

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED TOTAL MAXIMUM
DAILY LOADS FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF
CONCERN IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
JULY 23, 2009

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has developed proposed total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for individual pollutants for a number of segments of rivers and streams in the Ogeechee and Savannah River Basins.

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for waters identified in accordance with Section 303(d)(2)(A) of the CWA. Each TMDL is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety. TMDLs are proposed for the following waters:

Ogeechee River Basin

Ash Branch – FC
Iric Branch – FC
Mill Creek – F C
Thick Creek Tributary – FC

Savannah River Basin

Big Toms Creek/Toms Creek – Bio F
Broad River – FC
Cowpen Branch – FC
Dove Creek – Bio F
Eastanollee Creek – Bio F
Grove Creek – Bio F
Little Cedar Creek – Bio F
Little Coldwater Creek – Bio F
Little Shoal Creek – Bio F
Mattox Creek – Bio F
Nancytown Creek – Bio F
Panther Creek (Big Panther Creek) – Bio F
Turkey Branch – FC

Key to TMDL Parameter Abbreviations:

Bio F - Fish Community Biology TMDL for Sediment
FC - TMDL for Fecal Coliform Bacteria

A copy of this notice and a copy of each TMDL may be reviewed during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays or EPD office closures) at the following location: Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354, (404) 675-6236.

A single copy of each TMDL is available by written or phone request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Please direct requests to Ms. Theresa Hankerson at the address or phone number given above. If additional copies are requested, a copying charge of 25 cents per page will be assessed. A copy of each TMDL is also available online at:

http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/TMDL_page.html#ProposedTMDLs

Written comments are welcomed. To insure their consideration, written comments should be received on or before 4:00 p.m., September 8, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to: Ms. Linda MacGregor, Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "TMDL" somewhere in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

For technical information contact Ms. Debbie Siemon, TMDL Modeling and Development Unit, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, (404) 675-1673.

After a review of comments, a final decision on each of the proposed TMDLs will be made and the proposed TMDL will be submitted to the USEPA for approval.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter.