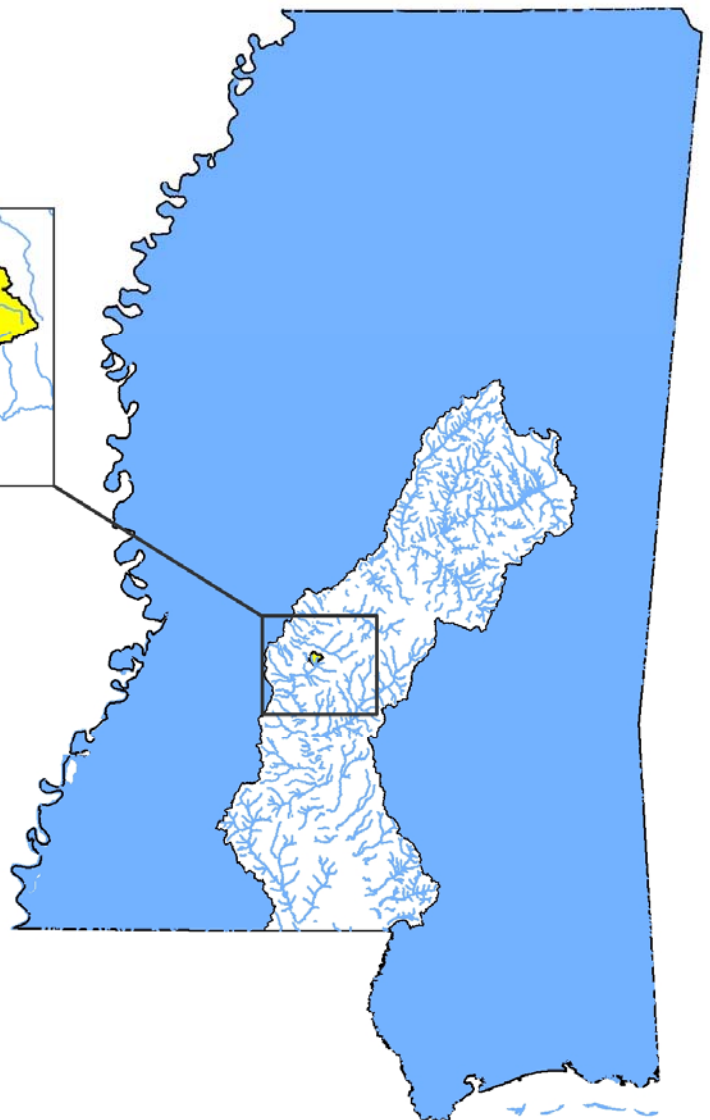
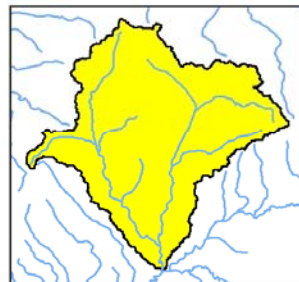
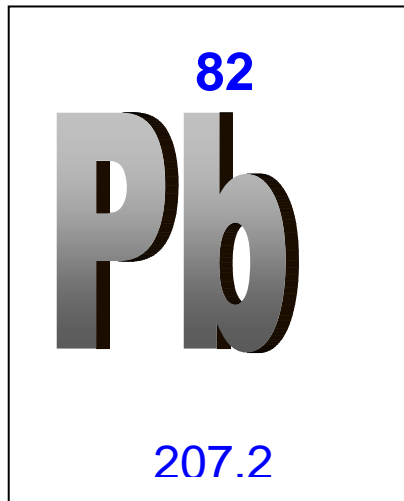


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## FOREWORD

The report contains one or more Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for water body segments found on Mississippi’s 2012 Section 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies. The implementation of the TMDLs contained herein will be prioritized within Mississippi’s rotating basin approach.

As additional information becomes available, the TMDLs may be updated. Such additional information may include water quality and quantity data, changes in pollutant loadings, modifications to the water quality standards or criteria, or changes in landuse within the watershed. In some cases, additional water quality data may indicate that no impairment exists.

**Table 1 Conversion Factors**

From	To	multiply by	From	To	multiply by	From	To	multiply by
mi <sup>2</sup>	feet <sup>2</sup>	27,878,400	meter <sup>3</sup>	liter	1,000	miles	feet	5,280
km <sup>2</sup>	feet <sup>2</sup>	10,763,911	Feet <sup>3</sup> /sec	gallons/min	448.8312	km	feet	3,280.84
hectare	feet <sup>2</sup>	107,639	meter <sup>3</sup>	gallons	264.1721	miles	meters	1,609.34
acre	feet <sup>2</sup>	43,560	meter <sup>3</sup>	Feet <sup>3</sup>	35.3147	meters	feet	3.2808
mi <sup>2</sup>	acre	640	Feet <sup>3</sup>	Liter	28.3168	km	miles	0.6214
km <sup>2</sup>	acre	247.1044	Yard <sup>3</sup>	Feet <sup>3</sup>	27	days	seconds	86,400
km <sup>2</sup>	hectares	100	Feet <sup>3</sup>	gallons	7.4805	mg/l * MGD	lbs/day	8.3454
hectare	acre	2.4710	Yard <sup>3</sup>	meter <sup>3</sup>	0.7646	µg/l * cfs	gm/day	2.4467
km <sup>2</sup>	mi <sup>2</sup>	0.3861	Feet <sup>3</sup> /sec	MGD	0.6463	tonnes	ton	1.1

