The DNR will conduct a public informational hearing on Monday April 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. to outline a proposed amendment to the report titled “Total Maximum Daily Loads for Total Phosphorus and Total Suspended Solids in the Rock River Basin” (RR TMDL). The informational hearing will be held in the Gathering Waters/ Glaciers Edge conference room at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fitchburg office located at 3911 Fish Hatchery Road in Fitchburg, WI to provide the public with an overview of the analysis and explain how to access the proposed amendment.

The RR TMDL was approved by United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S.EPA) in September 2011 and established total phosphorus (TP) and sediment/total suspended sediment (TSS) allocations for impaired waterbodies in the Rock River Basin. Beaver Dam Lake is near the headwaters of the Beaver Dam River, which is part of the Rock River Basin. Beaver Dam Lake was not listed as impaired for TP at the time the RR TMDL was developed; however, it was subsequently listed as impaired for TP on November 2, 2012.

The RR TMDL did not evaluate whether TP criteria for Beaver Dam Lake would be met if the stream allocations in the contributory drainage areas are achieved. Pursuant to a stipulation and order dated December 27, 2017 (State of WI Div. of Hearings and Appeals: Case No. DNR 17-0010), the Department is addressing the lake impairment through a proposed amendment to the RR TMDL. The allocations are based on the applicable water quality criterion for Beaver Dam Lake in chapter Ch. NR 102, Admin. Code.

In the RR TMDL, the contributory drainage area for Beaver Dam Lake is comprised of reaches 32, 82, and 33. Beaver Dam Lake discharges to TMDL reach 34. The proposed amendment adjusts both load allocations and wasteload allocations within these reaches. Specific wasteload allocations affected include the City of Beaver Dam WWTP, the City of Beaver Dam urban stormwater wasteload allocation, and the waste load allocation for the Village of Randolph WWTP.

For those who are unable to attend the hearing, comments on the proposed amendment may be submitted through May 8, 2018 to Kevin.Kirsch@wisconsin.gov or by mail to:

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The proposed amendment will be available electronically at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/tmdls/rockriver/ starting on April 6, 2018. Oral comments, received during the public meeting, and written comments received prior to the close of the comment
period will be considered prior to making a final approval and submittal to U.S. EPA. Written and oral comments carry the same weight. Once finalized, the amendment to the RR TMDL will be sent to EPA for their review and approval. A summary of comments and responses shall be included in the submittal to U.S. EPA.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

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