



Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Resources

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Tennessee's Draft 2026 List of Impaired and Threatened Waters

As required by Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has developed a draft 2026 List of Impaired and Threatened Waters in Tennessee. The List compiles waterbody segments that violate one or more water quality criteria or are documented as threatened by pollutants. These segments are then prioritized for a specialized water quality study of the identified pollutants known as a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

Although the development of this document is neither a regulatory promulgation nor an action of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas, it is subject to public review and comment, and must ultimately be approved by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The 2026 List is presented as an Excel spreadsheet for each of the major watersheds in the state. Included in the workbook is a sheet for rationales for waterbody segments delisted for one or more parameters. The draft version of the list with rationales for delisting can be accessed on the Division's web page for [Public Participation Opportunities](#).

Entities wishing to submit data for use in support of comments regarding existing assessments should provide these data in electronic format, to the address in this notice. Submissions should include detailed sample station location information plus a description of sampling methods and data quality assurance measures.

The Department will be accepting comments on these drafts until February 15, 2026. After responses have been developed for the comments received, TDEC will revise the List as appropriate and prepare a proposed final version, which will be submitted to EPA for review and approval on or before the federal statutory deadline of April 1, 2026. Tennessee's statewide water quality assessment information will be transmitted to EPA by means of the federal ATTAINS database.

Comments regarding the draft 2026 List and questions about Tennessee's water quality assessment process should be directed to:

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To facilitate public participation, a public hearing has been scheduled.

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
1:00pm (Central)

Join Virtually at:

[TEAMS MEETING LINK](#)

Meeting ID: 269 110 669 568 94

Passcode: ie6jL9BR

Or call in (audio only)

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Phone Conference ID: 136 183 202#

Join In person at:

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