

Membership Guide



Environmental Federation of Oklahoma

Providing Oklahoma
Companies a Voice in
Environmental Laws and
Regulations
since 1992

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Welcome from the President

Welcome to the Environmental Federation of Oklahoma! Since its beginning in 1991, EFO has been an advocate for Oklahoma resources as well as business interests regarding the effects of environmental regulations on their operations. EFO has gained the respect of regulators and legislators alike fostering support of public policy, environmental regulations and the fees assessed by the State of Oklahoma to protect our natural resources.



I encourage your company to become a member and join with other Environmental, Health, and Safety professionals to provide the best knowledge and resources to continue to guide our great state.

If you have any questions regarding EFO and its ability to impact the public policy or environmental regulations, do not hesitate to contact me personally at bud@envirofdok.org or 405.942.2334.

What is the Environmental Federation of Oklahoma?

The Environmental Federation of Oklahoma, Inc. (EFO) is a non-profit organization providing Oklahoma companies a voice in the formulation and implementation of state and federal environmental laws, regulations, and policies.



Mission Statement

To ensure that Oklahoma provides an environment conducive to high quality of life for all Oklahomans through balanced, responsible economic growth and protection of our natural resources.

EFO will achieve their mission by:

- Actively promoting the development of sound environmental policies and legislation
- Educating and informing EFO members, government officials and the citizens of Oklahoma as to the environmental issues affecting commerce
- Addressing the common environmental concerns of EFO members

What is the Goal of EFO?

EFO's goal is to ensure that a balance is reached between protecting Oklahoma's natural resources and responsible economic growth. Achieving this goal will lead to an enhanced environment and an improved quality of life for all citizens of Oklahoma.

Why Should My Company Join EFO?

Each year the number of environmental laws and regulations multiples. It is virtually impossible for any one company to keep up with all of the proposed and adopted changes, and even more difficult for that company's voice to be heard by decision makers.

EFO assists companies in having their common concerns heard by the Legislature and provides comments and testimony to administrative agencies regarding environmental rules and policies.

EFO provides educational opportunities such as seminars, workshops, information exchanges, and regulatory updates to assist you in the day-to-day operations of your company.

How Can My Company Get Involved in EFO?

Start by coming a member. Then your company can be involved with EFO by attending seminars and annual meetings and by serving on one or more of the standing committees. Embrace the opportunity to share common concerns with your peers and policy makers by uniting with other EFO members to address relevant environmental issues facing industry in Oklahoma. For more information on Membership, see the Membership section at www.envirdok.org.



Member Services

Below are some of the services provided to EFO members.

EFO News Update

Each week, EFO publishes the *EFO News Update* to keep its membership informed regarding the regulatory and legislative affairs of EFO membership. It contains current news regarding Oklahoma and Federal Environmental legislative affairs, regulatory media committee, upcoming EFO activities, news of interest throughout Oklahoma and United States affecting Oklahoma industries, Federal Register notices of regulatory interest, and articles of regulatory interest.

Legislative Activities

EFOs key legislative activities include the following:

- Provide a lobbying presence at the Oklahoma Legislature. No truly “bad for business” environmental bills have been passed during EFOs presence at the Legislature.
- Hosts an annual Legislature Reception for membership to meet legislators to develop relationships with them and express their concerns.
- Works with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality to maintain a low fee structure.
- Discuss pending environmental bills. This includes hosting a bi-weekly EFO Legislative Committee meetings to work with other lobbyists of similar interests. EFO members are also welcome to attend these meetings.
- Provide a weekly e-mail update on environmental bills of interest to EFO membership during the legislative session.
- Provide regular e-mail reports regarding interim studies dealing with environmental affairs.



Education Opportunities

EFO hosts multiple technical transfer seminars throughout the year on timely and critical issues where professional development hours are available upon request. See the Activities section for specific details on the types and when these events typically occur.

