



## REGION 7

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December 30, 2024

Mr. Ed Tormey  
Division Administrator  
Environmental Services Division  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
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502 East 9th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Re: Transmittal of Iowa's 2024 Section 303(d) List

Dear Mr. Tormey:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review of public comments regarding Iowa's 2024 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments still requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads. After considering the public comments received, the EPA is transmitting the list to the state to incorporate into its current water quality management plan.

On November 12, 2024, the EPA partially approved/partially disapproved Iowa's 2024 303(d) list. As required by the EPA's regulations at 40 Code of Federal Regulations 130.7(d)(2), the EPA identified the WQLSs not meeting the state's water quality standards, added the WQLSs to the list, and public noticed its decision. The EPA accepted public comment on these additions between November 13 and December 19, 2024.

Comments received during the public comment period, summaries of comments, and the EPA's responses to comments can be found in Enclosure 1: *EPA Region 7 2024 Response to Comments on EPA's Partial Approval/Partial Disapproval of Iowa's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments Still Requiring TMDLs*. A complete list of waters added to the 2024 303(d) list can be found in Table 1. The complete Iowa 2024 303(d) list is available in the EPA's decision document and response to comments; the final list will also be available via the EPA's ATTAINS database and can be accessed by the public on [How's My Waterway](#).

Table 1. Parameter and water quality limited segments added to Iowa's 2024 303(d) list.

| Assessment ID  | Assessment Name   | Parameter                | Data Range | Number of Samples Exceeding 10 mg/L |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| IA 02-CED-456  | Cedar River       | Nitrate and nitrite as N | 2020-2022  | 4                                   |
| IA 04-LDM-1011 | Des Moines River  | Nitrate and nitrite as N | 2012-2014  | 2                                   |
| IA 04-UDM-1211 | Des Moines River  | Nitrate and nitrite as N | 2020-2022  | 8                                   |
| IA 02-IOW-628  | Iowa River        | Nitrate as N             | 2020-2022  | 13                                  |
| IA 02-IOW-628  | Iowa River        | Nitrate and nitrite as N | 2020-2022  | 3                                   |
| IA 04-RAC-1116 | Raccoon River     | Nitrate and nitrite as N | 2020-2022  | 8                                   |
| IA 03-SSK-927  | South Skunk River | Nitrate and nitrite as N | 2020-2022  | 2                                   |

If you would like to further discuss the EPA's 2024 action, please contact David Pratt, of my staff, at (913) 551-7552 or [pratt.david@epa.gov](mailto:pratt.david@epa.gov). We look forward to working with the Iowa DNR on the development of the 2026 section 303(d) list in the near future.

Sincerely,

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 Director  
 Water Division

Enclosures

1. *EPA Region 7 2024 Response to Comments on EPA's Partial Approval/Partial Disapproval of Iowa's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments Still Requiring TMDLs*

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