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Public Comment Sought on Beech Creek Amendment TMDL of Pond Creek Bacteria, pH and Metals TMDL

Comment Period Ends August 7, 2017

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 7, 2017) – The Energy and Environment Cabinet is seeking public comments until August 7, 2017 on a draft amendment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) addressing copper impairment on the Beech Creek 0.0 to 3.9 located in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky.

The Clean Water Act requires each state to periodically identify specific waters where designated uses are not being met and water quality impairments exist. The state is also required to prioritize the list of impaired waters, calculate a TMDL of pollutants for those waters and devise plans to improve the water quality.

The Pond Creek E. coli, pH and metals TMDL was approved on February 2, 2017 with the TMDL ID of 67320. This TMDL was developed for E.coli, pH, cadmium,

copper, iron, lead, nickel and zinc on 25 stream segments within the Pond Creek Watershed located in Muhlenberg County. The segment of Beech Creek 0.0 to 3.9 was addressed in the Pond Creek TMDL with the pollutants of cadmium, iron, nickel and zinc. Copper was also listed as a pollutant contributing to the Warm Water Aquatic Habitat impairment on Beech Creek 0.0 to 3.9 as a part of the 2016 303(d) List. The 2016 303(d) List was placed on a 60-day public notice starting on May 2, 2017.

This proposed amendment TMDL addresses copper impairment on Beech Creek 0.0 to 3.9. This amendment applies same methodology as that implemented in the Pond Creek TMDL document. No additional Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System facilities are affected by this amendment TMDL.

Revisions to the report may be made following the public comment period and before it is sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

The report may be viewed on the [Division of Water website](#) at <http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>. Comments should be sent in writing to Hui Chen, Division of Water, 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, KY 40601 or by email to hui.chen@ky.gov.

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