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TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Environmental Planning and Outreach Program



To: Interested 303(d) decision methodology reviewers

From: Charles Poukish, 303(d) List Coordinator

Date: June 26, 2001

Subject: Review of draft methodologies for listing pollution impaired waterbodies on the 2002 303(d) list

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has begun the process for developing the 2002 List of Impaired Waters required under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, which is due to EPA for their review and approval on April 1, 2002. MDE is planning sixty days of public review and comment for the Draft 2002 List between November 2001 and the end of January 2002. The List will be posted on the MDE World Wide Web Page <http://www.mde.state.md.us> and published in the Maryland Register during this period. The QA/QC required for data considered under these protocols is listed under (Guidance on Quality Assurance Project Plans, 1998. EPA 600-R-98-018) at <http://www.epa.gov/quality1/qs-docs/g5-final.pdf>. Data submittal forms may be downloaded from the MDE Web Page or obtained by emailing Sherm Garrison, MD Department of Natural Resources at: sgarrison@dnr.state.md.us.

Prior to developing this draft 303(d) List for public review, the Department is seeking comments on the draft listing methodologies that will be used to interpret water quality monitoring data and identify impaired waterbodies for listing. The following listing methodologies are currently available for review on the MDE Web Site, Public libraries or you may call Carolyn Kuciara at 410-631-3183 and hard copies will be mailed at your request.

- 1) **pH**
- 2) **Sediments**

The following draft listing methodologies were previously made available for comment and remain open for comment until July 31, 2001

- 3) *Dissolved Oxygen Standards in Thermally Stratified Lakes***
- 4) *Bacteriological***
- 5) *Biocriteria***
- 6) *Toxics***

All comments on the listing methodologies should be emailed to cpoukish@mde.state.md.us (phone 410-631-4434, FAX 410-631-3873) or mailed to Charles Poukish, Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland 21224. All responses should be postmarked on or before July 31st 2001.