

Okmulgee Sewage Release

Case History: On August 26, 2000, the [City of Okmulgee](#)'s Publicly Owned Treatment Works facility released an undetermined amount of sewage and sewage sludge into Okmulgee Creek, a tributary of the Deep Fork River. A plume of raw sewage and sewage sludge migrated downstream into a section of the [Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge](#) (NWR). This plume included ammonia in toxic quantities, as well as other unidentified hazardous substances, which caused mortality to fish, mussels, and other aquatic species along 11 miles of the Deep Fork River that flows through Deep Fork NWR. The Trustees reached a negotiated settlement with the City of Okmulgee in 2005 and damages were allocated for restoration purposes and past assessment costs. Subsequently, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has worked to find the most appropriate restoration projects to compensate the public for losses to trust natural resources at the time of the release.

Responsible Party:
The City of Okmulgee

Trustees:
[State of Oklahoma](#)

[DOI-FWS](#)

Current Status: The Trustees are finalizing the restoration plan and will begin implementation of the selected restoration alternative pending regional approval.



Documents:
The links below will allow you to view documents concerning the Okmulgee Sewage Release NRDAR.

Some documents will be in PDF format and you will need [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view them. Some files may be large so note the file size before downloading.

[Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment](#)

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