



## CROMERR Success Story Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

On September 26, 2008, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (OKDEQ) received official approval from EPA, under the Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Regulation (CROMERR), for modifications/revisions to multiple authorized programs to allow electronic reporting for their Electronic Document Receiving System (ERDS). EPA announced its approval in a *Federal Register* notice published shortly thereafter (73FR 58587, October 7, 2008). OKDEQ submitted a consolidated CROMERR compliance application covering program modifications and revisions for multiple authorized programs under 40 CFR for air, waste and water programs, including existing electronic document receiving systems that accept reports with electronic signatures and “priority reports”. OKDEQ used a unified approach to meet CROMERR requirements that encompasses all applications and programs within an entity that is operating delegated programs. Under this approach, compliance with the requirements of CROMERR becomes a single, unified, and consistent effort, independent of the various programs and their supportive software applications. This approach provides a number of advantages, including lower cost, faster implementation, and a single compliance infrastructure to understand, support, and maintain. ERDS is designed to be an agency-wide system, extensible to any and all program areas.

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### The Oklahoma Solution to Meeting CROMERR Requirements

EPA approval of program modifications and revisions related to electronic reporting will be based on compliance with the CROMERR performance-based requirements for electronic document receiving systems. These requirements are found in §3.2000(b) of the regulation and discussed in section VI.E of the Preamble. CROMERR’s requirements reflect the need to ensure that electronically submitted documents have the same “legal dependability” as their paper counterparts. In preparing their applications, states, tribes, and local governments should describe how their electronic document receiving systems meet the §3.2000(b) requirements.