UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DECISION TO ADD FIFTY-TWO WATERBODY-POLLUTANT COMBINATIONS TO NORTH CAROLINA'S 2014 SECTION 303(d) LIST

Section 303(d)(2) of the Clean Water Act requires that states submit, every two years, lists of waters for which existing pollution controls fail to attain or maintain state water quality standards. The EPA must approve or disapprove each list, referred to as a 303(d) list or list of impaired waters. On July 31, 2014, the EPA partially approved North Carolina's 2014 303(d) list, agreeing with the State's listing of 1,194 waterbody-pollutant combinations as well as the removal of 227 waterbody-pollutant combinations. The EPA also independently determined that 52 additional waterbody-pollutant combinations should have been included and has added those to North Carolina's section 303(d) list.

EPA welcomes public comments on the decision to add 52 waterbody-pollutant combinations to North Carolina's 2014 303(d) list. You are invited to submit comments in writing no later than September 12, 2014, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Protection Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, ATTENTION: Ms. Marion Hopkins, Water Quality Planning Branch. Ms. Hopkins may also be contacted via electronic mail at hopkins.marion@epa.gov. Oral comments will not be considered.

Copies of the EPA's decision about North Carolina's list that explains the rationale for the EPA's decision can be found on the EPA Region 4 web site at the following URL address:

www.epa.gov/region4/water/tmdl/northcarolina

You may write or email Ms. Hopkins at the address or electronic mail address provided above. Records for this decision are available for public inspection at 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To review this information, contact Ms. Hopkins at the above electronic mail address to schedule a time. EPA's final action and response to comments will be announced after all comments are reviewed.

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