

## NOTICE OF THE 2024 SOUTH DAKOTA INTEGRATED REPORT FOR SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) is announcing the availability of the draft 2024 South Dakota Integrated Report for Surface Water Quality Assessment (Integrated Report). This notice provides the opportunity for public comment on the draft Integrated Report.

The Integrated Report is required under the federal Clean Water Act. This report combines the 305(b) Water Quality Report to Congress and the 303(d) Impaired Waterbodies list into one document for the purpose of reporting on South Dakota's surface water quality. The Integrated Report also lists those waterbodies that require Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) development. The final Integrated Report is due to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on or before April 1, 2024.

The 2024 Integrated Report contains the following information:

1. An assessment of the surface water quality of South Dakota's waters;
2. A description of South Dakota's water quality monitoring programs;
3. Pollutants causing or expected to cause violations of the applicable water quality standards;
4. Identification of waters targeted for TMDL development.

The department is providing a public participation process in which the members of the general public, affected organizations, and other interested parties can review and comment on the content of the draft 2024 Integrated Report. A copy of the draft 2024 Integrated Report is available on DANR's One-Stop Public Notice page at: <https://danr.sd.gov/public/>. Copies of the draft Integrated Report may also be obtained by emailing Josh Strobel at the following email address; [Joshua.Strobel@state.sd.us](mailto:Joshua.Strobel@state.sd.us) or writing to Josh Strobel at the address below, or by calling him at 1-605-773-6710. The department must receive public comments by March 5, 2024. Comments can be submitted online at DANR's One-Stop Public Notice page at <https://danr.sd.gov/public/>, emailed to Josh Strobel at [Joshua.Strobel@state.sd.us](mailto:Joshua.Strobel@state.sd.us), or submitted in writing to the address below.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, the department will prepare a written response to each comment received. If requested, individual responses to comments will be posted on the department's web site or made available in writing. In addition, the comments and responses will be incorporated into the final document in Appendix K.

The department will finalize the 2024 Integrated Report after consideration of the comments received during the public participation process prior to submittal to EPA for approval. Once EPA approves the above items, the Integrated Report will be made available on the department's website. Copies will be sent to persons requesting a copy, published at the approximate cost of \$3.00.

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