

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED TOTAL MAXIMUM
DAILY LOADS FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF
CONCERN IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
JUNE 30, 2003

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, streams and lakes in the Coosa, Tallapoosa, and Tennessee 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 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:

Coosa River Basin

Acworth Creek – FC
Allatoona Creek – FC
Amicalola Creek - FC
Armuchee Creek – CFB, FC
Beech Creek – CFB, FC
Big Cedar Creek/Cedar Creek– CFB, FC
Big Dry Creek– CFB, FC
Burwell Creek – CFB
Butler Creek – FC
Cane Creek – FC
Cartecay River – FC
Chattooga River (Henry Branch to Lyerly) - FC
Chattooga River– FC
Coahulla Creek – FC
Conasauga River (Hwy 286 - Holly Ck) – FCG, FC
Conasauga River (Holly Ck - Oostanaula)–FCG, FC
Connesenna Creek – CFB
Coosa River (Rome to Hwy 100) – CFB, FCG, FC
Coosa River (Hwy 100 - Stateline) – CFB, FCG, DO
Coosawattee River – FC
Dozier Creek - CFB
Elijay River – FC
Etowah River (Clear Ck - Forsyth) - FCG, FC
Etowah River (Settlingdown - Long Swamp) - FC

Etowah River (Allatoona – Richland Ck) - FCG, FC
Etowah River (Richland Ck - Euharlee) - FCG
Etowah River (Euharlee Ck - Hwy411) - FCG, FC
Etowah River (Hwy 411- Coosa) - CFB, FCG, FC
Euharlee Creek - FC
Flat Creek – FC
Hamilton Creek – CFB
Holly Creek - FC
Horseleg Creek – CFB
Kings Creek – CFB
Lake Acworth – FC
Lake Allatoona (Carter's Ck Embayment) – FC
Lake Allatoona (Little River) – FC, Chlorophyll a
Lake Allatoona (Tanyard Ck Embayment) – FC
Little Allatoona Creek - FC
Little Dry Creek – CFB
Little Noonday Creek – FC
Long Swamp Creek – FC
Mountaintown Creek - FC
Mt. Hope Creek – CFB
Oostanaula River (Consauga - Oothkalooga) - FCG
Oostanaula River (Oothkalooga-Hwy156)- FCG, FC
Oostanaula River (Hwy 156 - Hwy 140) - FCG, FC
Oostanaula River (Hwy 140-Coosa)–CFB, FCG, FC
Owl Creek – FC
Pine Log Creek – FC
Proctor Creek – FC
Pumpkinvine Creek – FC
Raccoon Creek – FC
Rocky Creek - RC
Rubes Creek – FC
Sharp Mountain Creek - FC
Silver Creek – CFB, FC
Smith Cabin/Cabin Creek – CFB
Spring Creek (Walker/Chattooga Co)– FC
Spring Creek (Floyd Co) – CFB, FC
Tails Creek – FC
Talking Rock Creek – FCG, FC
Tanyard Creek – FC
Tom's Creek – CFB
Tributary to Allatoona Creek – FC
Tributary to Oothkalooga Creek - FC
Tributary to Pettit Creek – FC
Two Run Creek – CFB, FC
Webb Creek – CFB, FC
Woodward Creek – CFB, FC

Tallapoosa River Basin

Buffalo Creek (D/S Southwire) - Cu
Buffalo Creek (U/S Little Tallapoosa) – FC, Cu
Little Tallapoosa River - FC
Tallapoosa River (Hwy 100- Stateline) – FC
Tallapoosa River (Water Mill Ck – Beach Ck) – FC
Tributary to Buffalo Creek - Cu

Tennessee River Basin

Bearmeat Creek – Bio
Butternut Creek – Bio, FC
Chattanooga Ck (High Point–Flintstone)–Bio, FC
Chattanooga Creek (Flintstone – Stateline) – FC
Dry Creek (US E. Chickamauga Ck) – Bio
Dry Creek (Headwaters to Stateline) - FC
East Chickamauga – FC
Fightingtwon Creek – FC
Hempton Creek – FC
Little Tennessee Creek – FC
Lookout Creek – FC
Lower Youngcane Creek – Bio
MacFarland Branch – FC, DO
Mill Creek – FC
Nottely River (R/L Forks to HW 19) - FC
Nottely River (Hwy 19 to Lake Nottely) - FC
Peavine Creek – Bio, FC
Rock Creek – Bio
South Chickamauga Creek - FC
Tiger Creek – FC
Toccoa River – FC
Weaver Creek – Bio
West Chickamauga Creek (Mill Ck-Crawfish)- FC
West Chickamauga Creek (Hwy 2 - Stateline)- FC
Youngcane Creek – FC

Key to TMDL Parameter Abbreviations:

Bio- Fish Community Biology TMDL for Sediment
FC - TMDL for fecal coliform bacteria
DO - TMDL for dissolved oxygen
Cu - TMDL for copper
FCG - Fish Consumption Guidance TMDL
for polychlorinated biphenyls
CFB - Commerical Fishing Ban TMDL
for polychlorinated biphenyls

A copy of this notice and a copy of each TMDL may be reviewed during normal business hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays) at the following location: Environmental Protection Division, Water 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.

Written comments are welcomed. To insure their consideration, written comments should be received on or before 4:00 p.m., August 6, 2003. Written comments should be addressed to: Mr. Alan W. Hallum, Chief, Water Protection Branch, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

For technical information contact Ms. Elizabeth Booth, TMDL Modeling and Development Unit, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, (404) 675-1675.

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.