**Table 2 Prefix Symbols**

Fraction	Prefix	Symbol	Multiple	Prefix	Symbol
10 <sup>-1</sup>	deci	d	10	deka	da
10 <sup>-2</sup>	centi	c	10 <sup>2</sup>	hecto	h
10 <sup>-3</sup>	milli	m	10 <sup>3</sup>	kilo	k
10 <sup>-6</sup>	micro	:	10 <sup>6</sup>	mega	M
10 <sup>-9</sup>	nano	n	10 <sup>9</sup>	giga	G
10 <sup>-12</sup>	pico	p	10 <sup>12</sup>	tera	T
10 <sup>-15</sup>	femto	f	10 <sup>15</sup>	peta	P
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## TMDL INFORMATION PAGE

**Table 1. Listing Information**

Name	ID	County	HUC	Impaired Use	Causes
Indian Creek	510212	Rankin	3180002	Aquatic Life Support	Lead
Near Pearl from headwaters to confluence with Steen Creek					

**Table 2. Water Quality Criteria\***

Parameter	Beneficial use	Water Quality Criteria		
		Acute (CMC)	Chronic (CCC)	Human Health
Lead	Aquatic Life Support	18.57 µg/l	0.88 µg/l	15 µg/l

\* Criteria based on *National Recommended Water Quality Criteria*, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, 2006) At a hardness of 36.3 mg/L

**Table 3. Total Maximum Daily Load for Indian Creek**

	WLA grams/day	LA grams/day	MOS	TMDL grams/day
Dissolved Lead	0	0.15	Implicit	<b>0.15</b>

\*At a hardness of 36.3 mg/L

**Table 4. Identified NPDES Permitted Facilities**

Name	NPDES Permit	Permitted Discharge (MGD)	Receiving Water
Exide Technologies	MSS047945	Stormwater runoff	Indian Creek

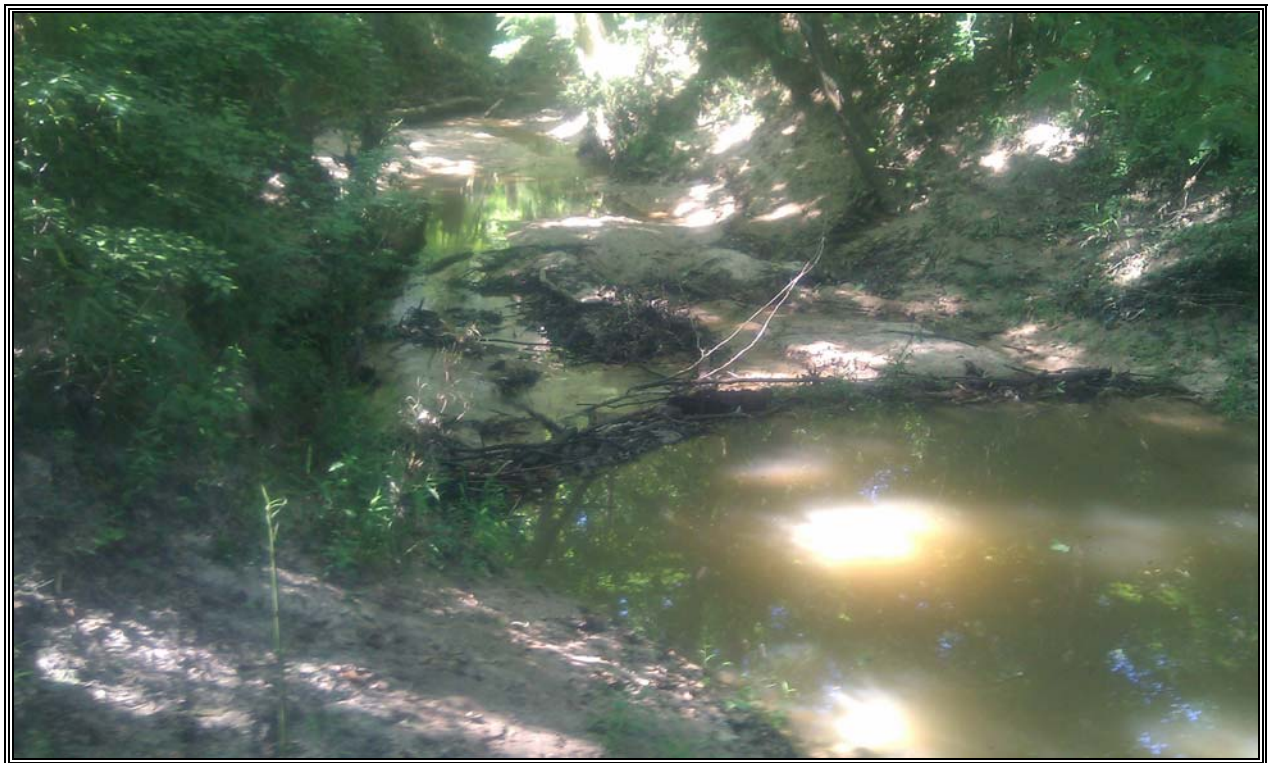
## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Indian Creek segment 510212 was included in the Mississippi 2012 Section 303(d) List of Impaired Water bodies as impaired due to lead. The stream was initially listed in 2008. Indian Creek, shown in figure 1, is in the Pearl River Basin just northeast of Florence in Rankin County. Indian Creek flows for 4 miles in a southern direction from its headwaters to the confluence with Steen Creek.

