

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7  
Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division  
901 North 5th Street  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

NOTICE OF EXTENDED AVAILABILITY  
DRAFT TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL)  
FOR WEST FORK BLACK RIVER IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI

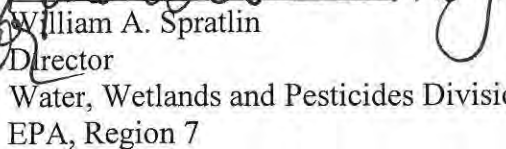
Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 USC § 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) implementing regulation, 40 CFR § 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of TMDLs for waters identified as not meeting water quality standards (WQS) under authority of § 303(d)(1)(A) of the CWA. TMDLs are established at a level necessary to implement applicable WQS with seasonal variations and a margin of safety that accounts for lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between pollutant loading and water quality.

EPA is establishing this TMDL to meet the milestones of 2001 Consent Decree, *American Canoe Association, et al. v. EPA*, No. 98-1195-CV-W in consolidation with No. 98-4282-CV-W, February 27, 2001, and in partnership with the state of Missouri. However, Missouri may submit and EPA may approve other TMDLs for this water segment at any time.

This draft TMDL addresses an impaired segment of the West Fork Black River (MO\_2755) with a watershed area of approximately 163 square miles and a river distance of approximately 31.7 miles. It is located near the city of Centerville in Reynolds County, Missouri. The West Fork Black River watershed is within the confines of Missouri's only national forest, the Mark Twain National Forest. The river is on the 2008 Missouri § 303(d) List of Impaired Waters due to a nutrients impairment to the river's General Use Criteria (10 CSR 20-7.031, Tables A and B). Historically, the nutrients source is identified as the Doe Run, West Fork Mine. This TMDL addresses the impairment by establishing total nitrogen and total phosphorus loads in accordance with Section 303(d) of the CWA. West Fork Black River is also on the 2008 Missouri § 303(d) List for lead and nickel in sediment; however, these pollutants are not part of the consent decree and a TMDL will be developed to address these pollutants at a later date. The new end of public notice is extended from November 15, 2010 to December 6, 2010.

Persons wishing to comment on this proposed TMDL or offer new data or information regarding the proposed TMDL are invited to send comments to the EPA, Region 7, Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, ATTENTION: Ms. Debby White, Water Quality Management Branch, West Fork Black River. Comments may also be sent to R7TMDL@EPA.GOV or via FAX at 913-551-9886.

A copy of the proposed TMDL can be obtained through the Internet at the following Web address: [http://www.epa.gov/region07/water/tmdl\\_public\\_notice.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region07/water/tmdl_public_notice.htm). Request a copy of the TMDLs via email at R7TMDL@EPA.GOV or via FAX at 913-551-9886.

  
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