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Mr. Jim Wise
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Re: 2016 List of 303(d) Impaired Waterbodies

Friends of the Rivers Stream Team continues to monitor water quality and conduct macroinvertebrate sampling quarterly on Hicks Creek off 201 South and Old Military Road. It appears that is the same location (WHI0065) where ADEQ operates a monthly water quality station.

In addition, we understand that in 2015, ADEQ collected bacteria samples from nine sites along Hicks Creek, Big Creek and their tributaries, **as well as initiating a water quality and biological survey on Hicks and Big Creeks. However, that survey has been stalled for lack of resources or other priorities.**

Friends urges the Department to resume these initiatives and we heartily support

retaining Hicks Creek on the 303(d) list.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Jane E. Darr

Immediate Past President

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