

May 9, 2024

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Dear Mr. Robichaud:

This letter is in regard to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) submission of the requirements under Sections 305(b), 303(d), and 314 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has requested that all states and tribes submit the documentation and assessment information under CWA Sections 303(d) and 305(b) to EPA's Assessment, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Tracking and Implementation System (ATTAINS).

Iowa is submitting all required documentation and supplemental information to ATTAINS via the Exchange Network for EPA review and approval pursuant to 40 CFR 130.7(d). Included in this upload to ATTAINS is an electronic document of Iowa's 2024 CWA Section 303(d) list. EPA should consider this submission through ATTAINS to be the formal submission of Iowa's 2024 Integrated Report (IR) pursuant to CWA Sections 305(b), 303(d), and 314, with one caveat; in the case of any discrepancy between ATTAINS and the CWA Section 303(d) list, the DNR's list stands as the official submission. In addition to the CWA Section 303(d) list, Iowa's complete IR has been included as an electronic document with this submission. All assessments for the 2024 listing cycle, as well as historical assessments, are available through Iowa's CWA Section 305(b) database, ADBNet: (<https://programs.iowadnr.gov/adbnet/>).

Also included in this submission is the supporting documentation that includes Iowa's assessment and listing methodology, the public participation responsiveness summary, and copies of public comments received on Iowa's draft 2024 CWA Section 303(d) list. Public comments were sought from March 14, 2024 through April 12, 2024 on Iowa's draft CWA Section 303(d) list, CWA Section 305(b) IR, and associated methodology.

As distributed for public comment, the DNR's draft 2024 CWA Section 303(d) list included 576 waterbody segments with a total of 743 impairments. For the submitted draft list, there were changes made to seven draft assessments following the public comment period and discussions with Region 7 of the EPA. Based on information provided, the final assessments were modified according to IR methodology. Table 1 details the changes that were made to the DNR's draft 2024 IR.

These changes to the DNR's draft IR added six waterbodies to the total number of impairments (4 category 5a and 2 category 4a) and updated one category 5a impairment to 4a (TMDL completed). As submitted to EPA, the DNR's draft 2024 CWA Section 303(d) list includes 577 waterbody segments with a total of 746 impairments.

Table 1. Changes to the DNR's draft 2024 IR.

ADBNet Code	Waterbody Name	Designated Use	Draft IR Category	Updated IR Category	Rationale
<a href="#">IA 04-RAC-1120</a>	Walnut Creek	A1	4a	5a	Bacteria impairment - Not covered by TMDL

<a href="#">IA 04-RAC-1139</a>	North Raccoon River	A1	4a	5a	Bacteria impairment - Not covered by TMDL
<a href="#">IA 04-RAC-2036</a>	Unnamed Tributary to Marrowbone Creek	A1	4a	5a	Bacteria impairment - Not covered by TMDL
<a href="#">IA 02-IOW-6263</a>	Bennett Creek	A2	3b	4a	Bacteria impairment - covered by TMDL
<a href="#">IA 02-IOW-639</a>	Iowa River	A1	3b	5a	Bacteria impairment - prior to segment split
<a href="#">IA 02-IOW-1276</a>	Brushy Creek Lake	A1	5a	4a	Bacteria impairment - covered by TMDL
<a href="#">IA 02-IOW-1462</a>	Prairie Rose Lake	A1	--	4a	Bacteria impairment - covered by TMDL

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding the methodology used to develop the 2024 CWA Section 303(d) list or specific waterbody segments. You may contact Dan Kendall at (515) 491-2226 or [daniel.kendall@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:daniel.kendall@dnr.iowa.gov) or Ken Krier at (515) 823-4498 or [ken.krier@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:ken.krier@dnr.iowa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Submitted to ATTAINS:

- 2024 Integrated Report (includes Iowa's 2024 CWA Section 303(d) list) – electronic document
- Iowa's 2024 305(b) Supplemental Information Report – electronic document
- Responsiveness Summary (includes comments received) – electronic document
- DNR's 2024 Assessment and Listing Methodology – electronic document
- Summary of waters removed from Iowa's 2024 CWA Section 303(d) list – electronic document