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NOTICE OF HEARING AND COMMENTS FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS IN THE LOWER ARKANSAS RIVER BASIN

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Arkansas River and the Little Arkansas River in the Lower Arkansas River Basin that are impaired by not meeting state surface water quality standards.

The TMDLs presented for public review are:

Lower Arkansas River Basin

Gar-Peace (HUC 11030009 and 11030010)

Arkansas River from Hutchinson to Wichita – Total Phosphorus

Little Arkansas (HUC 11030012)

Little Arkansas River at Wichita – Total Phosphorus

Middle Arkansas-Slate (HUC 11030013)

Arkansas River from Wichita to Arkansas City – Total Phosphorus

Arkansas River at Derby – 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, April 27, 2018
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: South Central District Office
300 West Douglas, Suite 700
Wichita, KS 67202-2921

The first portion of the hearing will be a briefing by the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section outlining each of the TMDLs. The public comment period for these TMDLs will be held open from April 5th through May 5th of 2018. 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.