

NOTICE OF THE DRAFT CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION
GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZATION NO. OKG010403

Pursuant to the Oklahoma Agriculture Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AgPDES) Act and Oklahoma AgPDES Rules (OAC 35:44), notice is hereby given that the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF), at the address listed below, has processed and issued a draft permit authorization including permit terms to Mitcham Livestock, 28537 State Hwy 8, Cherokee, OK 73728, based on the notice of intent (NOI) submitted on May 24, 2023, for coverage under the Agricultural Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit OKG010000 for Discharges from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). No discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state is authorized by this general permit except under a 25-year, 24-hour precipitation event or greater. All waste and/or wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land and/or transferred off site for beneficial reuse. Mitcham Livestock operates a 10,000 head cattle CAFO facility under the Standard Industrial Classification Code 0211. The Mitcham Livestock facility is located in Parts of Section 15, Township 27 North, Range 11 West, I.M., Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. The facility is located in the Salt Fork Arkansas River watershed (Waterbody ID No. OK621010010160_00) of the Upper Arkansas River Basin. The designated beneficial uses of the potential receiving water(s) are public and private water supplies, fish and wildlife propagation/warm water aquatic community, agriculture, primary body contact recreation, aesthetics, and fish consumption.

The draft permit authorization including permit terms, may be reviewed on the ODAFF website at <https://ag.ok.gov/divisions/agricultural-environmental-management/>. Hard copies of the draft permit authorization, including permit terms, the NOI, and the nutrient management plan (NMP) are available for public viewing at the Cherokee City County Public Library, 123 South Grand Ave., Cherokee, OK 73728. The library is open during the following times: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Friday, 10:00 am-5 pm, and Saturday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. The telephone number of the library is (580) 596-2366. Hard copies of the draft permit authorization including permit terms, the NOI, and the NMP may also be reviewed at the ODAFF Office, Agricultural Environmental Management Services Division, 2800 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, during working hours. Please schedule a date and time with the ODAFF contact person to review the relevant documents.

Persons wishing to make comments concerning the draft permit authorization, including permit terms, may do so by sending the comments in writing to the AgPDES Desk at the mailing address or the email address listed below within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this notice on a local newspaper. Comments should include: (1) name and address of the interested person, (2) the CAFO name to which the comment relates, and (3) a narrative comment and description of how the related authorization may affect quality of the waters of the State.

The contact information for the AgPDES Desk is:

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