

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
NOTICE OF HEARINGS**

KDHE announces a public hearing on the 2012 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 rotating among the 12 basins generally over a five year span. In accordance with the Kansas TMDL development cycle, TMDLs will be developed for the Marais des Cygnes and Missouri Basins starting this year to be completed in 2013. Over the course of the next two years, TMDLs will be developed for the Neosho, Verdigris, and Walnut Basins in 2013 and 2014. The draft 2012 Kansas 303(d) list will emphasize waters in these five 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/>.

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 basin. 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 anytime prior to the close of business on Friday, March 23, 2012. KDHE will prepare a response to all public comments and revise the draft list as necessary and will submit the list, the methodology, the public comments and the KDHE response to Region VII of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on March 30, 2012.

Two public hearings will take place:

Wednesday, March 7, 2012
Curtis State Office Building
1000 SW Jackson St.
Azure Conference Room (4th Floor)
1:00 pm -3:00 pm

Thursday, March 8, 2012
KDHE Southeast District Office
1500 W. 7th St.
Chanute, KS
1:00 pm -3:00 pm

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) 296-6170. Other inquiries regarding this notice should also be directed to Mr. Thomas Stiles at (785) 296-6170 or tstiles@kdheks.gov.