The lead criteria are calculated based on the hardness of the water at the time of sampling. For this water body segment, the lowest hardness value during the assessment period was 36.3 mg/l. The applicable chronic criterion for lead would be 0.88 µg/l at that hardness. This is the target for this TMDL.

Monitoring indicates the lead criteria are violated in Indian Creek. The lead may be coming from groundwater contamination from Exide Technologies which is currently under an order from the Commission on Environmental Quality for a remediation plan.

Exide Technologies is currently performing an MDEQ approved Corrective Action Study to evaluate whether it is feasible to reduce lead concentrations in groundwater prior to discharge to Indian Creek to the extent that lead concentrations in surface water are below the water quality standard. An initial update of the Corrective Action Study baseline investigation activities was submitted by Exide Technologies. A second status update was provided in January, 2013. Preliminary findings of the Corrective Action Study are promising.



**Figure 1. Indian Creek site photograph**

# INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background

The identification of waterbodies not meeting their designated use and the development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for those waterbodies are required by Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Water Quality Planning and Management Regulations (40 CFR part 130). The TMDL process is designed to restore and maintain the quality of those impaired waterbodies through the establishment of pollutant specific allowable loads. The pollutant of concern for this TMDL is lead. The TMDL process can be used to establish water quality based controls to reduce pollution from both point and nonpoint sources, and restore and maintain the quality of water resources.

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) identified Indian Creek as impaired by lead levels elevated above the lead toxicity chronic criteria for fresh water streams (USEPA National Water Quality Criteria). Indian Creek is in Rankin County. This is a 4 mile long segment which begins northeast of Florence and ends at the confluence with Steen Creek. The watershed is shown in Figure 2.

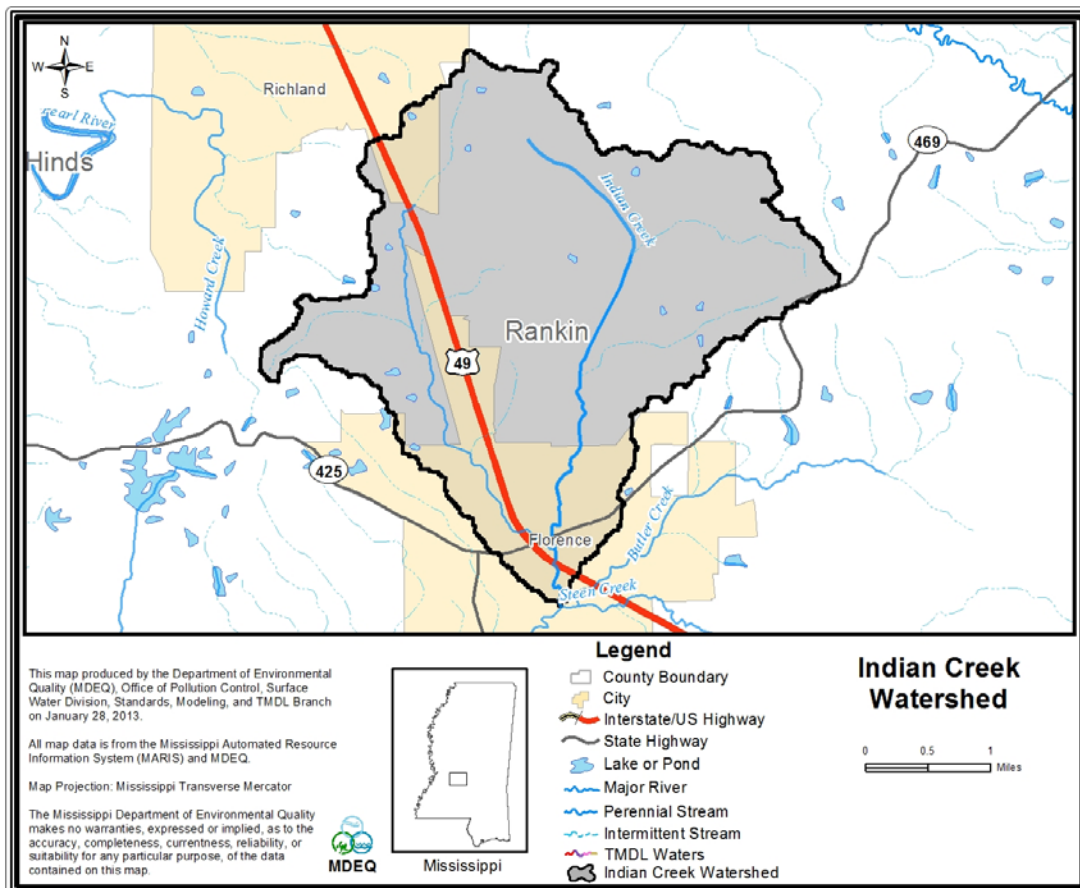


Figure 2. Indian Creek Watershed

## **1.2 Applicable Water body Segment Use**

Designated beneficial uses and water quality criteria are established by the State of Mississippi Water Quality Criteria for Intrastate, Interstate, and Coastal Waters. The designated use for Indian Creek as defined by the regulations is Fish and Wildlife.

## **1.3 Applicable Water body Segment Standard**

The aquatic life standard for lead is hardness-dependant and requires sampling for hardness at a specific site. The standard for this TMDL was developed using the most conservative hardness value (36.3 mg/L) from samples taken at five monitoring stations on Indian Creek during the assessment period of 2004 through 2008. The hardness value used to calculate the standard is highlighted in yellow in Table 6 which displays data from all five sampling locations.

