

**NOTICE OF
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS**

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announce the availability of the following Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for review and comment.

Mercury TMDL Evaluation for the State of South Dakota

This TMDL was developed in accordance with Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. The TMDL was developed on a watershed basis that included public involvement.

TMDLs are an important tool for the management of water quality. The goal of a TMDL is to ensure that waters of the state attain water quality standards and provide designated beneficial uses. A TMDL is defined as "the sum of the individual waste load allocations for point sources and load allocations for both nonpoint source and natural background sources established at a level necessary to achieve compliance with applicable surface water quality standards." In other words, a TMDL identifies the total pollution load of any given water body can receive and still remain healthy. TMDLs are required on waters that do not attain water quality standards or assigned beneficial uses.

The TMDL document is available for review and download from DENR's website at:

<http://denr.sd.gov/dfta/wp/tmdl/pn/tmdlpublicnotices.aspx>

A copy of the TMDL document may also be requested by calling 1-800-438-3367, emailing denrinternet@state.sd.us, or by mail at the address below.

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