

Project 1

Agency: Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB)

Title: 2006 –2007 Oklahoma Water Quality Standards Triennial Revision.

Project Location: Statewide

Background

In order to produce a comprehensive program to assist in the prevention, control and abatement of pollution of the Waters of the State of Oklahoma, and in order to establish state standards which comply with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board is authorized to promulgate rules to be known as "Oklahoma Water Quality Standards", which establish classifications of uses of waters of the state, criteria to maintain and protect such classifications, and other standards or policies pertaining to the quality of such waters. The Clean Water Act requires states to hold public hearings at least once each three-year period for the purpose of reviewing applicable water quality standards and, as appropriate, modifying and adopting standards. The last triennial revision of the Oklahoma Water Quality Standards was completed in July of 2004 and is currently under review by EPA Region VI. The next triennial revision of the water quality standards should be submitted in 2007.

Objectives

The objective of this project will be to meet the requirements of a triennial revision outlined in the CWA, CFR, Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, and other applicable statutes and rules governing how water quality standards are revised and submitted. An additional objective of this project is to exceed the federal and state requirements for public participation and review of the standards with the informal public participation process traditionally implemented by the OWRB prior to the required formal steps.

The outcome of this project will be the 2007 triennial revision of the Water Quality Standards, which meets Goal 2 Objective 2 Sub-objective 2.2.1 PAM 40, 41, and 43 as listed in the U.S. EPA Region VI FY 05 National Water Program Guidance. The true environmental result of this project will be increased protection of water quality.

Project Tasks

Task 1. Identification of revision topics and replacement language.

Review of existing WQS and compilation of revision topics and revision language including research and committee meetings necessary to achieve effective revision language

Time frame: April to December 2006

Deliverables: justification documents and draft revision language

Task 2. Public participation

Public participation element including at least 3 informal meetings to discuss topics with the public, maintain all pertinent mailing lists including but not limited to those related to tribal interests, special interest groups, local government associations, discharger permit holders, newspapers and other interested parties and 1 formal hearing for the public to present comments.

Time frame: August to January 2007

Deliverables: none

Task 3. Development of procedural record

Development of documents to comply with the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act and comparable federal rule)

Time frame: December to March 2007

Deliverables: Notice of Rulemaking Intent, Rule Impact Statement, comment response summary, small business impact assessment

Task 4. Completion of Legislative process

Completion of the Legislative process including finalization/promulgation of rules by OWRB, Attorney General certification, and Legislature and Governors review and approval.

Time frame: March to July 2007

Deliverables: Attorney General certification and Gubernatorial approval

Task 5. EPA submission

Final submission of draft language revisions to EPA Region VI for review and approval

Time frame: August 2007

Deliverables: submittal packet with draft language revisions

TASK	MILESTONE DATES	EXPENDITURE
Task 1	Nov-06	35,000
Task 2	Dec-06	12,000
Task 3	Mar-07	5,000
Task 4	Jul-07	4,000
Task 5	Aug-07	4,000
TOTAL =		\$60,000

Project Management

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board will be the lead agency for all project activities.

Project Duration

The project will be approximately 16 months in duration.

Budget Summary

A detailed budget for work to be performed as part of this project is included as Table 2.

Table 1. Allocation of Funds for Project

Allocation of Funds	Monies
Environmental Protection Agency (100% of Total Cost)	\$60,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST =	\$60,000

Table 2. Proposed budget for Triennial Revision.

ITEMIZED BUDGET

Personnel	Man Years	Expenditure
Environmental Specialist	0.24	\$6,480
Sr. Environmental Specialist	0.25	\$11,500
Environmental Program Manager	0.1	\$5,600
Environmental Program Division Chief	0.05	\$3,500
Indirect and Fringe Costs		
Indirect Costs	FY 05 74.83% of Personnel Costs	\$20,264
Fringe Benefits	FY 05 44.86% of Personnel Costs	\$12,148
Supplies		
Supplies		\$390
Copying		\$100
Mailing copies of final report		\$18
TOTAL PROJECT COST		\$60,000