

Public Notice – Approval of Water Quality Management Planning Actions

Notice of action: The State Water Control Board (Board) is considering the approval of five Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reports, and granting authorization to include the TMDL reports in the appropriate Water Quality Management Plans (WQMPs).

Purpose of notice: The Board is seeking comment on the proposed approvals and authorizations. The purpose of these actions is to approve five TMDL reports as Virginia's plans for the pollutant reductions necessary for attainment of water quality goals in impaired waterbodies. These actions are taken in accordance with the Public Participation Procedures for Water Quality Management Planning.

Public comment period: January 13 – February 13, 2014

Description of proposed action: DEQ staff intends to recommend 1) that the DEQ Director approve the TMDL reports listed below as Virginia's plans for the pollutant reductions necessary for attainment of water quality goals in the impaired segments, and 2) that the DEQ Director authorize inclusion of the TMDL reports in the appropriate WQMPs. No regulatory amendments are required for these TMDLs and their associated waste load allocations.

At the December 2, 2004 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to delegate to the DEQ Director the authority to approve TMDLs that do not include waste load allocations requiring regulatory adoption by the Board, provided that a summary report of the action the Director plans to take is presented to the Board prior to the Director approving the TMDL reports. The TMDLs included in this public notice will be approved using this delegation of authority.

The TMDLs listed below were developed in accordance with Federal Regulations (40 CFR §130.7) and are exempt from the provisions of Article II of the Virginia Administrative Process Act. The TMDLs have been through the TMDL public participation process contained in DEQ's Public Participation Procedures for Water Quality Management Planning. The public comment process provides the affected stakeholders an opportunity for public appeal of the TMDLs. EPA approved all TMDL reports presented under this public notice. The approved reports can be found at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDevelopment/ApprovedTMDLReports.aspx>.

Affected Waterbodies and Localities:

In the Potomac – Shenandoah River Basin:

1. *“Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Development for Tributaries to the Potomac River: Prince William and Stafford Counties”*
 - 9 bacteria TMDLs, located in Prince William and Stafford counties, propose bacteria reductions for portions of the watersheds to address primary contact (swimming use) impairments.
2. *“Bacteria TMDL Development for Tributaries to the Potomac River: Sugarland Run, Mine Run, and Pimmit Run”*
 - 3 bacteria TMDLs, located in Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun counties, propose bacteria reductions for portions of the watersheds to address primary contact (swimming use) impairments.

In the James River Basin:

3. *“Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load Development for Hat Creek, Piney River, Rucker Run, Mill Creek, Rutledge Creek, Turner Creek, Buffalo River and Tye River in Nelson County and Amherst County, Virginia”*

- 8 bacteria TMDLs, located in Nelson and Amherst counties, propose bacteria reductions for portions of the watersheds to address primary contact (swimming use) impairments.
4. *“Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load Development for Bent Creek, North Creek, Stonewall Creek, Walkers Ford Creek, and Wreck Island Creek”*
- 5 bacteria TMDLs, located Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, and Campbell counties, propose bacteria reductions for portions of the watershed to address primary contact (swimming use) impairments.

In the Roanoke River Basin:

5. *“Bacterial TMDL Development for the Banister River (BAN06A08) and Winn Creek (WNN01A06) Watersheds”*
- 2 bacteria TMDLs, located in Halifax and Pittsylvania counties, propose bacteria reductions for portions of the watersheds to address the primary contact (swimming) use.

How to comment: The DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax and postal mail. All written comments must include the full name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ by 5 p.m. on the last day of the comment period.

How a decision is made: After comments have been considered, the Board will make the final decision.

To review documents: The TMDL reports and TMDL implementation plans are available on the DEQ web site at

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDevelopment/ApprovedTMDLReports.aspx> and by contacting the DEQ

representative named below. The electronic copies are in PDF format and may be read online or downloaded.

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