

Public Notice for Watson Lake TMDL

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The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, has developed a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analysis for Watson Lake in Prescott, Arizona. ADEQ has determined that this lake is impaired for low dissolved oxygen (DO), high pH, and excess nitrogen and phosphorus.

A TMDL defines the total amount of a particular constituent or pollutant which can be introduced into a water body without causing an exceedance of state surface water quality standards. The TMDL process enlists the participation of stakeholder groups and other interested parties to assist in identifying possible sources of pollution, to allocate loads of those pollutants in accordance with the objectives of the analysis, and to identify the most reasonable measures that should be implemented in order for a lake or stream to achieve surface water quality standards.

ADEQ will release a draft version of the Watson Lake TMDL on April 1, 2014 and will accept written comments until 5:00 pm (MST) on May 1, 2014. Written comments should be sent to:

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This TMDL may be reviewed at the following locations:

- ADEQ Records Center (first floor) 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602) 771-2300 or
- Prescott Public Library (Reference Desk) 215 E. Goodwin Street, Prescott, Arizona 86303 (928) 777-1526/1500
- The ADEQ website (<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/assessment/download/status.pdf>) and follow the “Draft TMDL Document” links under the Verde Watershed section heading.

Responses to written comments received during the public comment period will be addressed and summarized in a public notice in the Arizona Administrative Register during the month of May, 2014.

If you have further questions about the Watson Lake TMDL, please contact the project manager, Susan Fitch at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4541 (inside Arizona only) or (602) 771-4541.