

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

To: Sandy River Basin TMDL File
From: Holly Schroeder, WQ Administrator
Subject: Sandy River Basin TMDL Order

Date: March 14, 2005

On March 14th, 2005, the Sandy River Basin Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) was issued as an order by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ). The area covered by the Sandy River Basin corresponds to the fourth-field hydrologic unit code (HUC) 17080001. The Sandy River originates on the western slopes of Mount Hood and flows 56 miles before draining into the Columbia River near Portland. TMDLs submitted are for temperature and bacteria. These TMDLs are applicable to all perennial and to all fish-bearing intermittent waters, and the allocations are applicable to all sources and land uses in the basin.

This final TMDL document, developed under §303(d) of the Clean Water Act, has been submitted for US EPA approval. The document, when approved, will be an update to Oregon's Continuous Planning Process per §303(e) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). A water quality management plan (WQMP) is also being submitted to EPA, although it does not need to be approved or disapproved as specified under the terms of the February 1, 2000 Memorandum of Agreement between EPA and ODEQ regarding the implementation of §303(d) of the CWA. Should EPA modify or disapprove this TMDL, such actions will be made public.

Watershed analyses and draft TMDLs were presented to and discussed with a variety of federal agencies, committees, and interests including EPA, cities, counties, dischargers, and the local watershed council.

The public comment period on the draft Sandy River Basin TMDLs was opened on September 27th, 2004 and closed on December 10th, 2004. Informational meetings to present background on the technical and modeling components of the draft TMDLs were provided at several venues preceding the public comment period, and a formal public hearing was held on November 9th, 2004 in the city of Sandy, Oregon. DEQ received comments on the draft TMDLs from EPA, the Sandy River Basin Watershed Council, Water Environment Services of Clackamas County, Multnomah County and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. DEQ summarized the issues raised, prepared responses and made revisions to the draft TMDLs and WQMP.

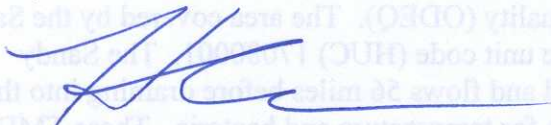
This memo and the related public notification represent the beginning of the 60-day appeal period on this ODEQ action. The Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) allow for the following:

- (1) Any person who participated in establishing a TMDL, including those who submitted comments, and any other person entitled to seek judicial review of an order issuing a TMDL may request reconsideration by the Director in accordance with OAR 137-004-0080.
- (2) A person may file a petition for judicial review of a final TMDL order as allowed by ORS 183.484.

This TMDL can be found at the following website: www.deq.state.or.us/wq/TMDLs/TMDLs.htm or can be viewed at the following locations: ODEQ Headquarters, 811 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, OR 97204 or ODEQ Northwest Regional Office, 2020 SW 4th Ave., Suite 400, Portland, OR, 97201. Once EPA has approved this TMDL, this document will be made available via a CD electronic file or paper.

Should you have any questions about this TMDL, please contact either Greg Geist at 503-229-6991 or Andy Schaedel at 503-229-6121.

Issued by:



Holly Schroeder
Water Quality Administrator

Date: March 17, 2005

Attachments

