

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT
BUREAU OF WATER NOTICE OF HEARINGS**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) announces a public hearing on the 2020 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 Lower Arkansas River during this listing cycle. The draft 2020 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 will be made available prior to the hearing here: <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 State. Public testimony will then be taken after the presentation. Please provide a written copy of any testimony at the hearing. **Written testimony will be accepted by KDHE any time between the original posting of this hearing in the Kansas Register on February 27, 2020 through the close of business on March 27, 2020.** KDHE will prepare a response to all public comments and revise the draft list as necessary. KDHE will submit the list, the methodology, and any public comments with KDHE's response to Region 7 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on March 30, 2020.

The public hearing will take place:

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: Curtis State Office Building
1000 SW Jackson St., Room 530
Topeka, KS 66612-1367

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing process. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing process should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by calling (785) 296-8229. Other inquiries regarding this notice should be directed to Michelle Probasco at: michelle.probasco@ks.gov or (785) 296-8229.