

February 2018

Dear Interested Stakeholder,

The Federal Clean Water Act requires that States assess the quality of their waters every two years and publish a list of waters not meeting water quality standards. This list of impaired waters is included in the State's biennial Integrated Report (IR) of Surface Water Quality. Waters identified in Category 5 of the IR are impaired and may require the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). In compliance with Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 of the Clean Water Act, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is announcing the availability of the Draft 2018 IR for public review and comment. The public review period will run from **February 16, 2018 to March 19, 2018**. The Draft IR is being posted on MDE's website at

<http://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/TMDL/Integrated303dReports/Pages/2018IR.aspx>. Hard copies of the Draft IR may also be requested by calling Becky Monahan at (410) 537-3947. *Please note that the Department charges a fee to cover printing and shipping costs.*

The Department is hosting an informational public meeting and conference call on the IR in Baltimore at 6pm on February 27, 2018. Any hearing impaired person may request an interpreter to be present at the meeting by giving five (5) working days notice to Becky Monahan at Becky.Monahan@maryland.gov or by calling (410) 537-3947. Anyone wanting to participate in this meeting via conference call should also contact Becky Monahan, in advance, for instructions. Given enough interest, the Department may schedule additional meetings. Comments or questions should be directed in writing to Mr. Matthew Stover MDE, Science Services Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230, or emailed to Matthew.Stover@maryland.gov on or before **March 19, 2018**. After addressing all comments received during the public review period, a final IR will be prepared and submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

Public Meeting Details

Date: February 27, 2018.

Start Time: 6:00 pm

Location: MDE Headquarters

Lobby Conference Rooms *(to the left after entering the front door)*

1800 Washington Blvd.

Baltimore, MD 21230

Parking: Red Lot, Front (south) of building