

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
NOTICE OF HEARING AND COMMENTS
FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
IN THE UPPER REPUBLICAN AND SOLOMON BASINS**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared two Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for streams and lakes in the Upper Republican River Basin and three TMDLs for streams in the Solomon River Basin that are impaired by not meeting state water quality standards. These TMDLs address impairment issues that KDHE has identified with the help of the Basin Advisory Committees and represents the second round of TMDLs for waters in the Solomon Basin since 2003 and the third round of TMDLs for waters in the Upper Republican Basin since 2003 and 2006.

The TMDLs presented for public review are:

Upper Republican Basin:

1. Upper Prairie Dog Creek and Norton Lake - Total Phosphorus and Eutrophication (revision to existing Eutrophication TMDL)
2. Lower Prairie Dog Creek – Total Phosphorus

Solomon Basin:

1. North Fork Solomon River at Portis – E. Coli Bacteria
2. South Fork Solomon River near Osborne – E. Coli Bacteria
3. Deer Creek – Selenium (revision)

These TMDLs are available for review at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment TMDL website: <http://www.kdheks.gov/tmdl/index.htm>. Additionally, copies of the TMDLs can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Water, Watershed Planning Section (785-296-8791).

A public hearing to take testimony from interested parties will be held:

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Location: Phillips County Extension Office

Address: 784 Sixth St.

Phillipsburg, KS

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am

The first portion of the hearing will be a briefing by the Watershed Planning Section, outlining each of the TMDLs. The public record for these TMDLs will be held open until February 24, 2010. After reviewing the testimony and public comments, KDHE will make any appropriate revisions to the TMDLs and will submit them to Region VII of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing process and may request the proposed TMDLs in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing process should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting KDHE.

In the event of inclement weather this hearing will not be rescheduled, in which case comments will need to be submitted in writing. Requests, questions or written comments should be directed to Tom Stiles at the Watershed Planning Section of KDHE at: Watershed Planning Section / Tom Stiles, 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367; by email at tstiles@kdheks.gov; by telephone: 785-296-6170 or by FAX: 785-291-3266.