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) is the main federal law that ensures the quality of Americans' drinking water. SDWA authorizes the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to set national health-based standards for drinking water to protect against both naturally-occurring and man-made contaminants that may be found in drinking water. The human health criterion for lead is set at 15 µg/l.

Because the chronic aquatic life criterion for lead is lower than the human health criterion, this TMDL was developed using the chronic aquatic life criterion as the target for the TMDL.



**Calculations for Chronic and Acute Lead Standards :**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Chronic Lead Standard} &= e^{(1.273[\ln(\text{hardness})]-4.705)(CF)} \\ &= e^{(1.273[\ln(36.3)]-4.705)(0.93866)} \\ &= 0.88 \mu\text{g/l} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Acute Lead Standard} &= e^{(1.273[\ln(\text{hardness})]-1.46)(CF)} \\ &= e^{(1.273[\ln(36.3)]-1.46)(0.93866)} \\ &= 18.57 \mu\text{g/l} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Correction Factor (CF)} &= 1.46203-[(\ln \text{hardness})(0.145712)] \\ &= 1.46203-[(\ln 36.3)(0.145712)] \\ &= 0.93866 \end{aligned}$$

**Table 5. Criteria for Total Lead (EPA, 2006)**

Parameter	Fresh Water Aquatic Life Standard		Human Health Criteria
	Acute*	Chronic*	
Lead	18.57 μg/l	0.88 μg/l	15 μg/l

\*At a hardness of 36.3 mg/l

## **TMDL ENDPOINT AND WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

### **2.1 Selection of a TMDL Endpoint and Critical Condition**

One of the major components of a TMDL is the establishment of instream numeric endpoints, which are used to evaluate the attainment of acceptable water quality. Instream numeric endpoints, therefore, represent the water quality goals that are to be achieved by implementing the load and waste load reductions specified in the TMDL. The endpoints allow for a comparison between observed instream conditions and conditions that are expected to restore designated uses. The instream lead target for this TMDL is based on the fresh water chronic criterion of 0.88 µg/l (Table 5).

### **2.2 Discussion of lead**

When lead concentrations in algae are high, enzymes needed for photosynthesis are inhibited. When less photosynthesis takes place, the algae will produce less food and therefore will not grow as much. Decreased algal growth means less food available for the food chain; this has repercussions for the entire ecosystem.

Fish are more sensitive than algae to lead. When lead concentrations are elevated, gill function is affected. Embryos and fry are more sensitive to the toxic effects of lead than are adults. Lead is more toxic at lower pH and in soft water. As is the case with other metals, the toxicity of lead to fish depends in part on the species.

### **2.3 Inventory of Available Water Quality Monitoring Data**

Monitoring began in 2003 to determine the lead concentration in Indian Creek. During this study, 67 samples were collected from five different monitoring stations on Indian Creek. The samples were analyzed for dissolved cadmium, dissolved lead, and hardness. The locations of the water quality monitoring stations are shown in Figure 3. The sample results which were assessed for the Section 303(d) impaired waters list are shown in Table 5. The additional data available both prior to the assessed data and since that assessment are shown in Table 6. Some of the samples exceed the chronic criteria and TMDL target which are displayed in red text in Tables 5 and 6.

