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**AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE  
OKLAHOMA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM**

**PERMIT NUMBER: OK0031755  
ID NUMBER: S20651**

**PART I**

In compliance with the Oklahoma Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (OPDES) Act, Title 27A OS § 2-6-201, *et seq.*, as amended, and the rules of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) adopted thereunder (see the Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 252:606); the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA), Public Law 95-217 (33 USC 1251, *et seq.*), Section 402; and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations at Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 122, 124, and 403),

Noble Utility Authority  
P.O. Box 557  
Noble, OK 73068

is hereby authorized to discharge treated wastewater from the Noble Northside Wastewater Treatment Facility located at approximately

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
Section 21, Township 8 North, Range 2 West, IM  
Cleveland County, Oklahoma  
or at one mile west of Etowah Road, Noble, OK 73068

to receiving water: Canadian River at the point located at approximately

Latitude: 35° 08' 21.411" N [GPS: NAD83]  
Longitude: 97° 24' 25.723" W [GPS: NAD83]

Water Body ID No. OK520610010010\_05

in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in Parts I, II, III, and IV hereof.

This permit replaces and supersedes the previous permit issued on July 31, 2020.

The issuance date of this permit is **Month Day**, 2025.

This permit shall become effective **Month Day**, 2025.

This permit and authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight **Month Day**, 2030.

For the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality:

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**A. Final Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements (Outfall 001)**

Beginning the effective date of the permit through the expiration date of the permit, the permittee is authorized to discharge treated wastewater in accordance with the following limitations:

Effluent Characteristic		Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements	
		Mass Loading (lb/day)	Concentrations (mg/L, unless otherwise specified)			Frequency	Sample Type
			Monthly Avg.	Monthly Avg.	Weekly Avg.		
Flow (mgd) [STORET: 50050]	Year round	---	Report	---	Report	Daily	Totalized
Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand -5 Day (CBOD <sub>5</sub> ) [STORET: 80082]	Jun – Oct	76.1	12	18	---	3 per month	3-hour composite
	Nov – May	158.5	25	37.5	--		
Ammonia – as N (NH <sub>3</sub> -N) [STORET: 00530]	Year-round	26.0	4.1	6.2	--	3 per month	3-hour composite
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) [STORET: 00530]	Year round	190.1	30	45	---	3 per month	3-hour composite
Dissolved Oxygen (DO) [STORET: 00300]	Jun – Oct	---	Instantaneous Minimum: 5.0			Daily	Grab
pH (standard unit) [STORET: 00400]	Year round	---	6.5 – 9.0			Daily	Grab
<i>E. coli</i> <sup>a</sup> [STORET: 51040]	May – Sept	---	126 <sup>b</sup>	--	406	2 per week	Grab
	Oct – Apr	---	630 <sup>b</sup>	---	2,030	1 per week	

<sup>a</sup> *E. coli* shall be reported in most probable number (MPN)/100 mL

<sup>b</sup> Monthly data for *E. coli* shall be reported as geometric mean of all samples in that month.

**Sampling Point**

Samples taken for compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above (except DO) shall be taken at the discharge from the final treatment unit preceding post aeration. Samples taken for compliance with the DO monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken following post aeration at the end-of-pipe discharge to the receiving stream.

**Year-round Requirements**

- There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.
- There shall be no discharge of a visible sheen of oil or globules of oil or grease on or in the water. Oil and grease shall not be present in quantities that adhere to stream banks and coat bottoms of water courses or which cause deleterious effects to the biota.
- All monitoring and reporting requirements shall also be in compliance with Part III of this permit.

**B. Compliance Schedule**

Not applicable to this permit.

**C. Sanitary Sewer Overflows**

Any bypass in the collection system [sanitary sewer overflow (SSO)] shall be reported in accordance with Part III.B.6 of this permit.

**D. Reporting of Monitoring Results**

Monitoring results shall be reported in accordance with the provisions of Part III.B.5 of the permit. Monitoring results obtained during the previous month shall be summarized and electronically reported on an electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) form due to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Wastewater Compliance Tracking Section no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the completed monthly test. If no discharge occurs during the reporting period, an eDMR form stating "No Discharge" shall be electronically submitted according to the above schedule. Instructions on how to register as a Preparer or Signatory for eDMRs, as well as how to prepare and submit eDMRs, can be found on DEQ's website at <https://www.deq.ok.gov/water-quality-division/electronic-reporting/>. Assistance is also available by contacting DEQ at (405) 702-8100 or email [deqreporting@deq.ok.gov](mailto:deqreporting@deq.ok.gov).

The first report is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of (Month), 2025.

**E. Reclaimed Water Limitations and Monitoring Requirements for Category 5 Water Reuse**

Not applicable to this permit.

