

2024 TRIENNIAL REVIEW LISTENING SESSION REMARKS

Opening

Good evening, my name is _____, and I am the TITLE with the Division of Water. With me tonight are Names/Titles. We want to thank you for attending and participating in this listening session regarding Kentucky's Water Quality Standards.

In accordance with the federal Clean Water Act, Congress gave states the responsibility to establish objectives or goals for managing, maintaining, and enhancing water quality, which are contained in Kentucky's Water Quality Standard regulations at 401 KAR Chapter 10. States are required to review these standards, hold a public listening session, and collect and consider public comments every three years, which is collectively known as the "Triennial Review", pursuant to Section 303(c)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

The purpose of this Triennial Review listening session is to receive comments regarding any of Kentucky's water quality standard, existing or otherwise, that the Division of Water should consider for potential revision. Comments received during this listening session, and all written comments submitted during the public comment period, will assist the Division in determining what revisions, if any, would be appropriate during this Triennial Review cycle.

The public comment period for this Triennial Review will remain open through Friday, October 4, 2024. Depending on the outcome of this Triennial Review, the Division anticipates proposing any changes to Kentucky's water quality standards in 2025, and is considering updates to the Domestic Water Supply intake location list and adding waterbodies to the Outstanding State Resource Waters and Exceptional Waters lists, which have not been updated since 2018. Any proposed changes to those regulations, contained in 401 KAR Chapter 10, will be made according to the administrative regulatory process established in Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 13A.

This meeting is being recorded and will be conducted as a non-adversarial listening session. The Division will not respond to comments at this session, but may ask questions to clarify the meaning of a comment. We ask that you also submit a written copy of your comments, by email to Andrea.Fredenburg@ky.gov, with "2024 Triennial Review" in the subject line, or mail them to the address indicated in the Public Notice. Verbal and written comments will receive the same consideration from the Division.

If you are online, please keep your microphone muted until you are called upon to speak. We will call the names of people wishing to speak, which you can indicate by raising your hand either here in the meeting room or online using the icon, and the meeting facilitator will unmute your microphone. When your name is called, please state and spell your first and last names, and if you are representing an organized group, please state that affiliation. We ask that you speak clearly so that we can accurately capture your comments, and that you limit your

comments to about 5 minutes. We will continue taking comments until there are no persons remaining who wish to speak.

Public Comments

We will now begin taking comments. Anybody who wishes to speak can raise their hand online or here in the meeting room. The facilitator will call your name and unmute your microphone.

Adjournment

It appears that there are no further requests to make verbal comments. I want to thank you for your participation in this important process, and reiterate that the Division will accept written comments through Friday, October 4, 2024. We prefer that you submit your comments by email to Andrea.Fredenburg@ky.gov, with "2024 Triennial Review" in the subject line, or you can mail them to the address provided in the Public Notice.

Thank you again for your participation. We will now adjourn this listening session.