

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8520-4]

Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Final Agency Action and Availability of 4 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) in Arkansas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the final agency action of 4 TMDLs and the availability of the administrative record files for comment on 4 TMDLs and the calculations for these TMDLs prepared by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in the State of Arkansas, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). These TMDLs were completed in response to

the lawsuit styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Browner, et al.*, No. LR-C-99-114.

DATES: Comments must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before February 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the 4 TMDLs should be sent to Diane Smith, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733 or e-mail:

smith.diane@epa.gov. For further information, contact Diane Smith at (214) 665-2145 or fax 214.665.7373. The administrative record files for the 4 TMDLs are available for public inspection at this address as well. Documents from the administrative record files may be viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6wq/npdes/tmdl/index.htm>, or obtained by calling

or writing Ms. Smith at the above address. Please contact Ms. Smith to schedule an inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Smith at (214) 665-2145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1999, five Arkansas environmental groups, the Sierra Club, Federation of Fly Fishers, Crooked Creek Coalition, Arkansas Fly Fishers, and Save our Streams (plaintiffs), filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the EPA, styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Browner, et al.*, No. LR-C-99-114. Among other claims, plaintiffs alleged that EPA failed to establish Arkansas TMDLs in a timely manner.

EPA Seeks Comment on 4 TMDLs

By this notice EPA is seeking comment on the following 4 TMDLs for waters located within Arkansas basins:

| Segment-Reach | Waterbody name | Pollutant |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 11140109-013 | Holly Creek | Fecal coliform. |
| 11140109-013 | Holly Creek | E. coli. |
| 11140109-033 | Mine Creek | Fecal coliform. |
| 11140109-033 | Mine Creek | E. coli. |

EPA requests that the public provide to EPA any water quality related data and information that may be relevant to the calculations for the 4 TMDLs. EPA will review all data and information submitted during the public comment period and revise the TMDLs where appropriate. EPA will then forward the TMDLs to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). The ADEQ will incorporate the TMDLs into its current water quality management plan.

Dated: January 14, 2008.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8520-3]

Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Final Agency Action on 3 Arkansas Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the final agency action on 3 TMDLs established by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in the State of Arkansas, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). These TMDLs were completed in response to the lawsuit styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Browner, et al.*, No. LR-C-99-114. Documents from the administrative record files for the final 3 TMDLs, including TMDL calculations may be viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/region6/6wq/npdes/tmdl/index.htm>.

ADDRESSES: The administrative record files for these 3 TMDLs may be obtained by writing or calling Ms. Diane Smith,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733. Please contact Ms. Smith to schedule an inspection.

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EPA Takes Final Agency Action on 3 TMDLs

By this notice EPA is taking final agency action on the following 3 TMDLs for waters located within the State of Arkansas:

| Segment-Reach | Waterbody name | Pollutant |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 08020203-007 | Blackfish Bayou | Siltation/Turbidity. |
| 08020203-005 | Blackfish Bayou | Siltation/Turbidity. |
| 08020203-003 | Blackfish Bayou | Siltation/Turbidity. |