

Public Notice – Approval of Water Quality Management Planning Actions

Notice of action: The State Water Control Board (Board) is considering the approval of seven Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plans (TMDL IPs) and granting authorization to include the TMDL IPs 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 seven TMDL IPs as Virginia's plans for the management actions necessary for attainment of water quality goals in several 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 IPs listed below as Virginia's plans for the management actions necessary for attainment of water quality goals in the impaired segments, and 2) that the DEQ Director authorize inclusion of the TMDL IPs in the appropriate WQMPs. . No regulatory amendments are required for these TMDL IPs.

At the June 28, 2005 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to delegate to the DEQ Director the authority to approve TMDL implementation plans, provided that a summary report of the action the Director plans to take is presented to the Board prior to the Director's approval. The TMDL Implementation Plans included in this public notice will be approved using this delegation of authority.

The TMDLs listed below were developed in accordance with 1997 Water Quality Monitoring, Information and Restoration Act (WQMIRA, §62.1-44. 19:4 through 19:8 of

the Code of Virginia) and federal recommendations. The TMDL IPs were developed in accordance with DEQ's Public Participation Procedures for Water Quality Management Planning. Extensive public participation was solicited during the development of the plans, and the public comment process provided the affected stakeholders with opportunities for comment on the proposed plans. The final TMDL IPs can be found at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLImplementation/TMDLImplementationPlans.aspx>.

Affected Waterbodies and Localities:

In the Potomac – Shenandoah River Basin:

1. *“Linville Creek Watershed Implementation Plan”*
 - The IP proposes management actions needed to reduce bacteria and sediment and restore the primary contact and aquatic life uses in Linville Creek located in Rockingham county.
2. *“Spout Run Water Quality Improvement Plan”*
 - The IP proposes management actions needed to reduce bacteria and sediment and restore the primary contact and aquatic life uses in Spout Run located in Clarke county.

In the James River Basin:

3. *“Rockfish River Watershed TMDL Implementation Plan”*
 - The IP proposes management actions needed to reduce bacteria and sediment and restore the primary contact and aquatic life uses in the Rockfish River watershed located in Nelson county.

In the Roanoke River Basin:

4. *“Lower Banister River Watershed Implementation Plan”*
 - The IP proposes management actions needed to reduce bacteria and restore the primary contact use in the Banister River watershed located in Halifax and Pittsylvania counties

5. *“South Mayo River, North Fork Mayo River, South Fork Mayo River, Blackberry Creek, Marrowbone Creek, Leatherwood Creek, and Smith River Watershed Implementation Plan”*
 - The IP proposes management actions needed to reduce bacteria and restore the primary contact use in the Smith River and Mayo River watersheds located in Patrick, Henry, Floyd, and Franklin counties

In the Tennessee – Big Sandy River Basin:

6. *“A Plan to Reduce Fecal Bacteria and Sediment in the Middle Fork Holston River and Wolf Creek Watersheds”*
 - The IP proposes management actions needed to reduce bacteria and sediment and restore the primary contact and aquatic life uses in the Middle Fork Holston River and Wolf Creek watersheds located in Washington, Wythe, and Smyth counties.

In the Chesapeake Bay-Small Coastal-Eastern Shore Basin:

7. *“Water Quality Implementation Plan for Gwynns Island, Milford Haven and Piankatank River Watersheds (Upper and Lower”*
 - The IP proposes management actions needed to reduce bacteria and restore the shellfishing and primary contact uses contact use in the Piankatank River watershed located in Mathews, Middlesex, and Gloucester counties.

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 implementation plans are available on the DEQ web site at

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/T>

[MDLImplementation/TMDLImplementationPlans.aspx](#) and by contacting the DEQ representative named below. The electronic copies are in PDF format and may be read online or downloaded.

Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information:

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