## **PART II. OTHER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. CONTRIBUTING INDUSTRIES AND PRETREATMENT REQUIREMENTS**

1. The following pollutants shall not be introduced into a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) facility, defined in 40 CFR § 403.3(q) “as any devices and systems used in storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal sewage and industrial wastes of a liquid nature. It also includes sewers, pipes, and other conveyances only if they convey wastewater to a POTW Treatment Plant. The term also means the municipality as defined in Section 502(4) of the CWA, which has jurisdiction over the Indirect Discharges to and from such treatment works.”
  - a. Pollutants which create a fire or explosion hazard in the POTW facility, including, but not limited to, wastestreams with a closed cup flashpoint of less than 60°C (140°F) using the test methods specified in 40 CFR § 261.21;
  - b. Pollutants which will cause corrosive structural damage to the POTW, but in no case discharges with pH lower than 5.0, unless the works are specifically designed to accommodate such discharges;
  - c. Solid or viscous pollutants in amounts which will cause obstruction to the flow in the POTW, resulting in interference;
  - d. Any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants (e.g., BOD), released in a discharge at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which will cause interference with the POTW;
  - e. Heat in amounts which will inhibit biological activity in the POTW resulting in interference but in no case heat in such quantities that the temperature at the POTW treatment plant exceeds 40°C (104°F) unless the Approval Authority, upon request of the POTW, approves alternate temperature limits;
  - f. Petroleum oil, non-biodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral oil origin in amounts that will cause interference or pass through;
  - g. Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the POTW in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems; and
  - h. Any trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the POTW.
2. The permittee shall require any indirect discharger to the treatment works to comply with the reporting requirements of Sections 204(b), 307, and 308 of the CWA, including any requirements established under 40 CFR Part 403.
3. The permittee shall provide adequate notice of the following:
  - a. Any new introduction of pollutants into the treatment works from an indirect discharger which would be subject to Sections 301 and 306 of the CWA and/or 40 CFR Parts 405-499 if it were directly discharging those pollutants;

- b. Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into the treatment works by a source introducing pollutants into the treatment works at the time of issuance of the permit; and
- c. Any notice shall include information on (i) the quality and quantity of effluent to be introduced into the treatment works and (ii) any anticipated impact of the change on the quality or quantity of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.

## **B. RE-OPENER CLAUSE**

This permit may be re-opened for modification or revocation and reissuance to require additional monitoring and/or effluent limitations where actual or potential exceedances of State water quality criteria are determined to be the result of the permittee's discharge to the receiving water, or a revised Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is established for the receiving water, or when required as technology advances. Modification or revocation and reissuance of the permit shall follow regulations listed at 40 CFR § 124.5.

## **C. BIOSOLIDS/SEWAGE SLUDGE REQUIREMENTS**

1. The biosolids beneficial use and/or sewage sludge disposal practices shall comply with the Federal regulations for landfills, biosolids land application, and/or sewage sludge solid waste disposal established at 40 CFR Parts 257, 503, and the DEQ rules governing Sludge Management (OAC 252:515 and OAC 252:606) as applicable.
2. The biosolids beneficial use shall also comply with the requirements of Sludge Management Plan permit number 3514015, approved by DEQ on December 10, 1999, that allows the permittee to land apply biosolids at a site located in Section 21, Township 8 North, Range 2 West, IM, Cleveland County, Oklahoma.
3. The permittee is required to maintain all records relevant to biosolids beneficial use and/or sewage sludge disposal for the life of the permit. These records shall be made available to DEQ upon request.
4. The permittee shall notify DEQ at least 120 days prior to implementing any changes in the biosolids beneficial use and/or sewage sludge disposal practices.
5. The permittee shall also comply with all applicable biosolids/sewage sludge requirements in Part IV of this permit.

## **D. POLLUTION PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS**

1. The permittee shall institute a program within 12 months of the effective date of the permit (or continue an existing program) directed towards optimizing the efficiency and extending the useful life of the facility. The permittee shall consider the following items in the program:
  - a. The influent loadings, flow and design capacity;
  - b. The effluent quality and plant performance;
  - c. The age and expected life of the wastewater treatment facility's equipment;
  - d. Bypasses and overflows of the tributary sewerage system and treatment works;

- e. New developments at the facility;
  - f. Operator certification and training plans and status;
  - g. The financial status of the facility;
  - h. Preventative maintenance programs and equipment conditions; and
  - i. An overall evaluation of conditions at the facility.
2. The permittee shall prepare the following information on the biosolids/sewage sludge generated by the facility:
- a. An annual quantitative tabulation of the ultimate disposition of all biosolids/sewage sludge (including, but not limited to, the amount beneficially reused, landfilled, and incinerated).
  - b. An assessment of technological processes and an economic analysis evaluating the potential for beneficial reuse of all biosolids/sewage sludge not currently beneficially reused including a listing of any steps which would be required to achieve the biosolids/sewage sludge quality necessary to beneficially reuse the biosolids/sewage sludge.
  - c. A description of, including the expected results and the anticipated timing for, all projects in process, in planning and/or being considered which are directed towards additional beneficial reuse of biosolids/sewage sludge.
  - d. An analysis of one composite sample of the biosolids/sewage sludge collected prior to ultimate re-use or disposal shall be performed for the pollutants listed in Part IV, Element 1, Section III, Table 3 of the permit.
  - e. A listing of the specific steps (controls/changes) which would be necessary to achieve and sustain the quality of the biosolids/sewage sludge so that the pollutant concentrations in the biosolids/sewage sludge fall below the pollutant concentration criteria listed in Part IV, Element 1, Section III, Table 3 of the permit.
  - f. A listing of, and the anticipated timing for, all projects in process, in planning, and/or being considered which are directed towards meeting the biosolids/sewage sludge quality referenced in (e) above.

The permittee shall certify in writing, within three years of the effective date of the permit, that all pertinent information is available. This certification shall be submitted to:

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality  
Water Quality Division  
Municipal Discharge and Stormwater Permits Section  
P. O. Box 1677  
707 North Robinson Ave  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-1677