

A LETTER FINAL REPORT FOR TASK #700 (OCC Task #112) OF THE FY 1999 319(H) GRANT (C9-996100-07), Lake Eucha Watershed Implementation Project – Supplemental Funds For Implementation In Demonstration Watershed

INTRODUCTION:

The Lake Eucha Watershed was identified as a priority watershed in the Oklahoma Unified Watershed Assessment. This watershed was also selected as a top priority by the Oklahoma Nonpoint Source (NPS) Working Group. Federal funding (\$289,402.00) for this project comes principally from the FY 1999 319(h) incremental funding from the Clean Water Action Plan with match funding from state priority watershed cost share (\$96,467.00) and landowner contributions (\$96,468.00). To fully access these funds, a Watershed Restoration Action Strategy (WRAS) was developed for the Lake Eucha watershed. This project’s work plan was drafted to continue work on reducing the loading of nutrients to Lake Eucha initiated in the FY 1998 319(h) grant. As the TMDL for the basin and the WRAS are formalized, additional measures will be identified that may be added to this work plan or considered for future 319(h) funding at the discretion of the NPS Working Group.

PROJECT GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

The intent of this project is to demonstrate the benefits of NPS implementation on the water resources of the Lake Eucha watershed. Objectives of this supplemental project are identical to the initial project in the FY 1998 319(h) grant:

- promote protection and re-establishment of buffer zones and riparian areas,
- demonstrate practices on a subwatershed necessary to achieve the nutrient control needed to protect Lake Eucha,
- implement practices and programs identified by the Watershed Restoration Action Strategy to improve water quality.

OUTPUTS:

1	<p>Progress regarding all activities listed in this Work plan will be included in the State's 319 Semi-annual reports tracking progress in demonstration projects, education programs and monitoring.</p> <p>STATUS: <i>Since the inception of the project semi-annual reports have been submitted, updating and reporting on all activities in the workplan.</i></p>
2	<p>Final report compiling all project activities and evaluating project measures of success.</p> <p>STATUS: <i>The Lake Eucha Watershed Implementation Project (Task #500) was</i></p>

funded initially in the FY 1998 319(h) grant (C9-996100-06). Supplemental funding for this same project was approved and awarded to the state in Task #700 of the FY 1999 319(h) grant (C9-996100-07) and in Task #1200 of the FY 2000 319(h) grant (C9-996100-08).

At the January 2004 end of year review with EPA, the possibility of submitting only one final report for the project(s) was discussed. This report would be submitted after the implementation with the supplemental funding was completed. Due to the multiple grants for the same project, EPA agreed, provided a brief letter report for the initial projects would be submitted outlining the strategy and updating the project status.

The final report for the implementation of conservation practices in Task #700 of the FY 1999 319(h) will be incorporated into an all inclusive and comprehensive final report for Task #1200 of the FY 2000 319(h) grant.

CONCLUSION:

When the project is completed the final report will be submitted with extensive detail on all project activities, objectives, and evaluations of the measures of success for the FY 1998 319(h) Task 500 (C9-996100-06), FY 1999 319(h) Task 700 (C9-996100-07) and the FY 2000 319(h) Task 1200 (C9-996100-08) grant programs. Information about the education effort, the demonstration of conservation practices, and the measures of success will make up the majority of the report.

With the submittal of this letter report, Task #700 of the FY 1999 319(h) grant is completed.