

Draft of May 12, 2026

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

**PERMIT NUMBER: OK0045357**

**ID NUMBER: W21505**

**PART I**

In compliance with the Oklahoma Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (OPDES) Act, Title 27A Oklahoma Statutes (O.S.) § 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 U.S.C. 125 *et seq.*), Section 402; and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations at Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 122 and 124),

Rogers County Rural Water District (RWD) No. 4  
P.O. Box 198  
Oologah, OK 74053

is hereby authorized to discharge treated wastewater from the Will Rogers Water Treatment Plant (WTP) located at approximately

W½, E½, NE¼ of the Section 26,  
Township 23 North, Range 15 East, Indian Meridian (I.M.),  
Rogers County, Oklahoma, at 11274 South 4120 Road  
Oologah, OK 74053

to receiving waters: Lake Oologah at the point located at approximately

Latitude: 36° 26' 38.619" N [GPS: NAD83]  
Longitude: 95° 40' 19.474" W [GPS: NAD83]

Waterbody ID # OK121510010020\_00

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 23, 2021.

The issuance date of this permit is **Month Date Year**.

This permit shall become effective **Month Date Year**.

This permit and authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight **Month Date Year**.

For the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality:

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

**1. Final Limitations**

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

Effluent Characteristic	Discharge Limitations			Monitoring Requirements	
	Mass Loading (lb/day)	Concentration (mg/L, unless otherwise specified)		Frequency <sup>a</sup>	Sample Type
	Monthly Avg.	Monthly Avg.	Daily Max.		
Flow (mgd) [STORET: 50050]	---	Report	Report	5/week	Instantaneous
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) [STORET: 00530]	28.52	20.0	30.0	2/month	Grab
Iron, Dissolved [STORET: 01046]	1.43	1.0	2.0	1/month	Grab
Aluminum, Dissolved <sup>b</sup> [STORET: 01106]	1.43	1.0	2.0	1/month	Grab
Manganese, Dissolved [STORET: 01056]	1.43	1.0	2.0	1/month	Grab
pH (s.u.) [STORET: 00400]	---	6.5 – 9.0		2/week	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) [STORET: 50060]	---	Instantaneous Maximum: No measurable <sup>c</sup>		1/week	Grab

<sup>a</sup> When discharging.

<sup>b</sup> If no alum (or other aluminum salt) is used for an entire reporting period, the permittee shall report a value of “zero” for the monthly average and enter “no alum (or other aluminum salt) used” for this reporting period in the comments section on the DMR for that reporting period.

<sup>c</sup> No measurable is defined as less than 0.1 mg/L.

**2. Sampling Point**

Samples taken for compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the discharge from the final treatment unit.

**3. 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 the bottoms of water courses or cause deleterious effects to the biota.
- All monitoring and reporting requirements shall also be in compliance with Part III of this permit.

**B. Reporting on 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> of MONTH, 2026.

**PART II. OTHER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The permittee is hereby given notice that this permit is in all respects subject to compliance with and actions under any and all applicable and relevant terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements, and any and all amendments of the laws of the State of Oklahoma, DEQ rules, and Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards. The absence of any express reference within this permit of any particular statutory requirement, rule(s), regulation(s), or standard(s) shall in no respect be deemed or construed to exempt or preclude the application of such requirement, rule(s), regulation(s), or standard(s) to this permit or the permittee.
- B. All laboratory analyses for the parameters specified in this permit must be performed by a laboratory accredited by DEQ for those parameters.
- C. Unless otherwise specified in this permit, monitoring shall be conducted according to analytical, apparatus and materials, sample collection, preservation, handling, etc., procedures listed at 40 C.F.R. Part 136 in effect on the effective date of this permit. Appendices A, B, and C to 40 C.F.R. Part 136 are specifically referenced as part of this requirement. Amendments to 40 C.F.R. Part 136 promulgated after the effective date of this permit shall supersede these requirements as applicable.

**D. RESIDUALS (SLUDGE) REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. The residuals (sludge) shall not be removed from this facility, nor shall the facility be closed, until a Residuals Management Plan, or Closure Plan if applicable, has received written approval by DEQ. At a minimum, the Residuals Management Plan must demonstrate that the residuals (sludge) beneficial use and/or disposal practices comply with the DEQ rules governing Residuals Management (OAC 252:626-13). The facility operates under the Residuals Management Plan approved by DEQ on April 26, 2010. The residuals (sludge) are disposed of in Quarry Sanitary Landfill (Landfill No. 3572042) located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Section 16, Township 20 North, Range 14 East, Rogers County, or at 4041 North 141<sup>st</sup> Ave. East, Tulsa, OK 74116
- 2. All residuals (sludge) must be handled, beneficially used, and/or disposed of in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations to protect the public health and the environment from any reasonably anticipated adverse effects due to any toxic pollutants that may be present.
- 3. Residuals (sludge) generated at a potable water treatment plant may be beneficially used by land application or as fill material only if the facility has an approved residuals (sludge) permit that defines the location and operating conditions and other requirements to be met. Current residuals (sludge) permits available include General Permits OKG65A (for alum or other aluminum salts) and OKG65L (for lime) or an individual residuals permit. The constituents to be monitored for and the sampling frequencies for each constituent are also defined in the Residuals Management Plan.
- 4. A written authorization from DEQ is required for disposal of the residuals (sludge) at a different/new landfill. A letter stating the treatment of the residuals to remove excess water and the location of the different/new landfill shall be submitted to DEQ to receive this authorization.
- 5. All records relevant to the residuals (sludge) beneficial use and/or disposal, including analytical results specified in the Residuals Management Plan approved by DEQ, shall be kept at the facility for a period of five (5) years and shall be made available to DEQ staff upon request.

6. The permittee shall notify DEQ 120 days prior to implementing any changes to the approved residuals (sludge) beneficial use and/or disposal practices.

E. RE-OPENER CLAUSE

This permit may be reopened 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, revocation, and reissuance of the permit shall comply with the regulations listed at 40 C.F.R. § 124.5.