

EXCELLENCE IN SYSTEM PARTNERSHIPS

STATE: Oklahoma

RECIPIENT: South Delaware County Regional Water Authority

PROJECT: Treatment Plant, Booster Pump Stations, Standpipes, and Water Main Improvements

SUMMARY: The South Delaware County Regional Water Authority received \$15 million from various entities, including the Oklahoma DWSRF program, to construct a new surface water treatment plant and provide drinking water to nearby communities.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Several communities in northeastern Oklahoma were struggling to address various drinking water challenges, including exceeding various EPA maximum contaminant levels (MCL) and sulfur-smelling water. To address these challenges, the communities decided to create a regional water provider who could provide safe, reliable drinking water; this led to the creation of the South Delaware County Regional Water Authority (SDCRWA). Once created, the SDCRWA moved forward with construction of a new surface water treatment plant to enhance service for its current customers and extend service to other nearby communities experiencing drinking water system challenges.

The Oklahoma DWSRF program partnered with USDA-RD, Indian Health Services, the Cherokee Nation, and the South Delaware County Regional Water Authority (SDCRWA) to provide over \$15 million in funding for the SDCRWA's new surface water treatment plant. This project was completed in December 2019 and allows SDCRWA to continue providing safe, reliable drinking water to several disadvantaged communities in northeastern Oklahoma.

