

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
NOTICE OF HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS
FOR 2008 TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
IN THE NEOSHO, VERDIGRIS, AND WALNUT BASINS**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared eight Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for lakes in the Neosho, Verdigris, and Walnut River Basins 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 Verdigris and Walnut basins since 2002 and the third round of TMDLs for waters in the Neosho basin since 2002 and 2005.

The TMDLs subject to public review are:

Neosho Basin

1. Council Grove Lake - Eutrophication Revision
2. Marion Lake – Eutrophication Revision

Verdigris Basin

3. Big Hill Lake - Eutrophication
4. Elk City Lake – Eutrophication bundled with Siltation
5. Eureka Lake – Eutrophication bundled with Siltation
6. Fall River Lake - Eutrophication bundled with Siltation and Dissolved Oxygen
7. Toronto Lake - Eutrophication bundled with Siltation and Dissolved Oxygen

Walnut Basin

8. Winfield City Lake - Eutrophication

Public hearings to take testimony from interested parties will be held:

-**Tuesday July 22, 2008** in Winfield at the Ridge Restaurant from 5:00-5:30pm for the Walnut Basin.

-**Wednesday July 23, 2008** in Neodesha at the Housing Authority Building from 12:00-1:00pm for the Verdigris Basin.

-**Thursday July 24, 2008** in Burlington at the Coffey County Courthouse from 12:00-1:00pm for the Neosho Basin

The first portion of the hearing will be a briefing by the Watershed Planning Section, outlining each of the TMDLs. Public comments and queries regarding these TMDLs will be taken by KDHE until August 22, 2008. After reviewing the 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.

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 (785-296-6170).

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