

**NOTICE OF THE DRAFT  
NORTH DAKOTA 2018 INTEGRATED SECTION 305(b) WATER  
QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT AND SECTION 303(d) LIST  
OF WATERS NEEDING TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS  
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The North Dakota Department of Health (department) is announcing the availability of the draft *North Dakota 2018 Integrated Section 305(b) Water Quality Assessment Report and Section 303(b) List of Waters Needing Total Maximum Daily Loads*, hereinafter referred to as the 2018 Integrated Report.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and accompanying regulations require each state to identify lakes, reservoirs, rivers, streams and wetlands which are considered water quality limited and require load allocations, waste load allocations or total maximum daily loads. A waterbody is considered water quality limited when it is known that its water quality does not meet applicable water quality standards or is not expected to meet applicable water quality standards. Waterbodies can be water quality limited due to point sources of pollution, nonpoint sources of pollution or both.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires states to submit their lists of water quality-limited waterbodies “from time to time.” Federal regulations have clarified this language; therefore, beginning in 1992 and by April 1 of every even-numbered year thereafter, states are required to submit a revised list of waters needing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). This list has become known as the “TMDL list” or “Section 303(d) list.” The state of North Dakota last submitted its TMDL list to EPA on January 23, 2017. This list, referred to as the “2016 list” was approved by EPA on February 21, 2017. The draft 2018 Section 303(d) list will be submitted to EPA as part of the 2018 Integrated Report. The draft 2018 Section 303(d) TMDL list includes a list of waterbodies not meeting water quality standards and which need TMDLs, and a list of waterbodies which have been removed from the “2016 list.”

Following an opportunity for public comment, the state must submit its 2018 Integrated Report, including the 2018 Section 303(d) TMDL list to the EPA Regional Administrator. The EPA Regional Administrator then has 30 days to either approve or disapprove the state’s TMDL list. The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment through a process by which members of the general public, affected organizations and agencies, and other interested parties can review and comment on the draft 2018 Integrated Report, including the draft “Section 303(d) list.” Persons wishing to comment on the state’s draft 2018 Section 303(d) list may do so in writing by March 13, 2019. All comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person submitting comments, along with a statement of the relevant facts upon which the comments are based. All comments should be submitted to the attention of Mike Ell, Section 303(d) TMDL Coordinator, North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Water Quality, 918 East Divide Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bismarck, ND 58501. Comments can also be submitted electronically by emailing them to Mike Ell at [mell@nd.gov](mailto:mell@nd.gov). The draft 2018 Integrated Report may be reviewed at the above address during normal business hours or by accessing it through the department’s web address (<http://www.ndhealth.gov>). Copies also may be requested by writing to the department at the above address or by calling 701.328.5210.

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