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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and Determinations That TMDLs Are Not Needed**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability for comment of the administrative record file for 98 TMDLs and the calculations for these TMDLs prepared by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in the Calcasieu and Ouachita river basins, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). These TMDLs were completed in response to a court

order in the lawsuit *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.).

This notice also announces the availability for comment of EPA determinations that TMDLs are not needed for 20 waterbody/pollutant combinations in the Calcasieu and Ouachita river basins because new data and information show that water quality standards are being met. This proposed action would result in the removal of 20 waterbody/pollutant combinations from the Louisiana 303(d) list.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before April 29, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the 98 TMDLs and the determinations that TMDLs are not needed for 20 waterbody/pollutant combinations should be sent to Ellen Caldwell, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733. For further information, contact Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513. The administrative record file for these TMDLs and the determinations

that TMDLs are not needed are available for public inspection at this address as well. Documents from the administrative record file may be viewed at [www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm), or obtained by calling or writing Ms. Caldwell at the above address. Please contact Ms. Caldwell to schedule an inspection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1996, two Louisiana environmental groups, the Sierra Club and Louisiana Environmental Action Network (plaintiffs), filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.). Among other claims, plaintiffs alleged that EPA failed to establish Louisiana TMDLs in a timely manner.

**EPA Seeks Comments on 98 TMDLs**

By this notice EPA is seeking comment on the following 98 TMDLs for waters located within the Calcasieu and Ouachita river basins:

| Subsegment | Waterbody name   | Pollutant   |
|------------|--|---|
| 030301     | Calcasieu River & Ship Channel—Saltwater Barrier to Moss Lake (Estuarine) (Includes Coon Island and Clooney Island Loops).                         | Contaminated sediments (Mercury, PAHs, and toxicity).   |
| 030306     | Bayou Verdine (Estuarine)  | Contaminated sediments (4,4'-DDT, Methoxychlor, PAHs, Zinc, Calcium, and toxicity).                 |
| 030901     | Bayou D'Inde—Headwaters to Calcasieu River (Estuarine)   | Contaminated sediments (Mercury, toxicity, and organics).   |
| 030305     | Contraband Bayou (Estuarine)   | Copper.   |
| 031201     | Calcasieu River Basin—Coastal Bays and Gulf Waters to State 3 mile limit.  | Mercury.  |
| 030301     | Calcasieu River and Ship Channel—Saltwater Barrier to Moss Lake (Estuarine) (Includes Coon Island and Clooney Island Loops).                       | Metals (Copper, Lead, and Mercury).   |
| 030304     | Moss Lake (Estuarine)  | Metals (Copper, Mercury).   |
| 030306     | Bayou Verdine (Estuarine)  | Metals (Mercury, Nickel).   |
| 030901     | Bayou D'Inde—Headwaters to Calcasieu River (Estuarine)   | Metals (Copper, Nickel, and Mercury).   |
| 030305     | Contraband Bayou (Estuarine)   | Pathogen indicators.  |
| 030701     | Bayou Serpent  | Pesticides (Fipronil).  |
| 030301     | Calcasieu River and Ship Channel—Saltwater Barrier to Moss Lake (Estuarine) (Includes Coon Island and Clooney Island Loops).                       | Priority organics (PAHs).   |
| 030306     | Bayou Verdine (Estuarine)  | Priority organics (Phenols, and 1,2-Dichloroethane).  |
| 030901     | Bayou D'Inde—Headwaters to Calcasieu River (Estuarine)   | Priority organics (PCBs, Tetrachloroethane, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorobutadiene, and Bromoform). |
| 030702     | English Bayou—Headwaters to Calcasieu River  | Suspended solids.   |
| 030702     | English Bayou—Headwaters to Calcasieu River  | Turbidity.  |
| 081501     | Castor Creek—Headwaters to Little River  | Chlorides.  |
| 0809(04)   | Little Bayou Boeuf/Wham Brake (within segment 0809)  | Dioxins.  |
| 080912     | Tisdale Brake/Staulkinghead Creek from origin to Little Bayou Boeuf.   | Dioxins.  |
| 080101     | Ouachita River—Arkansas State Line to Columbia Lock and Dam (Scenic from the Arkansas State Line to intersection with Bayou Bartholomew—22 miles). | Mercury.  |
| 080902     | Bayou Bonne Idee—Headwaters to Boeuf River   | Nitrogen.   |
| 080102     | Bayou Chauvin  | Noxious aquatic plants.   |
| 080201     | Ouachita River—Columbia Lock and Dam to Jonesville   | Nutrients.  |

