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October 9, 2012

William K. Honker, P.E., Acting Director
Water Quality Protection Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Dear Mr. Honker:

The Chickasaw Nation formally requests the initiation of government-to-government consultation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We request such consultation for purposes of discussing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) application to assume partial authority over the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System. While the ODAFF application does not seek delegated federal authority with respect to activities within Indian country, we believe that consultation with our federal trustee would be appropriate so that we can understand EPA's view of the application and explore with you possible implications arising from it.

On hearing back from you, we will put you in contact with our staff-level legal and technical representatives for purposes of this consultation. In the meantime, I appreciate your time and attention to this matter

Sincerely,

Bill Anoatubby

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Governor

Cc: Gregory Pyle, Chief, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Jeannine Hale, Director, EPA Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs