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OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY and REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
FWPCA Section 303(d) TMDL PRIORITY LIST FOR 2012**

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Division of Surface Water (DSW) is providing for public review and comment the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) priority list for 2012 as required by Section 303(d) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1313(d). The list indicates the waters of Ohio that are currently impaired and may require TMDL development in order to meet water quality standards. The waters are ranked according to level of impairment to help indicate which have the greatest need for TMDL development. The list is contained within the *2012 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report*, which in accordance with federal guidance, satisfies the Clean Water Act requirements for both Section 305(b) water quality reports and Section 303(d) lists. The report describes the procedure that Ohio EPA used to develop the list and indicates which areas have been selected for TMDL development during FFY 2012 through 2014.

Ohio EPA will hold a public information session on January 11, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Ohio EPA, Conference Room A, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, OH 43215.

All interested persons wishing to submit comments for Ohio EPA's consideration may do so by email to dsw.webmail@epa.state.oh.us, or in writing to Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 Attn: 303(d) Comments, by the close of business, February 6, 2012. Comments received after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit. After consideration of comments, Ohio EPA will submit a final document to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for approval. The final report must be submitted to U.S. EPA by April 1, 2012.

The report will be available on the Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water Web site at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/Home.aspx> no later than December 28, 2011. To receive a printed copy, contact the Ohio EPA - DSW reception desk by telephone at (614) 644-2001 and request the report by name. To arrange to inspect Agency files or records pertaining to the document, to ask technical questions regarding the list or report, or to request notice of when Ohio EPA submits the document to U.S. EPA, please contact the e-mail address above or call Trinka Mount at (614) 644-2146 or Beth Risley at (614) 728-2384.