155:25-1-1. Purpose
Title 82 O.S. § 1085.65 requires the Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC or Commission) to promulgate rules to receive, and review applications for water quality projects submitted to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program for implementation of nonpoint source management programs as allowed by the federal Water Quality Act of 1987 for those activities subject to its jurisdiction as specified in the Oklahoma Environmental Quality Act. This rule specifies the process for such receipt and review.

155:25-1-2. Receiving and Reviewing Applications

(a) Applications and requests for funding for projects for non point source management programs shall be filed with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB). If the application meets the preliminary determination of eligibility the OWRB will forward the application to the OCC.

(b) The OCC’S Water Quality Division (OCCWQ) will review the application or request and determine whether the project meets or will meet a critical local or state need, as defined in the State Nonpoint Source Assessment and Management Report, is needed or will be needed to comply with the State Nonpoint Source Assessment and Management Report, is designed to prevent, reduce or halt the pollution of the waters of this state and comply with Oklahoma’s Water Quality Standards, is cost-effective, and is designed to be awarded upon a cost-share basis.

(c) The Commission shall consult with and obtain comments of the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality prior to making a recommendation on all applications and programs that may involve nonpoint sources subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Quality. The Department of Environmental Quality’s comments shall be addressed in the recommendation or attached thereto.

(d) Upon a determination that the proposed project meets the minimum criteria set forth in (b) above, the proposed project shall be placed on the Commission’s list of approved projects. Said list, and the application or request will be submitted to the OWRB with a recommendation that a loan(s) be made for the project(s).

(e) OCC will make its determination with respect to whether a proposed project meets the minimum criteria set forth in (b) above and, if deciding to place the proposed project on the Commission’s list of approved projects, will submit the list, the application or request and recommendation to the OWRB within thirty (30) days of receipt of the application or request from OWRB as set forth in (a) above. If recommending that a loan be denied for the proposed project, OCC will submit the application or request and recommendation to the OWRB within thirty (30) days of receipt of the application or request from OWRB as set forth in (a) above.