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December 20, 2012

The Honorable Mary Fallin
State Capital Building
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd, Suite 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Fallin:

Today, I authorized the state of Oklahoma to implement the Agriculture Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program, a partial National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program under §402(b) of the Clean Water Act covering all point source discharges, to the regulatory control of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry. Enclosed is a copy of the final signed Federal Register notice dated December 20, 2012. I congratulate you, Secretary of Agriculture Jim Reese, and the ODAFF for designing a program that meets all of the Clean Water Act requirements.

Your personal support for additional resources and response to emerging issues will be vital in addressing public concern and scrutiny of the program. The EPA will continue its oversight role in the protection of water resources, and I look forward to working with the ODAFF to protect and improve the quality of Oklahoma surface waters.

My staff and I are committed to assisting the states in Region 6 as they initiate and implement their environmental protection programs. The EPA will work closely with the ODAFF over these next few months to ensure a smooth transition.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 665-2100, or your staff may contact Mr. William K. Honker, Water Quality Protection Division Director, at (214) 665-7101.

Sincerely,

Ron Curry
Regional Administrator

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