

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**DESCRIPTION OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will host a Technical Advisory Committee Meeting for the New River Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Project on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the Radford Public Library located at 30 W Main Street, Radford, VA 24141. The Technical Advisory Committee consists of representatives from local governments, Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permittees, riparian landowners, and recreational and conservation groups in the watershed. Technical Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are welcome to observe and ask questions during the designated time at the meeting.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and its contractors will discuss polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) data for the development of a water quality study known as a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the New River and its tributaries. Additional Technical Advisory Committee discussion topics include but are not limited to the TMDL development approach, TMDL implementation strategy, and project next steps.

**DESCRIPTION OF STUDY:** In Virginia, portions of the mainstem New River, Stony Creek, Walker Creek, Reed Creek, and Claytor Lake are listed as impaired for PCBs based on a Virginia Department of Health (VDH) fish consumption advisory and violations of Virginia's Water Quality Standards. The PCB impairment begins at the I-77 bridge across the New River and extends downstream of the VA/WV state line, and includes Peak Creek, Reed Creek, Stony Creek, Walker Creek and Claytor Lake. This water quality study will report on the sources of PCBs and recommend reductions to meet Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. Reductions and a TMDL designed to reinstate the fish consumption use will be developed. Virginia agencies are working cooperatively to identify sources of PCBs.

Stream	County	Impairment
New River	Montgomery	PCBs in Fish Tissue
New River	Radford City	PCB in Fish Tissue
New River, Stony Creek	Giles	PCBs in Fish Tissue
Walker Creek	Giles	PCBs in Water Column
New River, Peak Creek	Pulaski	PCBs in Fish Tissue
New River, Reed Creek	Wythe	PCBs in Fish Tissue

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