



February 9, 2021

Jeffery Robichaud, Director
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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 2020 CWA Section 303(d) list. EPA should consider this submission through ATTAINS to be the formal submission of Iowa's 2020 Integrated Report 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 Integrated Report has been included as an electronic document with this submission. All assessments for the 2020 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 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 2020 CWA Section 303(d) list. Public comments were sought on Iowa's draft CWA Section 303(d) list, CWA Section 305(b) Integrated Report, and methodology from December 1, 2020, through January 1, 2021.

As distributed for public comment, the DNR's draft 2020 CWA Section 303(d) list included 586 waterbody segments with a total of 775 impairments. For the final list, two segments were moved from DNR's CWA Section 303(d) list to the Category 4 list (TMDL completed or not required list), and one segment was added to DNR's Waters in Need of Further Investigation (WINFOI), or potentially impaired list (Table 1), based on public comment.

These changes to the DNR's final Integrated Report removed two waterbodies from the total number of impairments.

Table 1. Changes to the DNR's final 2020 Integrated Report.

ADBNet Code	Waterbody Name	Designated Use	Draft IR Category	Final IR Category	Rationale
IA 06-BSR-6609	West Rat Creek	Aquatic Life	5b	4d	Fish kill penalty paid.
IA 04-UDM-6625	UT* to UT to Des Moines River	Aquatic Life	5b	4d	Fish kill penalty paid.
IA 04-UDM-6625	UT to UT to Des Moines River	General Uses	3a	3b	General Use WQ** violations.
*UT = Unnamed Tributary					
**WQ = water quality					

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding the methodology used to develop the 2020 CWA Section 303(d) list or regarding specific waterbody segments. You may contact Dan Kendall at (515) 725-8379 or daniel.kendall@dnr.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Submitted to ATTAINS:

- 2020 Integrated Report (includes Iowa's 2020 CWA Section 303(d) list) – electronic document
- Responsiveness Summary (includes comments received) – electronic document
- DNR's 2020 Assessment and Listing Methodology – electronic document
- Summary of waters removed from Iowa's 2020 CWA Section 303(d) list – electronic document