

Environment, Secretary of (27A O.S. § 1-2-101)

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Mission Statement—To protect and enhance Oklahoma's environment and natural resources through preservation, conservation, restoration, education, and enforcement in order to maintain and improve the environmental quality and natural beauty of our state and better the standard of living for all Oklahomans.

Administration—JD Strong, Secretary of Environment; vacant, Chief of Staff

History and Function—The Office of the Secretary of Environment (OSE) was created, in response to Laws 1999, c.413 § 3 by the Oklahoma Legislature, to coordinate pollution control activities of the state, disburse Clean Water Act monies to Oklahoma agencies with environmental jurisdiction, and other duties as deemed appropriate by the governor. OSE serves as liaison between Oklahoma's environmental agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Office of the Governor.