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Public comment sought on *E. coli* TMDL for 40 stream segments in the Clarks River Watershed

Comment period ends Sept. 23

FRANKFORT, Ky. – (Aug. 24) –The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet is seeking public comment until close of business Sept. 23 on a draft report addressing *E. coli* impairments in Clarks River watershed located in Calloway, Graves, Marshall, and McCracken counties.

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 Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of pollutants for those waters and devise plans to improve the water quality.

The report, prepared for the Kentucky Division of Water, addresses *E. coli* impairments in the Clarks River watershed at levels that make it inappropriate for the swimming designated use. The report includes data and procedures used to calculate the TMDLs for the stream segments. Additionally, this serves as 30-day public notice for new impairments for the swimming use found within the watershed.

Revisions to the reports may be made following the public comment period and before they are sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

The reports may be viewed on the [Division of Water Web site](http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx) at <http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>. Comments should be sent in writing to Andrea Fredenburg, Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Fourth Floor, Frankfort, Ky. 40601 or by e-mail to Andrea.Fredenburg@ky.gov.

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