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RE: Final Approval Request for 29 bacterial and turbidity TMDLs in the Middle Cimarron River Area watershed

Dear Mr. Flores:

We are submitting the above referenced TMDL report for final approval. After final approval for these TMDLs is received, the recommendations of these TMDLs will be incorporated into the Oklahoma Water Quality Management Plan. Though the Public Notice and Executive Summary from the Middle Cimarron River Area Draft Bacterial and Turbidity TMDL report are found in this packet, the final Middle Cimarron River Area TMDL report may be found on-line at: http://www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/tmdl/index.html.

References to events supporting this final TMDL submittal are described as follows:

- The draft bacterial TMDL report for the Middle Cimarron River Area was preliminarily reviewed by EPA on June 27, 2011.
- The Middle Cimarron River Area Draft Bacterial and Turbidity TMDL report was open for public comment from July 7, 2011 to August 22, 2011.
- No comments were received about the Middle Cimarron River Area Draft TMDL Report.

Please recognize that public participation was conducted as outlined in the current Continuing Planning Process document.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality respectfully requests your prompt approval of this final TMDL report.

Sincerely,

for Mark A. Hildebrand

Shellie Chard-McClary, Division Director
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Enclosures

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Middle Cimarron River Area TMDL file