

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for tributaries of the Tye River, including Hat Creek, Piney River, and Rucker Run, in Nelson and Amherst Counties. The tributaries of the Tye River were listed on the 2004, 2006 and 2008 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. The impaired portions of Hat Creek (H09R) extend 9.58 miles, from the headwaters downstream to its confluence with the Tye River. Piney River's (H10R) impairment stretches a total of 13.3 miles from a point 13.3 miles upstream to its confluence with the Tye River. The impaired segment of Rucker Run (H13R) extends from the headwaters downstream to its confluence with the Tye River, for a total of 18.26 miles. The impaired section of the Tye River begins with its confluence with Piney River downstream to its confluence with the James River.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The final public meeting on the development of these TMDLs will be held on **Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** at Massies Mill Ruritan Hall, 5439 Patrick Henry Highway, Roseland, Virginia 22967.

The public comment period for this last public meeting will end on June 24, 2013. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Tara Sieber, Department of Environmental Quality, 4411 Early Road, PO Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, telephone (540) 574-7870, fax (540) 574-7878, or e-mail tara.sieber@deq.virginia.gov.

This meeting is part of a larger “Eco-region” effort to develop a TMDL for the tributaries of the James River in Nelson, Amherst, and Appomattox Counties. Due to the large area covered by this project, three meetings will be held at each stage – three public meetings, three Technical Advisory Committee meetings, etc. Questions regarding the Nelson County tributaries can be directed to Tara Sieber, the DEQ TMDL Coordinator for the Valley Region (tara.sieber@deq.virginia.gov), and questions regarding the Amherst and Appomattox County tributaries can be directed to Paula Nash, the DEQ TMDL Coordinator for the Blue Ridge Region out of the Lynchburg office (paula.nash@deq.virginia.gov).