

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 Delaware River above Perry Lake and Republican River from Hardy, Nebraska to Clay Center in the Kansas-Lower Republican River Basin. These rivers are impaired for total phosphorus and do not meet state surface water quality standards.

The total phosphorus TMDLs presented for public review are:

Kansas-Lower Republican River Basin

*Delaware River (HUC 10270103)*

Delaware River above Perry Lake  
Delaware River near Half Mound  
Grasshopper Creek near Muscotah  
Elk Creek near Larkinburg  
Straight Creek near Larkinburg

*Middle Republican and Lower Republican (HUC 10250016 and 10250017)*

Republican River from Hardy, Nebraska to Rice  
Republican River near Hardy, NE  
Buffalo Creek near Concordia  
Wolf Creek near Concordia  
Republican River near Rice

*Lower Republican (HUC 10250017)*

Republican River from Rice to Clay Center  
Elm Creek near Ames  
Peats Creek near Clifton  
Mulberry Creek near Clifton  
Republican River near Clay Center (upper)  
Five Creek near Clay Center  
Republican River near Clay Center (lower)

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](http://www.kdheks.gov/tmdl/planning_mgmt.htm).

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

**Date: Friday, September 6, 2019**  
**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 August 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2019 through September 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2019. 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 Trevor Flynn of the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section of KDHE at: 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367; by email: [Trevor.Flynn@ks.gov](mailto:Trevor.Flynn@ks.gov); by telephone: 785-296-8791; or by fax: 785-559-4258.