

Frank Keating
Governor

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-26

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 Secretary of the Department of Environment 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:

Investigate the current organization and structure of each state agency with environmental protection responsibilities and make recommendations for consolidation and elimination of overlapping and conflicting jurisdictions.

Investigate current state administration and use of Federal Water Pollution Control Act funds and make recommendations for more efficient and effective state water pollution control activities. Such investigation and recommendations shall not be limited to confined and licensed animal feeding operations.

Solicit suggestions and make recommendations for the most feasible method of funding a consistent and effective monitoring program for state ground and surface waters.

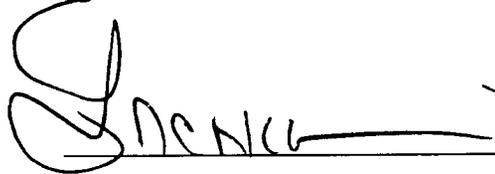
Investigate and develop the most feasible approach for implementing nutrient water quality standards. In cooperation with industry, state universities, and responsible agencies, establish a pilot project to efficiently and properly measure nutrient levels in the Lakes Eucha and Spavinaw watersheds.

Work with the Office of the Governor and members of the Oklahoma Legislature in amending the laws of Oklahoma to provide the statutory tools necessary as set out in the December 1, 1997, Task Force Report to protect Oklahoma ground and surface waters.

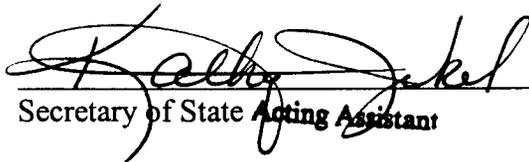
This executive order shall be forwarded to the Department of Environment and to the members of the Governor's Animal Waste and Water Quality Protection Task Force who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

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



Attest:



Secretary of State ~~Acting Assistant~~