

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
July 29, 2020

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for bacteria for two rivers and streams segments in the Savannah River Basin.

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of TMDLs for waters identified in accordance with Section 303(d)(2)(A) of the CWA. Each TMDL is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety. TMDLs are proposed for the following waters:

Savannah River Basin

Pollutant: Fecal Coliform

- Kettle Creek - Hobb Branch to Little Kettle Creek
- Savannah River/Front River - Ebenezer Creek to SR 25

**Please note a Draft TMDL for these waters was published on February 10, 2020. A number of NPDES wastewater discharges were inadvertently omitted from the wasteload allocation table in that Draft TMDL. The Draft TMDL being released with this announcement is a revised version of the February 2020 Savannah River Basin Bacteria TMDL. All appropriate NPDES wastewater discharges are included in the July 2020 Draft TMDL.

A copy of the TMDL is also available online on the EPD TMDL webpage, under the Proposed TMDL section: <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/total-maximum-daily-loadings>

In addition, a copy of this notice and a copy of the TMDL may be reviewed, by appointment only, during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays or office closures) at the following location:

Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch File Room,
200 Piedmont Ave. S.W., Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, (404) 463-1511.

A single copy of each TMDL is available by written or phone request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Please direct requests to Ms. Arnettia Murphy at the address or phone number given above. If additional copies are requested, a copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their consideration, written comments should be received on or before 4:00 p.m., **September 30, 2020 (45 business days)**. Written comments should be addressed to: Mr. Jac Capp, Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "TMDL Comments" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

For technical information contact Tyler Parsons, TMDL Modeling and Development Unit Manager, tyler.parsons@dnr.ga.gov or (404) 463-1511.

After a review of comments, a final revision to the proposed TMDLs will be made, and the proposed TMDL will be submitted to the USEPA for approval.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter.