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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-07

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, because the State's current activities related to the monitoring, remediating, and abating the water quality problems attributed to the handling of poultry, swine and bovine waste are fragmented and inefficient, hereby establish the Governor's Animal Waste and Water Quality Protection Task Force.

As a result, their is often duplication of effort in certain areas, little or no effort in others, gaps and delays in education and outreach and an overall failure of the State to make significant progress in ensuring that the quality of the State's water is protected. It is vital that the state have a coordinated, comprehensive effort to protect the quality of the water in Oklahoma.

The membership of the Task Force shall consist of eight (8) private citizens and one person representing each of the following state entities:

Oklahoma Conservation Commission,
Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
Oklahoma Office of the Secretary of the Environment,
Oklahoma Water Resources Board,
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality,
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, and
Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission.

The Governor shall appoint the eight (8) private citizens. Each of the state entities shall designate one person to represent their entity on the governing body of the Task Force. The Secretary of the Environment shall serve as the chairman of the Task Force. The designee from the Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Task Force. All members shall serve on the Task Force at the pleasure of the Governor. Staffing and support services shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary of the Environment. The Task Force shall meet at such times and places as they deem appropriate. The Task Force shall submit to the Governor their final statewide strategy and action plan no later than December 1, 1997.

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The Task Force shall seek information, assistance and recommendations from the following organizations:

United States Department of Agriculture,
United States Environmental Protection Agency,
United States Department of Agriculture National Resource Conservation Service,
United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency, and
United States Geological Survey.

In addition, the Task Force may seek information, assistance and recommendations from cities, colleges and universities, and other organizations, including but not limited to the following:

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association,
Oklahoma Pork Council,
Oklahoma Broiler Council,
Oklahoma Municipal League,
Safe Oklahoma Resource Development,
Family Farm Alliance,
Oklahoma Farmer's Union,
Concerned Citizens for Clean Environment,
Oklahoma Farm Bureau,
Oklahomans For Clean Water, and
Oklahoma Rural Water Association

The Task Force shall perform the following tasks:

-Examine the current and past use, marketing, and disposal of poultry, swine and bovine waste and its effect on the quality of Oklahoma's water supply;

-Assemble current laws and regulations in Oklahoma relating to the use, marketing, and disposal of poultry, swine and bovine waste for the purpose of determining areas of responsibility for the protection of the quality of Oklahoma's water supply;

-Analyze and coordinate the activities of each state entity currently examining and regulating the use, marketing, and disposal of poultry, swine and bovine waste.

-Develop a statewide strategy and action plan to oversee the future use, marketing and disposal of poultry, swine and bovine waste and its effect on the quality of Oklahoma's water supply. The plan shall include a mechanism for progressive monitoring of the state's water quality to determine changes as they are needed. The plan shall also include recommendations for legislation, regulatory change, structural and operational change, public-private partnerships, incentives, and other measures the Task Force deems appropriate to protect the quality of Oklahoma's water supply for future generations.

This executive order shall be distributed to the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Oklahoma Office of the Secretary of the Environment, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, and Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 15th day of April, 1997.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Attest:

Secretary of State