

Request for Comments and Notice of Public Meeting for the Proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) Developed for the Muddy Run Watershed

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) are holding a public meeting on May 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., at the Turbot Township Building at 1190 Broadway Rd, Milton, PA 17847. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and accept comments on the proposed TMDL developed for the Muddy Run Watershed. In accordance with the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, stream segments in the Muddy Run Watershed have been identified as impaired due to high levels of nutrients and sediment, as a result of agricultural land uses.

The proposed TMDLs set allowable loadings to meet water quality standards at specified points in Muddy Run Watershed for nutrients and sediment. Loads have been allocated to nonpoint sources. The TMDLs were established using ArcView Generalized Watershed Loading Function (AVGWLF), a PADEP-approved method.

The data and all supporting documentation used to develop the proposed TMDLs are available from PADEP. The proposed TMDL and information on the TMDL program can be viewed on PADEP's website (www.dep.state.pa.us/watermanagement_apps/tmdl/). To request a copy of any of the TMDLs, contact Bill Brown, PADEP, Water Quality Assessment and Standards, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8467, Harrisburg, PA 17105, (717) 783-2951.

Written comments will be accepted at the above address and must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2011. PADEP will consider all comments in developing the final TMDL, which will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.