

PUBLIC NOTICE

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pH Total Maximum Daily Load Report on Buttahatchee River Watershed
and
Total Maximum Daily Load for Sediment Impairment on Designated Streams in the
Tombigbee Basin

Several water bodies in the Tombigbee River Basin are on the State of Mississippi's 2020 List of Impaired Water Bodies for sediment or pH. Waters on this list are required to have Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) completed for each pollutant added to the water that causes impairment. A TMDL is the maximum amount of a pollutant that a stream can handle without violating water quality standards. The TMDLs listed for sediment are for the following water bodies Chinchahoma Creek, Unnamed Tributary to Catalpa Creek, Unnamed Tributary to Gilmer Creek, Shaw Creek, Spring Creek, and Yellow Creek. The TMDL listed for pH is for the Buttahatchee River.

Prior to proposing the TMDLs to EPA for approval, MDEQ is asking for public comment on these draft documents. Copies of the draft may be obtained and/or inspected by contacting MDEQ at the above address and telephone number or by email (sclark@mdeq.ms.gov). This document is available electronically from MDEQ's website ([https:// www.mdeq.ms.gov/water/surface-water/tmdl/](https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/water/surface-water/tmdl/)) or by requesting a paper copy that can be send by mail. Persons wishing to comment upon the draft TMDL are invited to submit comments in writing at the address shown above or by email no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 28th, 2021.

All comments received during the public notice period will be considered prior to proposing the TMDL to EPA for approval.

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