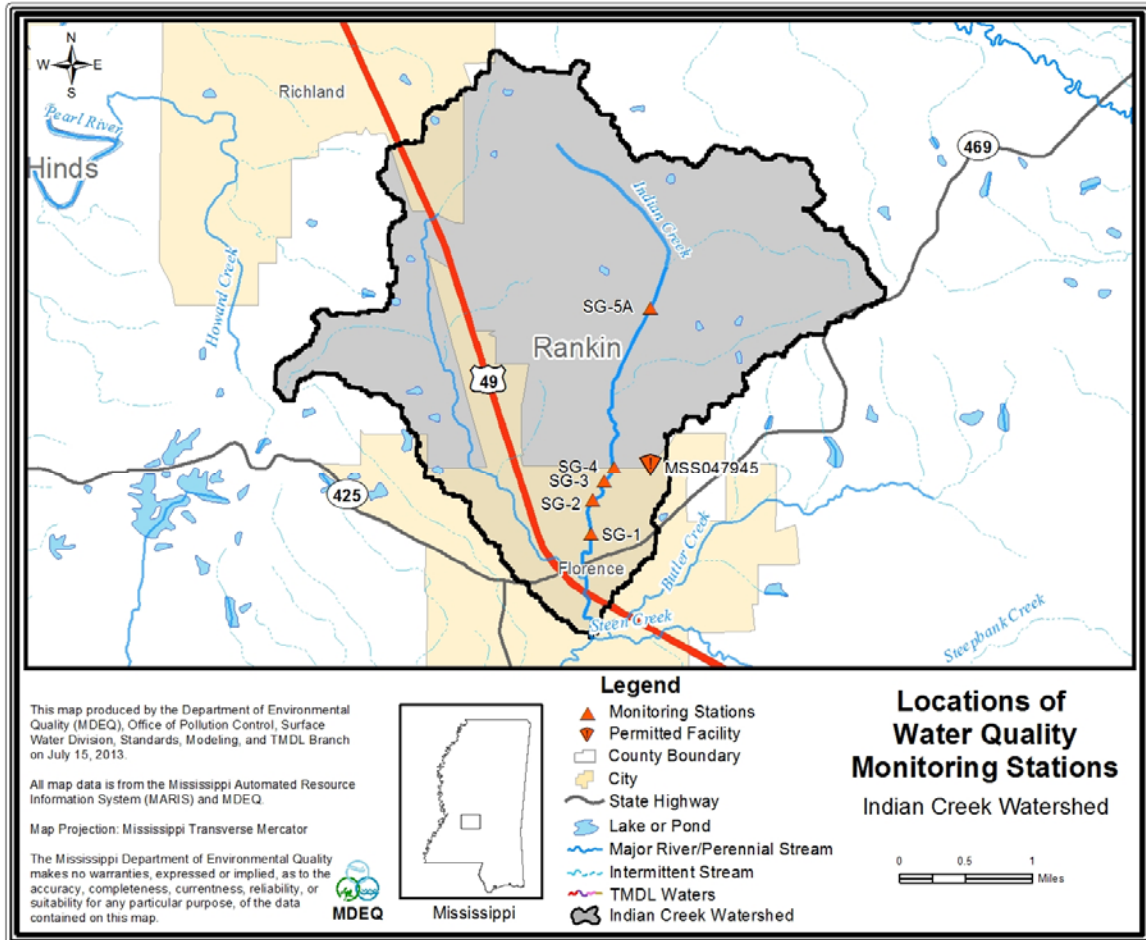


Figure 3. Locations of Water Quality Monitoring Stations

**Table 6. Lead Loading for Indian Creek (values that violate standard are shown in red)**

Date	Monitoring Station	Hardness (mg/L)	Dissolved Lead Chronic Criteria (µg/l)	Dissolved Lead (µg/l)
02/20/2004	1	44.7	1.13	1.3
02/20/2004	2	44.6	1.12	1.3
02/20/2004	3	39.0	0.96	1.3
02/20/2004	4	36.3	0.88	1.3
02/20/2004	5A	41.3	1.03	1.3
04/22/2004	2	83.7	2.14	.71
04/22/2004	3	72.6	1.87	.53
04/22/2004	4	58.6	1.51	1.6
04/22/2004	5A	56.7	1.46	.47
04/19/2005	1	53.4	1.37	.13
04/19/2005	2	45.5	1.15	.27
04/19/2005	3	43.8	1.10	.26
04/19/2005	4	39.3	0.97	.043
04/19/2005	5A	42.1	1.05	.34
04/17/2006	1	77.7	2.00	1.0
04/17/2006	2	65.1	1.68	1.0
04/17/2006	3	61.3	1.59	1.0
04/17/2006	4	47.3	1.20	1.0
04/17/2006	5A	87.5	2.23	1.0
04/24/2007	1	79.7	2.05	1.0
04/24/2007	2	68.0	1.76	1.0
04/24/2007	3	65.7	1.70	1.0
04/24/2007	4	51.0	1.31	1.0
04/25/2007	5A	110.0	2.70	.12
04/23/2008	1	89.3	2.27	1.1
04/23/2008	2	69.8	1.80	1.3
04/23/2008	3	70.6	1.82	1.7
04/23/2008	4	49.9	1.28	1.0
04/23/2008	5A	102.0	2.54	1.0

**Table 7. Additional Lead Loadings for Indian Creek (Not collected during assessment period)**

Date	Monitoring Station	Hardness (mg/L)	Dissolved Lead Chronic Criteria (µg/l)	Dissolved Lead (µg/l)
04/30/2003	1	76.0	1.96	1.0
11/24/2003	1	28	0.64	.82
11/26/2003	1	50.8	1.30	.44
04/30/2009	1	77.2	1.99	.33
04/27/2010	1	89.8	2.28	.46
04/14/2011	1	67.3	1.74	1.2
05/01/2012	1	57.3	1.48	1.4
04/30/2003	2	64.0	1.66	1.0
11/24/2003	2	27.2	0.61	.57
11/26/2003	2	39.6	0.98	.56
04/30/2009	2	67.2	1.74	.34
04/27/2010	2	73.7	1.90	.82
04/14/2011	2	66.7	1.73	1.4
05/01/2012	2	65.0	1.68	1.2
04/30/2003	3	55.0	1.42	1.0
11/24/2003	3	28.0	0.64	.5
11/26/2003	3	36.1	0.88	.51
04/30/2009	3	59.1	1.53	.55
04/27/2010	3	70.6	1.82	.78
04/14/2011	3	60.9	1.57	1.0
05/01/2012	3	57.2	1.48	0.81
04/30/2003	4	41.0	1.02	1.0
11/24/2003	4	24.5	0.53	.53
11/26/2003	4	25.2	0.55	.49
04/30/2009	4	47.4	1.20	.47
04/28/2010	4	68.4	1.77	.43
04/14/2011	4	49.6	1.27	.70
05/01/2012	4	43.5	1.09	0.47
04/30/2003	5/5A	76.0	1.96	1.0
11/24/2003	5/5A	27.9	0.63	.72
11/26/2003	5/5A	28.0	0.64	.56

**Table 7. (Continued) Additional Lead Loadings for Indian Creek (Not collected during assessment period)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Monitoring Station</b>	<b>Hardness (mg/L)</b>	<b>Dissolved Lead Chronic Criteria (µg/l)</b>	<b>Dissolved Lead (µg/l)</b>
04/30/2009	5/5A	71.1	1.84	.58
04/28/2010	5/5A	103.0	2.56	.32
04/14/2011	5/5A	67.9	1.76	1.5
05/01/2012	5/5A	61.3	1.59	0.73

## SOURCE ASSESSMENT

### 3.1 Assessment of Point Sources

There are no current point sources of lead in this watershed. There is one stormwater NPDES permitted facility in the Indian Creek watershed, Exide Florence Oxide Plant MS0047945, indicated on the Figure 3 map on page 5, however, it is not permitted to discharge lead.