Outreach

EFO has established relationships with other groups and provide advice and exchange information on environmental matters to its membership. Those relationships include:

- State Chamber of Commerce
- Oklahoma Oil and Gas Association
- Oklahoma Aggregates Association
- Oklahoma Railroad Association
- Arkansas Environmental Federation



EFO also maintains a positive working relationship with state environmental agencies, such as the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, and the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. This allows EFOs membership to have favorable impact on agency rules pertaining to water quality, OPDES permits, solid waste, hazardous waste, air quality, fees, etc. EFO also has other regulatory interests committees for Wildlife and Health and Safety.

Overall, EFO seeks to build relationships with groups and entities which will allow industry to have a voice on environmental matters of public concern.

Litigation

EFO has also participated in litigation to represent its membership in matters of environmental concern. Examples of significant federal cases EFO has participated in are:

- *American Forest and Paper Association vs EPA, US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, No. 96-60874*

- *American Forest & Paper Association v US EPA, US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, No. 97-9506*
- *Harmon Industries v Carol Browner, et al., US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, No. 98-3775*
- *Piney Rn Preservation Association v County Commissions of Carroll County, MD, US Court of Appeals for Fourth Circuit, Nos. 00-1283 and 00-1322*
- *US v Power Engineering Co., et al, US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, No. 01-1217*
- *Paper, Allied Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union and the Ponca Tribe v Continental Carbon Company, US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, No. 03-6243*
- *OFBLF et al. v. OWRB — District Court of Oklahoma County Case No. CV-2013-2414'*
- *Carpenter v Murphy, US Supreme Court No. 17-756, on petition for certiorari to the tenth circuit (tenth cir. 07-7068& 15-7041)*

Communication

When critical and important information is of interest to EFO members, they are contacted immediately via email. This is done outside of its regularly issued *EFO News Update*. Employees of EFO members must request to be subscribed to this communication. Only company email addresses are acceptable. Past issues are available at www.envirofdok.org under Newsletters.

Website

EFO maintains an informative website dedicated to our members. It is the connection point for all EFO membership to obtain information about the organization, upcoming and past activities, the members only section includes newsletters and presentations past events, etc. It is a “one-stop shop” to provide all of the regulatory resources and links needed for an Oklahoma industry. Check it out at www.envirofdok.org. The Members Only section of the website is not publicly available and contains more information for members. Employees of EFO members must request permission to have access to this part of the website. Only company email addresses are acceptable.

EFO Activities

EFO hosts a variety of events for EFO Membership to participate and network with peers, regulators, and legislators. The events focus on dissemination of industry relevant information through peer presentations, technical seminars, and legislative and regulatory updates.

Legislative Reception

EFO hosts an annual **Legislative Reception** at the Faculty House near the State Capital. This low key, informal event allows EFO members to visit with legislators and regulatory officials and fellow company members about environmental issues and impacts affecting their company.



Regulatory Newsreel

At the conclusion of the annual legislative session, EFO annually hosts the **EFO Regulatory Newsreel**, a regulatory update in conjunction with the ODEQ, OWRB, OCC, and Oklahoma Wildlife Division. The primary purpose is to inform EFO members of the updates and changes to Oklahoma agency regulations and operations based on the current legislative session. Agencies also use this event to communicate up and coming new regulatory impacts, reporting, etc. that could affect the regulated community.

Annual Meeting and Trade Show

The **EFO Annual Meeting and Trade Show** is its trademark event, and it has grown over the years from a 1 ½ day to 2 day event due to the expanded regulatory oversight services EFO provides to its membership. At this event, national, regional, and state regulatory agency officials, EFO membership, and others share updates on current, newly issued, or proposed regulations, as well



as new technologies to assist the EFO membership. This is an informal open forum that allows free discussion and sharing of ideas.

Technology Transfer Seminars

EFO has hosted and co-hosted with educational institutions and/or state regulatory agencies to deliver important and critical regulatory rules and updates.