| Subsegment | Waterbody name  | Pollutant   |
|------------|---|---|
| 080302     | Black River—Corps of Engineers Control Structure to Red River.  | Nutrients.  |
| 080902     | Bayou Bonne Idee—Headwaters to Boeuf River  | Nutrients.  |
| 080904     | Bayou Lafourche—near Oakridge to Boeuf River near Columbia.   | Nutrients.  |
| 080910     | Clear Lake  | Nutrients.  |
| 081002     | Joe's Bayou—Headwaters to Bayou Macon   | Nutrients.  |
| 081201     | Tensas River—Headwaters to Jonesville (including Tensas Bayou).   | Nutrients.  |
| 081202     | Lake St. Joseph (Oxbow Lake)  | Nutrients.  |
| 080201     | Ouachita River—Columbia Lock  | Organic enrichment/low DO.                                    |
| 080501     | Bayou de L'Outre—Arkansas State to Ouachita River (Scenic).   | Organic enrichment/low DO.                                    |
| 080607     | Corney Bayou—from Arkansas State Line to Corney Lake (Scenic).  | Organic enrichment/low DO.                                    |
| 080902     | Bayou Bonne Idee—Headwaters to Boeuf River  | Organic enrichment/low DO.                                    |
| 080904     | Bayou Lafourche—near Oakridge to Boeuf River near Columbia.   | Organic enrichment/low DO.                                    |
| 080910     | Clear Lake  | Organic enrichment/low DO.                                    |
| 081002     | Joe's Bayou—Headwaters to Bayou Macon   | Organic enrichment/low DO.                                    |
| 081201     | Tensas River—Headwaters to Jonesville (including Tensas Bayou).   | Organic enrichment/low DO.                                    |
| 081202     | Lake St. Joseph (Oxbow Lake)  | Organic enrichment/low DO.                                    |
| 080102     | Bayou Chauvin—Headwaters to the Ouachita River  | Pathogen indicators.  |
| 080610     | Middle Fork of Bayou D'Arbonne—From origin to Bayou D'Arbonne Lake (Scenic).                                | Pathogen indicators.  |
| 080905     | Turkey Creek—Headwaters to Turkey Creek Cutoff and Turkey Creek Cutoff to Big Creek including Glade Slough. | Pathogen indicators.  |
| 080910     | Clear Lake  | Pathogen indicators.  |
| 081001     | Bayou Macon   | Pathogen indicators.  |
| 081602     | Little River—From Bear Creek to Catahoula Lake (Scenic)   | Pathogen indicators.  |
| 080901     | Boeuf River—Arkansas State Line to Ouachita River   | Pesticides (Carbofuran, DDT, and Toxaphene).                  |
| 080903     | Big Creek—Headwaters to Boeuf   | Pesticides (Carbofuran, Atrazine, DDT, and Methyl Parathion). |
| 081001     | Bayou Macon   | Pesticides (DDT).   |
| 081002     | Joe's Bayou—Headwaters to Bayou Macon   | Pesticides (Carbofuran, and DDT).                             |
| 081201     | Tensas River—Headwaters to Jonesville including Tensas Bayou.   | Pesticides (Carbofuran, Toxaphene, and DDT).                  |
| 080902     | Bayou Bonne Idee—Headwaters to Boeuf River  | Phosphorus.   |
| 080904     | Bayou Lafourche—near Oakridge to Boeuf River near Columbia.   | Priority organics (Dioxins).                                  |
| 081501     | Castor Creek—Headwaters to Little River   | Salinity/TDS.   |
| 080202     | Bayou Louis   | Siltation.  |
| 080901     | Boeuf River—Arkansas State Line to Ouachita River   | Siltation.  |
| 080102     | Bayou Chauvin   | Suspended solids.   |
| 080901     | Boeuf River—Arkansas State Line to Ouachita River   | Suspended solids.   |
| 080903     | Big Creek—Headwaters to Boeuf River (including Big Colewa Bayou).   | Suspended solids.   |
| 080904     | Bayou Lafourche—near Oakridge to Boeuf River near Columbia.   | Suspended solids.   |
| 080910     | Clear Lake  | Suspended solids.   |
| 081001     | Bayou Macon—Arkansas State Line to Tensas River   | Suspended solids.   |
| 081002     | Joe's Bayou—Headwaters to Bayou Macon   | Suspended solids.   |
| 081201     | Tensas River—Headwaters to Jonesville (including Tensas Bayou).   | Suspended solids.   |
| 081202     | Lake St. Joseph (Oxbow Lake)  | Suspended solids.   |
| 080102     | Bayou Chauvin   | Turbidity.  |
| 080901     | Boeuf River—Arkansas State Line to Ouachita River   | Turbidity.  |
| 080903     | Big Creek—Headwaters to Boeuf River (including Big Colewa Bayou).   | Turbidity.  |
| 080904     | Bayou Lafourche—near Oakridge to Boeuf River near Columbia.   | Turbidity.  |
| 081001     | Bayou Macon—Arkansas State Line to Tensas River   | Turbidity.  |
| 081201     | Tensas River—Headwaters to Jonesville (including Tensas Bayou).   | Turbidity.  |