The WLA will be set to zero. This may be modified in the future depending on the remediation plan ultimately approved. Should a discharge permit be issued, the WLA may need to be adjusted within the TMDL allotment process for the remediation activities.

### 3.2 Assessment of Nonpoint Sources

The 6,206-acre drainage area of the Indian Creek watershed contains many different landuse types, including urban, forests, cropland, pasture, and wetlands. The landuse information is based on the National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD2006). NLCD2006 is based primarily on the unsupervised classification of Landsat Enhanced Thematic Mapper+ (ETM+) circa 2006 satellite data. Table 8 shows the landuse distribution in number of acres.

Soil borings were taken from an area where Exide Technologies housed a used battery refurbishment operation in the 1980's. These borings showed that lead levels still persist above the lead drinking water Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 0.015 mg/L down-gradient of this area. This implies that contaminated groundwater is the likely source of lead in Indian Creek.

**Table 8. Landuse Distribution in Number of Acres and Percentage of Total**

	Water	Barren	Forest	Croplands	Pasture	Urban	Wetland	Total
Area (acres)	36.9	947.6	2607.6	84.3	984.3	1012.8	532.2	6,205.7
Percentage	0.6%	15.3 %	42.0 %	1.4 %	15.9 %	16.2 %	8.6 %	100 %

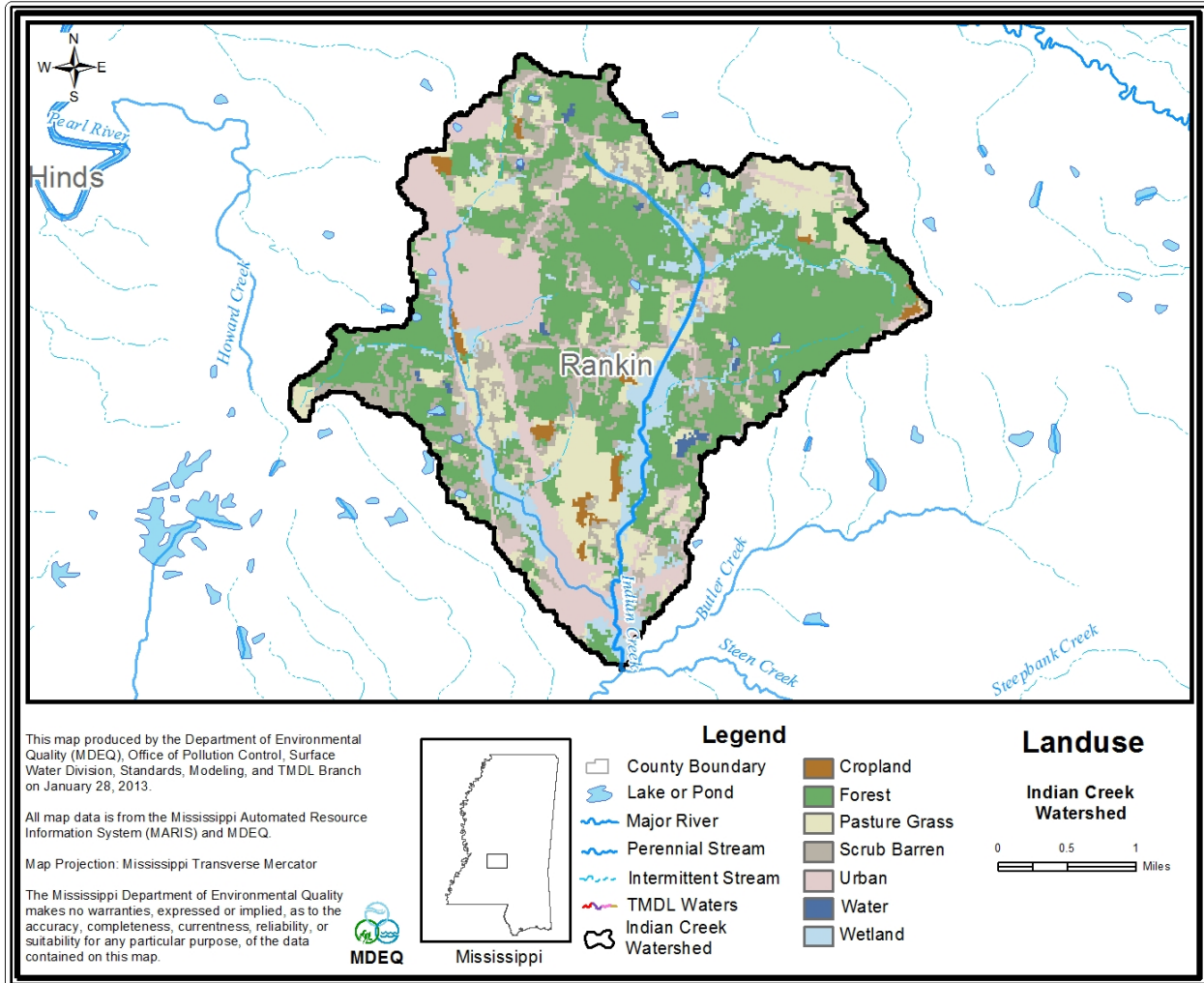


Figure 4. Indian Creek Landuse Distribution



## ALLOCATION

The allocation for this TMDL involves a wasteload allocation for point sources and a load allocation for nonpoint sources necessary for attainment of water quality standards in segment 510212. The Margin of Safety (MOS) is implicit based on conservative assumptions. The TMDL is based on the fresh water chronic lead toxicity criterion multiplied by the 7Q10 flow in the stream. The WLA and LA portions of the TMDL are allocated from the allowable daily load.

