

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Freeborn at 3:30 p.m. on January 11, 2000 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Henry Helgersen - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mary Ann Graham, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Thomas Stiles, Section Chief, Kansas Department Health and Environment, Forbes Field, Bldg. 283, Topeka, KS  
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Others attending: See Attached Sheet

Chairperson Joann Freeborn called to order the Joint House Environment and Senate Energy and Natural Resources meeting at 2:30 p.m. in room 313-S. She welcomed Thomas Stiles, Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Mr. Stiles briefed the committee, with the use of slides, on the Kansas Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program. (See attachment 1) A Total Maximum Daily Load is the maximum amount of a given pollutant which could enter a stream or lake without causing a violation of the applicable water quality standard. The standards define the appropriate level of water quality necessary to fully support the designated uses of that stream or lake. Thus, the TMDL process is a restoration activity intended to reestablish good water quality and correct impaired conditions. TMDLs are found within the Clean Water Act at Section 303 (d). Discussion and questions followed.

Mr. Stiles provided a schedule of meetings open to the public about TMDLs.. These meetings include the Cimarron River Basin, the Lower Arkansas River Basin and the Upper Arkansas River Basin. (See attachment 1)

Chairperson Freeborn thanked Mr. Stiles for his presentation and the committee and guests for their attention.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2000. (Meeting cancelled)