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# Introduction

This document contains the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's (TNRCC's) submission of its 1999 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Texas water bodies that do not meet or are not expected to meet applicable water quality standards. This document fulfills the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act, Section 303(d) and 40 Code of Regulations (CFR), Section 130.7, as well as applicable EPA guidance. This submission addresses all comments received from EPA Region 6 and the public regarding draft versions of the List.

As required by 40 CFR §130.7(b)(6), this document includes:

- *Section I: State of Texas 1999 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List and Schedule for Development of Total Maximum Daily Loads.* This section includes the state's list of impaired and threatened water bodies and its draft schedule for development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs).
- *Section II: Methodology for Establishing Surface Water Quality Priorities for Texas River Basins.* This section describes the methodology used to develop the list and describes what was considered as "existing and readily available data and information" in developing the list.
- *Section III: Guidance for Assigning Priority for TMDL Development.* This section explains the TNRCC's methodology for determining priority ranking of water bodies on the 1998 303(d) List.
- *Section IV: Guidance for Screening and Assessing Texas Surface and Finished Water Quality Data.* This section describes the data used to compile the 1999 Clean Water Act Section 305(b) Water Quality Inventory and the 1999 303(d) List. Also described are the screening and assessment methodologies used in evaluating the data.
- *Section V: Water Bodies and Constituents Considered But Not Listed and Water Bodies Removed from the List.* This section describes the relevant water bodies and constituents considered and the reasons for not listing them. This section also identifies 1998-listed water bodies removed from the 1999 303(d) List, with the rationale for de-listing.
- *Section VI: Response to Public Comment on the State of Texas 1999 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List.* This section summarizes the comments received on the published drafts of the 1999 303(d) List, with TNRCC's responses, including a description of actions taken, where appropriate.

The TNRCC appreciates the participation of the public in the preparation of the 1999 303(d) List; many valuable suggestions were received at public meetings and in written comments. The TNRCC hopes to improve opportunities for public participation in subsequent listing cycles.

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