### 4.1 Calculation of the TMDL

The TMDL is calculated by multiplying the estimated 7Q10 flow in Indian Creek by the fresh water chronic lead toxicity criterion. By using this mass balance calculation, the maximum safe value of the lead load was calculated. The 7Q10 flow for Indian Creek was found by comparing the drainage area of Indian Creek to a nearby creek with a known 7Q10 and establishing a 7Q10 to drainage area ratio. The conversion factor is a combination of converting cfs to MGD and converting pounds to grams.

Calculation of TMDL:

$0.071 \text{ cfs (7Q10 flow)} * 0.00088 \text{ mg/l (criterion)} * 2446.68 \text{ (conversion)} = .15 \text{ grams per day (TMDL) at a hardness of } 36.3 \text{ mg/l}$

Calculation of 7Q10 flow:

$0.6 \text{ cfs (Steen Creek 7Q10)} * 9.7 \text{ square miles (Indian Creek D.A.)} / 82.1 \text{ square miles (Steen Creek D.A.)} = 0.071 \text{ cfs (Indian Creek 7Q10)}$

### 4.2 Wasteload Allocations

There are currently no point sources discharging lead, therefore, the wasteload allocation is zero. Future adjustment of the allocation may be completed based on the remediation plan.

### 4.3 Load Allocations

The load allocation developed for this TMDL is an estimation of the acceptable contribution of all nonpoint sources in the watershed. The calculated total of the allowable yield of lead for the Indian Creek watershed without exceeding the applicable water quality criteria is 0.15 grams/day based on protective hardness.

#### **4.4 Incorporation of a Margin of Safety**

The two types of MOS development are to implicitly incorporate the MOS using conservative assumptions or to explicitly specify a portion of the total TMDL as the MOS. The MOS selected for this TMDL is implicit.

#### **4.5 Seasonality**

Seasonality is not considered an issue in this TMDL because groundwater is the source of lead in Indian Creek.

## CONCLUSION

Lead was addressed through a total lead target based on USEPA criteria. This TMDL recommends further monitoring for lead using clean techniques and accurate testing methods to monitor the restoration of the watershed.

A corrective action plan was prepared for Exide Technologies. The primary objective is to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of an enhanced bioremediation project for the in-situ treatment of lead in groundwater at the site. Through injection wells, an organic carbon amendment (lactate, ethanol, or emulsified oil) will be introduced into the subsurface to provide an energy source for indigenous sulfate-reducing microorganisms to convert existing sulfate in groundwater to sulfide. The lead is expected to react with sulfide to form insoluble compounds, which will precipitate from solution and be sequestered in the soil. This will reduce the concentration and mobility of lead in groundwater.

### 5.1 Public Participation

This TMDL will be published for a 30-day public notice. During this time, the public will be notified by publication in the statewide newspaper. The public will be given an opportunity to review the TMDLs and submit comments. MDEQ also distributes all TMDLs at the beginning of the public notice to those members of the public who have requested to be included on a TMDL mailing list. Anyone wishing to become a member of the TMDL mailing list should contact Greg Jackson at [Greg\\_Jackson@deq.state.ms.us](mailto:Greg_Jackson@deq.state.ms.us).

All comments should be directed to Greg Jackson at [Greg\\_Jackson@deq.state.ms.us](mailto:Greg_Jackson@deq.state.ms.us) or Greg Jackson, MDEQ, PO Box 2261, Jackson, MS 39225. All comments received during the public notice period and at any public hearings become a part of the record of this TMDL and will be considered in the submission of this TMDL to EPA Region 4 for final approval.

## DEFINITIONS

**Ambient stations:** a network of fixed monitoring stations established for systematic water quality sampling at regular intervals, and for uniform parametric coverage over a long-term period.

**Assimilative capacity:** the capacity of a body of water or soil-plant system to receive wastewater effluents or sludge without violating the provisions of the State of Mississippi Water Quality Criteria for Intrastate, Interstate, and Coastal Waters and Water Quality regulations.

**Background:** the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to MDEQ. The establishment of natural background for an altered water body may be based upon a similar, unaltered or least impaired, water body or on historical pre-alteration data.

**Calibrated model:** a model in which reaction rates and inputs are significantly based on actual measurements using data from surveys on the receiving water body.

**Critical Condition:** hydrologic and atmospheric conditions in which the pollutants causing impairment of a water body have their greatest potential for adverse effects.

**Daily discharge:** the "discharge of a pollutant" measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for purposes of sampling. For pollutants with limitations expressed in units of mass, the "daily discharge" is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the "daily average" is calculated as the average.

**Designated Use:** use specified in water quality standards for each water body or segment regardless of actual attainment.

**Discharge monitoring report:** report of effluent characteristics submitted by a NPDES Permitted facility.

**Effluent standards and limitations:** all State or Federal effluent standards and limitations on quantities, rates, and concentrations of chemical, physical, biological, and other constituents to which a waste or wastewater discharge may be subject under the Federal Act or the State law. This includes, but is not limited to, effluent limitations, standards of performance, toxic effluent standards and prohibitions, pretreatment standards, and schedules of compliance.

