

## **Public Notice – Approval of Water Quality Management Planning Actions**

**Notice of action:** The State Water Control Board (Board) is considering the approval of two 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 two 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:** February 11 – March 12, 2013

**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 New River Basin:**

1. *“Little River Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan”*
  - The IP proposes management actions needed to restore the natural trout and stockable trout temperature water quality standards, and reduce bacteria and sediment to restore the primary contact (swimming) and aquatic life designated uses in the Little River watershed located in Floyd and Montgomery counties.

### **In the York River Basin:**

2. *“Upper York River Basin Watershed Implementation Plan”*
  - The IP proposes management actions needed to reduce bacteria and restore the primary contact (swimming) use in Beaver Creek, Mountain Run, Pamunkey Creek, Plentiful Creek, and Terrys Run located in Louisa, Orange, and Spotsylvania 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/TMDLImplementation/TMDLImplementationPlans.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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