

NOTICE OF HEARING AND COMMENTS
FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
IN THE KANSAS-LOWER REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Little Blue River from Hollenberg to Waterville, Black Vermillion River, and Big Blue River from Oketo to Blue Rapids watersheds in the Kansas-Lower Republican River Basin. These watersheds are all impaired for total phosphorus. Additionally, the Little Blue River and Big Blue River are impaired for pH. Due to these impairments, these waters do not meet state surface water quality standards.

The total phosphorus TMDLs presented for public review are:

Kansas-Lower Republican River Basin

Upper Little Blue and Lower Little Blue (HUC 10270206 and 10270207)

Little Blue River from Hollenberg to Waterville

Rose Creek near Narka

Little Blue River near Hollenberg

Mill Creek near Hanover

Little Blue River near Waterville

Black Vermillion River (HUC 10270205)

Black Vermillion River

Black Vermillion River near Frankfort

Robidoux Creek near Frankfort

Lower Big Blue (HUC 10270205 and 10270207)

Big Blue River from Oketo to Blue Rapids

Big Blue River near Oketo

Big Blue River near Blue Rapids

Horseshoe Creek near Marysville

North Elm Creek near Oketo

The pH TMDLs presented for public review are:

Kansas-Lower Republican River Basin

Upper Little Blue and Lower Little Blue (HUC 10270206 and 10270207)

Little Blue River from Hollenberg to Waterville

Little Blue River near Hollenberg

Lower Big Blue (HUC 10270205 and 10270207)
Big Blue River from Oketo to Blue Rapids
Big Blue River near Oketo
Big Blue River near Blue Rapids

Draft copies of these TMDLs can be obtained for review by contacting the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section in the Bureau of Water (785-296-8791) or by accessing them online through the KDHE TMDL website at http://www.kdheks.gov/tmdl/planning_mgmt.htm.

A public hearing to take testimony from interested parties will be held:

Date: Friday, January 31, 2020
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: Curtis State Office Building
1000 SW Jackson St., Room 530
Topeka, KS 66612-1367

The first portion of the hearing will be a briefing by the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section outlining each of the TMDLs, and the second portion of the hearing will be open for public comment. The public comment period for these TMDLs will be held open from January 17th of 2020 through February 14th of 2020. After reviewing the testimony and public comments, KDHE will make appropriate revisions to the TMDLs and submit them to Region 7 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing process and may request the proposed TMDLs in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing process should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting KDHE. Requests, questions, or written comments should be directed to Michelle Probasco of the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section of KDHE at: 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367; by email: Michelle.Probasco@ks.gov; by telephone: 785-296-8229; or by fax: 785-559-4258.