**Effluent:** treated wastewater flowing out of the treatment facilities.

**Evaluated Water body:** The group of listings on the 1998 Mississippi Section 303(d) for which there are insufficient data to make an assessment call.

**Geometric mean:** the  $n$ th root of the product of  $n$  numbers. A 30-day geometric mean is the 30<sup>th</sup> root of the product of 30 numbers.

**Impaired Water body:** any water body that does not attain water quality standards due to an individual pollutant, multiple pollutants, pollution, or an unknown cause of impairment.

**Land Surface Runoff:** water that flows into the receiving stream after application by rainfall or irrigation. It is a transport method for nonpoint source pollution from the land surface to the receiving stream.

**Load allocation (LA):** the portion of a receiving water's loading capacity attributed to or assigned to nonpoint sources (NPS) or background sources of a pollutant. The load allocation is the value assigned to the summation of all cattle and land applied fecal coliform that enter a receiving water body. It also contains a portion of the contribution from septic tanks.

**Loading:** the total amount of pollutants entering a stream from one or multiple sources.

**Nonpoint Source:** pollution that is in runoff from the land. Rainfall, snowmelt, and other water that does not evaporate become surface runoff and either drains into surface waters or soaks into the soil and finds its way into groundwater. This surface water may contain pollutants that come from land use activities such as agriculture; construction; silviculture; surface mining; disposal of wastewater; hydrologic modifications; and urban development.

**NPDES permit:** an individual or general permit issued by the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board pursuant to regulations adopted by the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality under

Mississippi Code Annotated (as amended) §§ 49-17-17 and 49-17-29 for discharges into State waters.

**Point Source:** pollution loads discharged at a specific location from pipes, outfalls, and conveyance channels from either wastewater treatment plants or industrial waste treatment facilities. Point sources can also include pollutant loads contributed by tributaries to the main receiving stream.

**Pollution:** contamination, or other alteration of the physical, chemical, or biological properties, of any waters of the State, including change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor of the waters, or such discharge of any liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substance, or leak into any waters of the State, unless in compliance with a valid permit issued by the Permit Board.

**Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW):** a waste treatment facility owned and/or operated by a public body or a privately owned treatment works which accepts discharges which would otherwise be subject to Federal Pretreatment Requirements.

**Scientific Notation (Exponential Notation):** mathematical method in which very large numbers or very small numbers are expressed in a more concise form. The notation is based on powers of ten. Numbers in scientific notation are expressed as the following:  $4.16 \times 10^{(+b)}$  and  $4.16 \times 10^{(-b)}$  [same as  $4.16E4$  or  $4.16E-4$ ]. In this case,  $b$  is always a positive, real number. The  $10^{(+b)}$  tells us that the decimal point is  $b$  places to the right of where it is shown. The  $10^{(-b)}$  tells us that the decimal point is  $b$  places to the left of where it is shown.

For example:  $2.7 \times 10^4 = 2.7E+4 = 27000$  and  $2.7 \times 10^{-4} = 2.7E-4 = 0.00027$ .

**Sigma ( $\Sigma$ ):** shorthand way to express taking the sum of a series of numbers. For example, the sum or total of three amounts 24, 123, 16, ( $d_1, d_2, d_3$ ) respectively could be shown as:

$$\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ \Sigma d_i &= d_1 + d_2 + d_3 = 24 + 123 + 16 = 163 \\ & i=1 \end{aligned}$$

**Total Maximum Daily Load or TMDL:** the calculated maximum permissible pollutant loading to a water body at which water quality standards can be maintained.

**Regression Coefficient:** an expression of the functional relationship between two correlated variables that is often empirically determined from data, and is used to predict values of one variable when given values of the other variable.

**Waste:** sewage, industrial wastes, oil field wastes, and all other liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substances which may pollute or tend to pollute any waters of the State.

**Wasteload allocation (WLA):** the portion of a receiving water's loading capacity attributed to or assigned to point sources of a pollutant. It also contains a portion of the contribution from septic tanks

**Water Quality Standards:** the criteria and requirements set forth in *State of Mississippi Water Quality Criteria for Intrastate, Interstate, and Coastal Waters*. Water quality standards are standards composed of designated present and future most beneficial uses (classification of waters), the numerical and narrative criteria applied to the specific water uses or classification, and the Mississippi antidegradation policy.

**Water quality criteria:** elements of State water quality standards, expressed as constituent concentrations, levels, or narrative statements, representing a quality of water that supports the present and future most beneficial uses.

**Waters of the State:** all waters within the jurisdiction of this State, including all streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, impounding reservoirs, marshes, watercourses, waterways, wells, springs, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and all other bodies or accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural or artificial, situated wholly or partly within or bordering upon the State, and such coastal waters as are within the jurisdiction of the State, except lakes, ponds, or other surface waters which are wholly landlocked and privately owned, and which are not regulated under the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C.1251 et seq.).

**Watershed:** the area of land draining into a stream at a given location.

## ABBREVIATIONS

7Q10.....	Seven-Day Average Low Stream Flow with a Ten-Year Occurrence Period
BMP .....	Best Management Practice
CWA .....	Clean Water Act
DMR .....	Discharge Monitoring Report
EPA.....	Environmental Protection Agency
GIS .....	Geographic Information System
HUC .....	Hydrologic Unit Code
LA.....	Load Allocation
MARIS.....	State of Mississippi Automated Information System
MDEQ.....	Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
MOS.....	Margin of Safety
NRCS .....	National Resource Conservation Service
NPDES.....	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
USGS .....	United States Geological Survey
WLA .....	Waste Load Allocation



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