

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on a proposed modification to the completed Bacteria and Benthic Total Maximum Daily Load Study for Beaver Creek Watershed located in Bristol City and Washington County, Virginia.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION – Bacteria and Benthic TMDL Study Modification located in Bristol City and Washington County: This TMDL was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency on 07/06/2004 and can be found at the following website: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/apptmdls/tenbigrvr/beaver.pdf>. DEQ proposed to revise the TMDL to accommodate the addition of a new permitted discharge in the watershed, to reconfigure the model and update original source assessment estimates based on significant changes to land use.

PUBLIC MEETING: The public meeting on the TMDL modification will be held on March 1, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Room CR222 located at One Partnership Circle, Abingdon, VA 24210. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the same location on March 8, 2016.

The public comment period will begin on March 1, 2016 and end on April 1, 2016. An advisory committee to assist in the redevelopment of this TMDL was convened on May 23, 2013 and November 13, 2013.

A component of a TMDL is the Waste Load Allocations (WLAs); therefore, this notice is provided pursuant to §2.2-4006.A.14 of the Administrative Process Act for any future adoption of the TMDL's associated WLAs. Information on the development of the TMDLs for these impairments is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to:

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Please note, all written comments should include name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to DEQ contact person:

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