



# Oklahoma Water Resources Board & Save Our Water, Inc. Seek Volunteers For Lake Eufaula Monitoring

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*(EUFUALA – OKLAHOMA CITY)* - Save Our Water, Inc. and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) is seeking citizen volunteers to monitor water quality conditions in Lake Eufaula. Initial training will be held on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 3:30 at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 3rd and High Street, Eufaula, Oklahoma.

Staff with the OWRB's Oklahoma Water Watch, a community-based statewide volunteer water quality monitoring program, is actively recruiting citizens to collect and analyze water quality samples from sites extending from Lake Eufaula dam to the upper end of the reservoir. It is preferred, but not necessary, that all volunteers have access to a boat or similar watercraft.

Although all the sites are currently sampled on a regular basis by the agency's water quality monitoring staff, additional sampling is required to satisfy objectives of a detailed, upcoming cooperative study of the lake by the Water Board and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"SOW is excited about OWRB's Water Watch Program," said Karen Weldin, President of Save Our Water, Inc. This launches the water quality segment of our organization which we value greatly. Certifying volunteers to be water quality monitors is a wonderful way to protect Lake Eufaula water. We are encouraging all interested persons to be trained and certified. SOW must continue to be the watchdogs for Lake Eufaula for both quality and quantity. It is our job to preserve and protect our most precious natural resource – water."

Water Board staff will train local citizen volunteers on various water quality concepts and accepted training techniques. At the minimum, participants in the study will measure water clarity, dissolved oxygen, temperature, and pH and ammonia nitrogen, nitrate nitrogen and orthophosphate levels. Samples should be collected each month. All necessary sampling equipment will be provided by the OWRB.

Those interested in volunteering and attending the September 14th training should contact Karen Weldin at 918-452-3184 or email [kweldin@crosstel.net](mailto:kweldin@crosstel.net) and reserve a space. For more information on the Water Watch Program, visit the OWRB's Web site at [www.owrb.state.ok.us](http://www.owrb.state.ok.us) or contact Hannah Harder at 405-530-8800 or [hrharder@owrb.state.ok.us](mailto:hrharder@owrb.state.ok.us).

Save Our Water, Inc.'s mission is to preserve and protect Lake Eufaula and all Oklahoma's water resources.

**For more information, go to [www.saveourwaterlakeeufaula.com](http://www.saveourwaterlakeeufaula.com) or call 918-452-3184.**