EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-25

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby direct the State Board of Agriculture and the State Department of Agriculture to review the December 1, 1997, Report of the Governor’s Animal Waste and Water Quality Protection Task Force and take the following actions as soon as practicable:

Develop Odor Abatement Plan criteria for confined animal feeding operations and licensed managed feeding operations by April 1, 1998. The criteria shall allow for new waste management techniques and odor reduction technology for practical application at Oklahoma animal feeding operations. The Odor Abatement Plan criteria for lagoon design and construction shall also address odor abatement concerns in addition to current criteria which primarily address nutrient recycling and waste storage.

Create a plan for unannounced annual inspections of concentrated animal feeding operations and licensed managed feeding operations for the purpose of monitoring compliance with laws and rules regulating such facilities.

Accelerate efforts in establishing pilot programs for poultry litter marketing techniques.

Develop a violation point system for the enforcement of pollution laws and rules regulating concentrated animal feeding operations and licensed managed feeding operations by adopting appropriate administrative rules.

Adopt rules establishing a system whereby all soil and animal waste test results shall be kept on-site for as long as the facility is in operation.

Create and maintain a database within the Department of the results of all soil and animal waste test results obtained in order to monitor long-term trends in soil and animal waste nutrient levels.
Review and take into consideration the Oklahoma Water Resources Board current delineated vulnerable aquifers in determining the appropriate siting of concentrated animal feeding operation facilities.

Conduct a study to determine if the surety bond system, established by H.B. 1522, is adequate to protect the State from abandoned lagoon cleanup costs. Such study shall include recommendations, if appropriate, of other methods which might be used to insure against such cleanup costs. The study is to be completed by April 1, 1998.

This executive order shall be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

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 3rd day of December, 1997.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Secretary of State Acting Assistant