NOTICE OF HEARING AND COMMENTS
FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
IN THE UPPER ARKANSAS AND UPPER REPUBLICAN RIVER BASINS

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Arkansas River near Great Bend in the Upper Arkansas River Basin and Prairie Dog Creek near Norton in the Upper 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:

Upper Arkansas River Basin
Arkansas-Pickerel (11030004)
Arkansas River near Great Bend
Dry Walnut Creek near Great Bend
Lower Walnut Creek (11030008)
Arkansas River near Great Bend
Walnut Creek near Great Bend
Dry Walnut Creek near Great Bend

Upper Republican River Basin
Prairie Dog (10250015)
Prairie Dog Creek near Norton
Buffalo Creek near Norton
Jack Creek near Norton
Spring Creek near Norton
Horse Creek near Norton
Walnut Creek near Norton

Draft copies of these TMDLs can be obtained for review by contacting the Policy Planning & Standards Unit (785) 296-5508 or by accessing them online through the KDHE TMDL website at https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1443/Total-Maximum-Daily-Loads-TMDLs.

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

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Register:  https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fj5G4EZ7TZW09HL2sI785Q

The first portion of the hearing will be a briefing by the Policy Planning & Standards Unit 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 25th of 2022 through September 24th of 2022. 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 Dane Boring of the Policy Planning & Standards Unit at: 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367; by email: Dane.Boring@ks.gov; by telephone: 785-296-5508.