

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, COMMENT PERIOD

January 31, 2014

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Announces that the Draft 2014 Impaired Waterbodies List (commonly called the 303(d) List) is Available for Review.

The Public Comment Period is Open.

Public Comment Period Begins:	Friday, January 31, 2014
Public Hearing:	Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Public Comment Period Ends:	Monday, March 3, 2014

WHAT IS THE 2014 IMPAIRED WATERBODIES (303(d)) LIST?

The 303(d) List is developed by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) every two years under provisions of Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act. ADEQ assesses water quality monitoring data from numerous locations around the state and utilizes a comprehensive assessment methodology to determine which waters are not meeting their water quality standards and/or designated uses as listed in the Arkansas Water Quality Standards (Regulation No. 2 of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission).

Water quality data from stream and lake sampling sites were considered during the development of the proposed 2014 303(d) List. The evaluated water quality data were collected by multiple entities, including ADEQ, other state, federal and local government agencies, as well as private entities in Arkansas and from surrounding states.

SUMMARY OF 2014 IMPAIRED WATERBODIES (303(d)) LIST)

Category 5 (303(d) list) – impaired for one or more constituents

- 165 stream segments
- 3,083.4 stream miles
- 258 pollutant pairs listed (pollutant pair = cause + stream segment)

Category 4a – impaired for one or more constituents with a TMDL for at least one constituent

- 162 stream segments
- 2,670.22 stream miles
- 265 pollutant pairs

De-listings (proposed to be removed from the 303(d) list)

- 33 metal pollutant pairs (copper, lead, zinc)
- 11 pH or dissolved oxygen pollutant pairs
- 17 turbidity pollutant pairs
- 49 minerals pollutant pairs
- 2 nutrient pollutant pairs
- 1 pathogen pollutant pair

New listings (proposed to be added to the 303(d) list)

- 91 new stream segments listed

- 103 new pollutant pairs listed
 - 22 new turbidity listings
 - 18 new sulfate listings
 - 6 new metals listings
 - 39 new listings for other constituents

Note: Some stream segments are listed for multiple constituents and some are listed in both Category 5 and Category 4a.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ADEQ will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Agency's proposed 2014 Impaired Waterbodies List (commonly called the 303(d) List). Prior to accepting formal public comments at the hearing, ADEQ Water Division staff will present a short program discussing the proposed 2014 303(d) List. A period of time will also be set aside for informal discussion, questions, and answers before the formal public hearing begins. The public hearing will be held at:

2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Commission Room
ADEQ headquarters building;
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR

HOW TO PROVIDE INPUT

Oral and written comments on the proposed 2014 303(d) List will be accepted at the public hearing, but written statements are preferred in the interest of accuracy. Comments must be received before the end of the comment period. Proposed revisions to the 2014 Arkansas 303(d) List may be incorporated into the 2014 Arkansas Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report (commonly called the 305b Report), after approval by the ADEQ Director and the Region 6 Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Written comments should be sent to:

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North Little Rock, AR 72118

E-mail comments should be addressed to: ImpairedWater_Comments@adeq.state.ar.us

**IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER
THAN 4:30 p.m., ON MONDAY, March 3, 2014.**

HOW TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION

A complete listing of impaired waterbodies can be found in the tables following the narrative of the draft 303(d) List. Copies of the list and maps of listed waters by county are available on the ADEQ's web site at www.adeq.state.ar.us or can be obtained by contacting Selena Medrano in the ADEQ Water Division; telephone, 501-682-0662; e-mail, medrano@adeq.state.ar.us.

Copies of the proposed 2014 Arkansas 303(d) List are also available for public inspection during normal business hours at the ADEQ's Public Outreach and Assistance Division, located at ADEQ headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock. In addition, copies of

the list are available for public review during normal business hours at ADEQ information depositories located in public libraries at Arkadelphia, Batesville, Blytheville, Camden, Clinton, Crossett, El Dorado, Fayetteville, Forrest City, Fort Smith, Harrison, Helena, Hope, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Magnolia, Mena, Monticello, Mountain Home, Pocahontas, Russellville, Searcy, Stuttgart, Texarkana, and West Memphis; in campus libraries at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the University of Central Arkansas at Conway; and in the Arkansas State Library located on the State Capitol grounds at Little Rock.

Dated this 31st day of January, 2014,

Teresa Marks, Director,
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality