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## **Online Water and Wastewater Operator Searches Now Available Online at <http://www.OK.gov>**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – October 10, 2008 – Getting water and wastewater operator information in Oklahoma just got easier, thanks to a new service now available through the state's official Web portal at <http://www.OK.gov>. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) online water and wastewater operator search service allows users to access contact information for and view the status of water and wastewater operator license holders across the state.

"We're offering this new service as a convenience to our licensees, as well as the citizens of Oklahoma, to assist them with locating and verifying water and wastewater operator's information," said Chris Wisniewski, Environmental Programs Manager for DEQ.

The online service, located at <http://www.ok.gov/deq/search/>, is a fast and easy way for license holders to view the status of their license and make corrections if needed. The system is provided at no cost and was designed with clear, user-friendly navigation. The system allows users to search for a specific water or wastewater operator by name, license number, license type, class, county of residence, employer name, and employer county. The license information is updated weekly to ensure that users are receiving the most current information.

The online service is a product of a partnership between DEQ and OK.gov, Oklahoma's official Web site managed by the eGovernment firm NIC (NASDAQ: EGOV).

### **About Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) works to maintain and improve the state's environment through various programs. DEQ is made up of different divisions – Air Quality,

Land Protection, Environmental Complaints and Local Services, Administrative Services, Water Quality, and Customer Services. Each division is an important component in carrying out the agency's mission for a clean, attractive, prosperous Oklahoma. For more information, visit <http://www.deq.state.ok.us>.

**About OK.gov**

OK.gov (<http://www.OK.gov>) built and manages the official Web site for the state of Oklahoma and partners with state and local entities to bring new government services online. OK.gov is managed by the Oklahoma Office of State Finance and eGovernment firm NIC.

**About NIC**

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