

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND COMMENTS
FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
IN THE MISSOURI AND MARAIS DES CYGNES RIVER BASINS**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for streams and lakes in the Marais des Cygnes and Missouri Basins that are impaired by not meeting state water quality standards. These TMDLs represent the third round of TMDLs for waters in the Marais des Cygnes and Missouri Basins since 2001 and 2007.

The TMDLs presented for public review are:

Marais des Cygnes Basin

Upper Marais des Cygnes (HUC 10290101)

- Cedar Creek Lake – Eutrophication and Siltation
- Ottawa Creek – Lead
- Salt Creek – Atrazine
- Salt Creek – Dissolved Oxygen

Lower Marais des Cygnes (HUC 10290102)

- Pleasanton Reservoir – Eutrophication

Missouri Basin

Independence-Sugar (HUC 10240011)

- Atchison County State Fishing Lake – Eutrophication (revision) and pH

Lower Marais des Cygnes (HUC 10290102)

- Jerry's Lake – Eutrophication

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

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

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013

Location: USDA Service Center
343 West 23rd Street
Ottawa, KS 66067

Time: 2:00-3:00 pm

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The first portion of the hearing will be a briefing by the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section, outlining each of the Marais des Cygnes Basin TMDLs. The public comment period for these TMDLs will be held open from May 4th through June 7th of 2013. 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.

Requests, questions or written comments should be directed to Tom Stiles of the Watershed Planning, Monitoring and Assessment Section of KDHE at: 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.