the rules of the
6 Oklahoma Water Resources Board, where such discharges do not contain
7 concentrations of pollutants greater than the existing
8 concentrations of such pollutants in the receiving water body. The
9 issuance of such permit by the Department shall not be considered a
10 violation of the anti-degradation provisions of the State's water
11 quality standards.

12 2. Upon initial receipt of an application for a discharge
13 permit that is for the purpose of developing and implementing a
14 water reuse project, the Department shall acknowledge to the
15 applicant in writing or by electronic mail the date that the
16 Department received the application, thus initiating the period for
17 administrative review of the application. The Department shall
18 review the application in accordance with timelines for
19 administrative and technical review adopted by the Environmental
20 Quality Board.

21 3. Applications for point-source discharges into water bodies
22 designated by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board as Sensitive Public
23 or Private Water Supplies shall be considered Tier III permit
24 applications under the Uniform Environmental Permitting Act.

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

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