

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, COMMENT PERIOD

This is to give notice that the Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Water Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317 is opening the public comment period for the 2020 draft 303(d) Impaired Waters List. The 2020 draft 303(d) Impaired Waters List can be found at www.adeg.state.ar.us/water/planning/integrated/303d/list.aspx. Public comments will be accepted from August 1, 2021 to September 20, 2021. Comments can be submitted anytime throughout this period via email at waterbodycomments@adeg.state.ar.us or mail at Arkansas DEQ, Office of Water Quality-Planning 303(d) Comments, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317.

A public hearing will be held on September 20, 2021 beginning at 1:00 p.m. CDT to accept comments on the 2020 draft 303(d) Impaired Waters List. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest of public health, the public hearing will be held in person at DEQ Headquarters in North Little Rock and remotely through the Zoom virtual meetings platform, which may be utilized via telephone or internet audio. Written and oral statements may be submitted regarding the draft 303(d) Impaired Waters List to the Presiding Officer for consideration at the Public Hearing. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date.

Persons wishing to be recognized to make an oral comment through the Zoom virtual meetings platform during the public hearing must be placed on a “virtual sign-in list” by notifying the Presiding Officer before 4:00 p.m. CDT on the day before the hearing. A request to be included on the list of commenters must include the name and mailing address of the individual requestor or commenter and be submitted by email to the email address above or voicemail to the telephone number 501-682-0947. Written comments may be submitted until 11:59 p.m. CDT on the day of the hearing, and must also include the commenter’s name, mailing address, and email address.