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Department of the Environment Informational Public Meeting Announcement: Maryland's Draft 2024 Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality

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 the water quality standards set for them. 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). The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is announcing the availability of the Draft 2024 IR for public review and comment. The 2024 IR includes the 303(d) 2025-2032 Vision, which provides a long-term vision for assessment, restoration, and protection under the Clean Water Act Section 303(d). Maryland's 2025-2032 Vision focuses on TMDL prioritization for current impairments. The Vision is being released for public review and comment along with the 2024 IR.

The public review and comment period for both the IR and the 2025-2032 Vision will run from May 31, 2024- July 1, 2024. The Draft IR is posted on MDE's website at https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/TMDL/Integrated303dReports/Pages/2024IR.aspx Hard copies of the Draft IR may be requested by calling Becky Monahan at (410) 537-3947. *Please note that the Department charges a fee to cover printing and shipping costs.* Public comments or questions on the IR and the 2025-2032 Vision may be directed in writing to Becky Monahan, MDE, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230, or emailed to Becky.Monahan@maryland.gov, on or before July 1, 2024.

The Department is hosting a virtual informational public meeting for both the IR and the 2025-2032 Vision at **6 pm on Thursday**, **June 13, 2024**. Please register for the virtual meeting at https://forms.gle/zRyGWxXzxVMGUJAS8 Any hearing-impaired person may request a closed caption option for the meeting in advance. An in-person meeting may also be requested in advance, if necessary. The virtual meeting will be recorded, and a copy will be posted on the IR webpage. 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. Please contact Becky Monahan at Becky.Monahan@maryland.gov or (410) 537-3947 with any meeting requests or questions.

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Date: June 13, 2024. **Start Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Registration: https://forms.gle/zRyGWxXzxVMGUJAS8
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