



Public Notice

Beginning Date: June 1, 2012
Ending Date: July 16, 2012

Name: Draft Watkins Creek Total Maximum Daily Load, or TMDL

Location: This stream is in St. Louis County near the city of St. Louis, Mo.

Purpose: A draft copy of the Watkins Creek TMDL¹ is available for public review and comment.

Description: The TMDL proposes limits for *E. coli*, which is causing Watkins Creek to be impaired. A listing of impaired waters is required under Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. All waters listed must have a TMDL written for them. These are water bodies that do not meet the Missouri Water Quality Standards even after implementing existing regulatory programs. A TMDL document provides background information on the water body, a calculation of the maximum pollutant load the water body can incorporate without being impaired, an implementation plan to restore water quality and, in some instances, a continuous monitoring plan. The Watkins Creek TMDL Information Sheets provides background material for this document.

To Obtain a Copy: Copies of the TMDL can be obtained by calling the Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program at 800-361-4827 or 573-751-7428 or by accessing the TMDL website at:

Draft Watkins Creek TMDL
dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/docs/1708-watkins-ck-tmdl.pdf
Watkins Creek TMDL Information Sheet
dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/tmdl/info/1708-watkins-ck-info.pdf
General TMDL Information
dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/tmdl/index.html

Invitation to Comment: The interested public is encouraged to participate in this process if they have concerns regarding the content of this document or if they would like to provide written support for the process. The Department will accept written comments regarding the Watkins Creek TMDL through July 16, 2012.

Address: Comments should be sent to the Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, Watershed Protection Section, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176. Send e-mail comments to john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov. E-mails should provide contact information of the sender (i.e., name, mailing address, phone number).

For more information: For more information on TMDL issues, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website at www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/.

¹ See the attached fact sheet for an explanation of Total Maximum Daily Loads.