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NOTICE OF HEARING AND COMMENTS FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS IN THE SMOKY HILL-SALINE RIVER BASIN

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Mulberry Creek, Saline River, Sharps Creek, Mud Creek, and Smoky Hill River from Mentor to Junction City in the Smoky-Saline River Basin that are impaired by not meeting state surface water quality standards.

The TMDLs presented for public review are:

Smoky Hill -Saline River Basin

Lower Saline (HUC 10260010)

- Mulberry Creek near Salina – Total Phosphorus
- Saline River near New Cambria – Total Phosphorus

Lower Smoky Hill (HUC 10260008)

- Sharps Creek near Freemount – Total Phosphorus
- Mud Creek near Abilene – Total Phosphorus
- Smoky Hill River from Mentor to Junction City – Total Phosphorus
- Smoky Hill River from Mentor to Salina – Nitrate

Copies of these TMDLs can be obtained for review by contacting the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section in the Bureau of Water (785-296-8791) or by accessing them online through the KDHE TMDL website at http://www.kdheks.gov/tmdl/planning_mgmt.htm.

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

Date: Friday, December 14, 2018
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: North Central District Office
2501 Market Place, Ste. D
Salina, KS 67401-7699

In the case of inclement weather, please call 785-296-1664 for information regarding relocation or rescheduling of the hearing.

The first portion of the hearing will be a briefing by the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section outlining each of the TMDLs, and the second portion of the hearing will be open for public comment. The public comment period for these TMDLs will be held open from November 29th of 2018 through January 4th of 2019. After reviewing the testimony and public comments, KDHE will make appropriate revisions to the TMDLs and submit them to Region 7 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 Trevor Flynn of the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section of KDHE at: 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367; by email: Trevor.Flynn@ks.gov; by telephone: 785-296-8791; or by fax: 785-559-4258.