

Public Notice

Division of Water Resources
Watershed Planning Unit

Water Quality Data Solicitation

February 6, 2024

The Tennessee Division of Water Resources 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 EPA Approved Lists of Impaired and Threatened Waters. The Division is specifically requesting water quality data from the Group 1 watersheds (included table).

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. Tennessee's List of Impaired Waters is subject to review and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

EPA approval of the 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 EPA Approved Lists of Impaired and Threatened Waters,
5. Provided opportunities for the public to participate in list development.

In order to have assurance that we have compiled all readily available data, the Division of Water Resources by means of this notice requests the submittal of all water quality data from Tennessee streams, lakes, and wetlands in Group 1 Watersheds for the previous five years.

We request the data in a suitable electronic format, preferably EXCEL. Submissions should include detailed sample station location information plus a description of sampling methods and data quality assurance measures.

Please note that the Division is unable to pay a fee for collection and analysis of samples or the use of data.

Electronic data and/or questions may be submitted to: tdec.watershedplanning@tn.gov or questions may be mailed to:

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In order to be fully incorporated into this process, data would need to be received by **April 1, 2024**.

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.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

TDEC Division of Water Resources Group 1 Watersheds.

HUC- 8	HUC-8 NAME	GROUP
08010211	Nonconnah Creek	1
08010205	South Fork Forked Deer River	1
06030005	Pickwick Lake	1
05130204	Harpeth River	1
06030002	Wheeler Lake	1
06010208	Emory River	1
06010201	Watts Bar Lake	1
03150101	Conasauga River	1
06020003	Ocoee River	1
06010103	Watauga River	1

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