**EPA Seeks Comments on Proposed Determinations That 20 TMDLs for Waterbody/Pollutant Combinations Are Not Needed Due to Assessment of New Data and Information That Shows They Are Meeting WQS**

| Subsegment | Waterbody name   | Pollutant                 |
|------------|--|---------------------------|
| 030301     | Calcasieu River and Ship Channel—Saltwater Barrier to Moss Lake (Estuarine) (includes Coon Island and Clooney Island Loops). | Ammonia                   |
| 030302     | Lake Charles (Estuarine)   | Non-priority organics     |
| 030306     | Bayou Verdine  | Non-priority organics     |
| 030901     | Bayou D'Inde—Headwaters to Calcasieu River (Estuarine)   | Non-priority organics     |
| 030901     | Bayou D'Inde—Headwaters to Calcasieu River (Estuarine)   | Other inorganics          |
| 030302     | Lake Charles (Estuarine)   | Priority organics         |
| 030303     | Prien Lake   | Priority organics         |
| 030304     | Moss Lake (Estuarine)  | Priority organics         |
| 030305     | Contraband Bayou (Estuarine)   | Priority organics         |
| 030401     | Calcasieu River—Calcasieu Ship Channel Below Moss Lake to the Gulf of Mexico (Estuarine) (Includes Monkey Island Loop).      | Priority organics         |
| 030402     | Calcasieu Lake (Estuarine)   | Priority organics         |
| 080102     | Bayou Chauvin—Headwaters to the Ouachita River   | Ammonia                   |
| 080901     | Boeuf River—Arkansas State Line to Ouachita River  | Ammonia                   |
| 080905     | Turkey Creek—Headwaters to Turkey Creek Cutoff and Turkey Creek Cutoff to Big Creek including Glade Slough.                  | Ammonia                   |
| 081401     | Dugdemona River—Headwaters to junction with Big Creek  | Dioxins                   |
| 081001     | Bayou Macon—Arkansas State Line to Tensas River  | Nutrients                 |
| 081402     | Dugdemona River—From Big Creek to Little River   | Organic enrichment/low DO |
| 081609     | Hemphill Creek—Headwaters to Catahoula Lake (includes Hair Creek).   | Organic enrichment/low DO |
| 080901     | Boeuf River—Arkansas State Line to Ouachita River  | Phosphorus                |
| 080903     | Big Creek—Headwaters to Boeuf River (including Big Colewa Bayou).  | Phosphorus                |

EPA requests that the public provide any water quality related data and information that may be relevant to the calculations for these 98 TMDLs, or any other comments relevant to the 20 proposed determinations that TMDLs are not needed. EPA will review all data and information submitted during the public comment period and revise the TMDLs and determinations where appropriate. EPA will then forward the TMDLs to the Court and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). LDEQ will incorporate the TMDLs into its current water quality management plan. EPA also will revise the Louisiana 303(d) list as appropriate.

Dated: March 21, 2002.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission**

March 25, 2002.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before May 28, 2002. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to [lesmith@fcc.gov](mailto:lesmith@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s) contact Les Smith at 202-418-0217 or via the Internet at [lesmith@fcc.gov](mailto:lesmith@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0370.

*Title:* Part 32, Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Companies.

*Form Number:* N/A.