

**Draft Revisions to Recreation Criteria: Estimated Effect on TCEQ 303(d) List  
Water Quality Standards Workgroup – January 6, 2009  
TCEQ Staff DRAFT**

**2008 303(d) List of Impaired Water bodies:**

- 925 water bodies assessed
- 274 water bodies are listed as impaired for recreation
- Many water bodies have multiple “assessment units”

**Change:**     All classified freshwater segments changed from 126 to 206 *E. coli*/100 ml (193 rivers, 100 reservoirs). Classified estuaries (40), tidal rivers (31), and the Gulf of Mexico would retain their criterion of 35 Enterococci/100 ml.

**Effect:**       Classified rivers removed from the list:                     26 of 64  
Classified reservoirs removed from the list:                     2 of 2  
Classified tidal waters that would remain listed:                     16 of 16

**Change:**     Adjust criteria for freshwater unclassified streams based on stream type:

Initially assumed to be PCR (206/100 ml)  
Can be changed to SCR1 (630/100 ml) if survey shows no PCR features

**Effect:**       Intermittent streams (w/o pools) that meet SCR1 and delisted? 16 of 20  
Perennial streams that meet PCR and delisted:                     32 of 144

Of the other 112 perennial streams remaining on the list:  
67 meet criteria for SCR1 (630/100 ml); some delisted  
16 meet criteria for NCR (2,060/100 ml)  
28 do not meet criteria for NCR  
[1 would be removed by assessing only mean criterion]

**Change:**     Use only geometric mean criteria for assessment (not max criteria)

**Effect:**       Additional water bodies removed from the list:                     3

**Summary of Effects on 303(d) List:**

~ 79 water bodies removed from the 303(d) list  
Also, some of 67 unclassified, perennial streams removed – after surveys  
Of 274 listed water bodies, ~ 246 would have less stringent criteria