

Public Notice

Tennessee Division of Water Resources Solicits Water Quality Data

The Tennessee Division of Water Resources is soliciting data in order to conduct a thorough investigation of water quality conditions across Tennessee. The results of this statewide assessment will be used to develop documents required under the federal Clean Water Act.

The Division is specifically requesting water quality data from the watersheds identified by the Division as Group 3 watersheds (included table).

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires the development of a compilation of streams not currently meeting one or more state water quality standards. Tennessee's List of Impaired and Threatened Waters (the List) is prioritized for development of a site-specific study called a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and the implementation of a pollution control strategy. Tennessee's List is subject to review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

EPA approval of the List is based on a determination that the Division has:

1. Considered all readily available water quality data,
2. Appropriately applied Tennessee's current water quality standards,
3. Provided a methodology for list development and TMDL prioritization,
4. Documented a rationale for streams removed from previous 303(d) Lists,
5. Provided opportunities for the public to participate in list development.

In order to have assurance that we have compiled all readily available data, the Division of Water Resources, by means of this notice, requests the submittal of all water quality data from Tennessee streams, lakes, and wetlands in the specified watersheds for the previous five years.

We request the data in a suitable electronic format, preferably EXCEL. Submissions should include detailed sample station location information plus a description of sampling methods and data quality assurance measures.

Please note that the Division is unable to pay a fee for collection and analysis of samples or for the use of data.



Electronic data and/or questions may be submitted by e-mail to: Richard.Cochran@tn.gov. Questions may also be mailed to:

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In order to be fully incorporated into this process, data would need to be received by the Division by July 13, 2020. While the Division will consider all data submitted, we reserve the right to incorporate only those data that meet minimum quality standards. Additionally, the Division is not bound by interpretations provided by persons submitting the data.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

TDEC Division of Water Resources Group 3 Watersheds.

HUC 8	WATERSHED NAME	GROUP
05130107	Collins River	3
06010101	North Fork Holston River	3
06010102	South Fork Holston (d/s Boone Dam)	3
06010204	Little Tennessee River (incl. Tellico Lake)	3
06010207	Lower Clinch River	3
06020001	Lower Tennessee River (Chickamauga)	3
06040001	Kentucky Lake (Upper incl. Beech River)	3
06040003	Lower Duck River	3
06040004	Buffalo River	3
06040005	Kentucky Lake (Lower incl. Big Sandy)	3
08010210	Wolf River	3
06040006	East Fork Clarks River	3

(HUC: Hydrologic Unit Code)

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