

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL)
FOR WEST FORK LOCUST CREEK, 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 the 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 a later time.

The impaired water body addressed by this TMDL is West Fork Locust Creek, identification number MO_0613. Spanning about 17 miles, West Fork Locust Creek originates in the Eastern Grand River Basin in north central Missouri, Putnam County. The classified portion (Class C) of the stream begins in Sullivan County, east of Harris, Missouri, and flows south until it joins Locust Creek encompassing a watershed area of approximately 80.2 square miles. In 2008, West Fork Locust Creek was on the Missouri 303(d) List for unknown pollutants that violated its Designated Beneficial Use: Protection of Warm Water Aquatic Life. Total suspended solids (TSS), total nitrogen (TN), and total phosphorus (TP) measurements in West Fork Locust Creek have shown each parameter to be present at elevated levels and linked to the impaired beneficial use of the water body. The TMDL addresses the West Fork Locust Creek impairment by establishing TSS, TN, and TP TMDLs in accordance with Section 303(d) of the CWA. The comment period for this TMDL ends on June 25, 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 Locust Creek. 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. Request a copy of the TMDLs via email at R7TMDL@EPA.GOV or via FAX at 913-551-9886.

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