EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-14

I, Frank Keating, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 1 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby determine that the State Board of Agriculture and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board must act expeditiously in order to preclude activities which could result in the avoidance of water quality safeguards intended to protect the waters of our state as expressed in the Oklahoma Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Act.

Therefore, in order to assure the general welfare of the citizens of this State by working to protect the quality of our waters, I hereby direct that the State Board of Agriculture and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board cooperate in efforts to adopt such emergency measures including but not limited to emergency rules, to assure the quality of the waters of Oklahoma are not compromised from the date of this Executive Order until all of the provisions of the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Act can be implemented.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to the Chairman of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the Chairman of the Board of Agriculture and the Secretary of Environment.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 13 day of June, 1997.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Attest:

[Signature]

Secretary of State