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NOTICE OF SOLICITATION FOR WATER QUALITY DATA

In developing the 2020 Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters in Kansas, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is soliciting “all existing and readily available water quality-related data and information” in accordance with 40 CFR 130.7(b)(5). Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires states to biennially prepare a list of waters failing to meet State Water Quality Standards, based on data and information from local, state, and federal agencies; members of the public; and academic institutions conducting research. Submitted data and information will be evaluated by KDHE for listing decisions for the 2020 Kansas 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, to be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by April 1, 2020.

This notice requests any data or information on the water quality condition of waters of the state over the period January 1, 2000 through September 30, 2019. Data associated with waters for which water quality problems have been reported are of particular interest, as is information on waters in the Smoky Hill-Saline, Lower Arkansas and Kansas-Lower Republican River Basins. Submitted data may include chemical, physical or biological measurements and should be accompanied by information to identify the waterbody with as much geographic specificity as possible. Data submitted to KDHE for consideration should have adequate quality control and quality assurance for accuracy, representation and precision in describing the water quality of streams, lakes and wetlands.

KDHE will be accepting data submissions through December 13, 2019. Data submission or questions may be sent to Michelle Probasco, KDHE Bureau of Water, Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section, 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367, (785) 296-8229 or fax (785) 296-0086, or e-mail at michelle.probasco@ks.gov