



Subject: **PUBLIC NOTICE - Draft TMDL Report for 158 Acid Impaired and 21 Aluminum Impaired Lakes Available for Public Comment**

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Dear Interested Party or Stakeholder:

The Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study for 156 Acid Lakes and Ponds (which includes 114 beaches) and 2 impoundments in New Hampshire is now available for public review and comment on the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services website at http://www.des.nh.gov/wmb/tmdl/draft_tmdl.html.

These surface waters are currently listed as impaired because of low pH and, in some cases, high aluminum, that violate State surface water quality standards. Low pH can result in acidic conditions that can be harmful to fish and other aquatic life. Aluminum can also be harmful to aquatic life. The cause of the low pH is primarily attributable to atmospheric deposition of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxides (i.e., acid rain) emitted from sources such as fossil fuel plants to the west of New Hampshire. The aluminum violations are attributable to the low pH created by the acid rain which can transform and mobilize naturally occurring aluminum typically found in the soils. The purpose of the TMDL is to establish allowable pollutant loads that will result in attainment of water quality standards for pH and aluminum in these surface waters.

Comments will be accepted until 4pm on August 23rd, 2007. Only written comments will be accepted. All comments must include the name of the TMDL, the date and contact information (your name, address, phone, e-mail, and organization).

Comments can be mailed to:
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or sent by email to TMDL@des.state.nh.us.

For convenience, a form for submitting comments is available at www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/TMDL/commentform.htm; use of the form is optional.

If you have any questions about the report, please contact Margaret Foss, NHDES TMDL Coordinator at (603) 271-5448 or via email at mfoss@des.state.nh.us.