

**Public Notice
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**Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control
Solicits Water Quality Data**

The Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control 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 such as the 2012 303(d) list of impaired waters and the 2012 305(b) report.

Section 303(d) requires the development of a compilation of streams not currently meeting one or more state water quality standards. These waters are then prioritized for development of a site-specific study called a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and the implementation of a pollution control strategy. The 303(d) List is subject to review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

EPA approval of the 303(d) 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 some assurance that we have compiled all readily available data, the Division of Water Pollution Control by means of this notice requests the submittal of all water quality data from Tennessee streams, lakes, and wetlands in Group 3 Watersheds. Please note that the Division is unable to pay a fee for the use of data. Data should be submitted to:

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Electronic data and/or questions may be submitted to: Gregory.Denton@tn.gov

In order to be fully incorporated into this process, data would need to be received by February 28, 2011. While the Division will consider all data submitted, we reserve the right to incorporate only those data that meet minimum quality standards. Additionally, we are not bound by interpretations provided by persons submitting the data.