Examples of events held in the past are:

- *Pollution Prevention – Do’s and Don’t*
- *Tribal Environmental Issues – Revisited*
- *Oklahoma Wildlife*
- *Water Reuse in Oklahoma*
- *Air Technical Seminar*

Event Fees

The fees EFO charges for the events it hosts are some of the lowest in the region, especially when you consider its membership is getting information specific to their business operations and from the regulatory authorities in the State of Oklahoma. As a member of EFO, fees for attending the events and activities are greatly reduced. All events are structured to enable industry personnel access to regulators and legislators in an informal setting.



EFO Awards

EFO also hosts two different awards to recognize environmental stewardship in Oklahoma. The Frank Condon Award for Environmental Excellence is the recognition for companies while the James R. Barnett Public Servant Award awards recognition of individual's public service.

Frank Condon Award for Environmental Excellence

In 1999, the Environmental Federation of Oklahoma (EFO) initiated a program to honor outstanding environmental programs and/or projects by establishing the first Award for Environmental Excellence. The next year EFO's Board renamed the award after long-time Board member Frank



Condon. The Frank Condon Award for Environmental Excellence recognizes member companies which have implemented innovative, voluntary, and effective environmental programs. Phillips Petroleum Company was the 2000 award winner, and we have

celebrated and honored the memory of Frank Condon with this prestigious award to worthy companies every year since its inception.

An independent committee appointed by the EFO Board of Directors judges the applications. The winner is honored at the EFO Annual Meeting and Trade Show. All members submitting applications are recognized at the conference with the winning company given an opportunity to discuss its project at lunch on the first day of the conference.

Has your company initiated or completed a noteworthy environmental project this year? If so, why not obtain the recognition its environmental stewardship deserves by applying for the Frank Condon Award? Annual applications are due in September before the Annual Meeting is held in October of each year. And, previous winners retain their eligibility to apply and be recognized.

James R. Barnett Public Servant Award

EFO's James R Barnett Public Servant Award recognizes an individual embodying the traits and attributes of the consummate public servant, i.e., an individual who routinely goes above and beyond his or her job description in providing service to the regulated community in general and EFO members in particular. It was named for the first President of EFO James R. Barnett.

A public servant's qualifying actions for the award can be in the nature of a career of excellent service or for a single meaningful act, or any combination of the two. Local, state, and federal government employees, officers, and elected officials are eligible for the award.

Nominations must be made by an EFO member, be in writing, and provide a detailed statement as to the basis of the nomination, including example(s) of the nominee's actions warranting the award.

The EFO's Chairman appoints an Awards Committee charged with recommending one or more individuals to the Board for recognition at each year's Annual Meeting.



Membership Levels

Joining EFO is easy! Show your support for an Oklahoma organization that encourages responsible industrial growth with respect to the environment.

There are four levels of EFO membership available to industry who have interests in regulatory affairs in Oklahoma. The membership levels available have been created to accommodate all types of businesses.

Company

Company membership is available to any company doing business in Oklahoma. Company members are eligible for election to the Board of Directors and may serve as Federation officers. Annual dues are \$2500 per facility up to a maximum of \$6000.

Associate

Associate membership is available to associations and smaller companies doing business in Oklahoma. They are not eligible for election to the Board of Directors. Annual dues are \$600.

Affiliate

Affiliate membership are those entities, such as consultants, which are not Company or Associate memberships. Affiliate Members are eligible to service on the Board of Directors (no more than three at any one time) and may not serve as Chair. Affiliate memberships are limited to one for every three Company or Associate memberships. Annual dues are \$500.

Appendix Affiliate

Appendix Affiliate memberships are available to Affiliate Members which exceed the percentage authorized by the by-laws. Appendix Affiliate Members are not entitled to vote at General Membership meetings. Annual dues are \$500.

Dues Deductibility

Since EFO does lobbying on behalf of its membership, a portion of the dues paid to EFO are eligible as part of your tax reductions when submitting corporate taxes. This information is provided to EFO membership when dues are paid and upon renewal. It is also available at www.envirofdok.org under News.

EFO Board and Committees

The list of EFO Board Members and the Committee Chairs is available [HERE](#).



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