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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of 29 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) in Louisiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability for comment of the administrative record files for 29 TMDLs and the calculations for these TMDLs prepared by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in the Red, Sabine, and

Pearl River Basins of Louisiana, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). These TMDLs were completed in response to a court order in the lawsuit styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford, et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.).

DATES: Comments must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before September 4, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the 29 TMDLs should be sent to Diane Smith, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733 or e-mail: smith.diane@epa.gov. For further information, contact Diane Smith at (214) 665-2145 or fax 214.665.7373. The administrative record files for the 29 TMDLs are available for public inspection at this address as well. Documents from the administrative record files may be viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6wq/npdes/>

tmdl/index.htm, or obtained by calling or writing Ms. Smith at the above address. Please contact Ms. Smith to schedule an inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Smith at (214) 665-2145.

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 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 proposes these 29 TMDLs pursuant to a consent decree entered in this lawsuit.

EPA Seeks Comment on 29 TMDLs

By this notice EPA is seeking comment on the following 29 TMDLs for waters located within Louisiana basins:

Subsegment	Waterbody name	Pollutant
090101	Pearl River—MS State Line to Pearl River Navigation Canal	Mercury.
090102	East Pearl River—Holmes Bayou to I-10	Mercury.
090103	East Pearl River—From I-10 to Lake Borgne (estuarine)	Mercury.
090105	Pearl River Navigation Canal—From Pools Bluff to Lock No. 3	Mercury.
090106	Holmes Bayou—From the Pearl River to the West Pearl River (scenic)	Mercury.
090107	Pearl River—From Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou	Mercury.
090201	West Pearl River—From Headwaters to confluence with Holmes Bayou (scenic)	Mercury.
090202-5126	Morgan River—From Porters River to its confluence with Pearl River (scenic)	Mercury.
090203	Lower Bogue Chitto—From River Navigation Canal to Wilsons Slough	Mercury.
090204	Pearl River Navigation Canal—Below Lock No. 3	Mercury.
090205	Wilson Slough—Bogue Chitto to West Pearl River	Mercury.
090206	Bradley Slough—Bogue Chitto to West Pearl River	Mercury.
090207	Middle Pearl River and West Middle Pearl River—From West Pearl River to Little Lake	Mercury.
090207-5112	Morgan Bayou—Headwaters near I-10 to confluence with Middle River	Mercury.
090501	Bogue Chitto River—From MS State Line to Pearl River Navigation Canal (scenic)	Mercury.
100401-0556575	Ivan Lake	Mercury.
100703	Black Lake and Clear Lake	Mercury.
100705	Kepler Lake	Mercury.
100709	Grand Bayou—Headwaters to Black Lake Bayou	Mercury.
100709-001	Grand Bayou Reservoir	Mercury.
100803	Saline Bayou—From Saline Lake to Red River	Mercury.
101302	Iatt Lake	Mercury.
101501	Big Saline Bayou—Catahoula Lake to Saline Lake	Mercury.
101502	Saline Lake	Mercury.
101504	Saline Bayou—Larto Lake to Saline Lake (scenic)	Mercury.
101505	Larto Lake	Mercury.
101506	Big Creek—Headwaters to Saline Lake	Mercury.
110101	Toledo Bend Reservoir—TX-LA Line to Toledo Bend Dam	Mercury.
110503	Vernon Lake	Mercury.

EPA requests that the public provide to EPA any water quality related data and information that may be relevant to the calculations for the 29 TMDLs. EPA will review all data and information submitted during the public comment period and revise the TMDLs where appropriate. EPA will then forward the TMDLs to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). The LDEQ will incorporate the TMDLs into

its current water quality management plan.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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