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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT BUREAU OF WATER NOTICE OF HEARINGS

KDHE announces a public hearing on the 2018 Kansas 303(d) List of Impaired Waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires States to biennially prepare a list of waters failing to meet State Water Quality Standards. Such waters are required to have Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) prepared by the State to restore their water quality. A Total Maximum Daily Load is the maximum amount of the impairing pollutant that can enter the water without causing a violation of its water quality standards.

Since 1999, Kansas has developed TMDLs for impaired surface waters in each of the State's 12 river basins. KDHE develops and revises TMDLs for selected impairments identified in the current Section 303(d) list by prioritizing watersheds or waters for restoration and protection. In accordance with the Kansas TMDL development cycle, TMDLs will be developed for the Smoky Hill – Saline River Basin and the Kansas – Lower Republican River Basin during this listing cycle. The draft 2018 Kansas 303(d) list will emphasize waters in these basins, including an initial designation of TMDLs to be developed over the next two years. The list and its methodology are available for review on the Internet at: <http://www.kdheks.gov/tmdl/methodology.htm>.

The public hearing will open with a brief summary of the list and its methodology as it pertains to the waters of the applicable river basins. Public testimony will then be taken after the presentation. Please provide a written copy of any testimony at the hearings. Written testimony will be accepted by KDHE any time prior to the close of business on Friday, March 23, 2018. KDHE will prepare a response to all public comments and revise the draft list as necessary. KDHE will submit the list, the methodology, the public comments, and the KDHE response to Region 7 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on March 30, 2018.

Two public hearings will take place:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Curtis State Office Building
1000 SW Jackson St.
Topeka, KS
Azure Room (4th Floor)
11:00 am – Noon

Thursday, March 15, 2018
KDHE North Central District Office
2501 Market Place, Suite D
Salina, KS
11:00 am - Noon

If accommodations at the hearing locations are needed by persons with disabilities, notify KDHE at least five business days before the respective hearing in writing or by calling (785) 296-8791. Other inquiries regarding this notice should be directed to Mr. R. Trevor Flynn at (785) 296-8791 or Trevor.Flynn@ks.gov.