

Comment Response Document
Regarding Appendix F for the Total Maximum Daily Load of Fecal Coliform for the Restricted Shellfish Harvesting Area in the Lower Wicomico River Basin in Wicomico and Somerset Counties, Maryland

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has conducted a public comment period of the proposed Appendix F for the fecal coliform TMDL for the Shellfish Harvesting Area in the Lower Wicomico River Basin. The public comment period was conducted from January 10, 2018 to February 8, 2018. One set of comments was received and are presented below.

Below is a list of the commenters, their affiliations, the date comments were submitted, and the number referenced to the comments. In the pages that follow, comments are summarized along with MDE’s responses.

List of Commenters

Author	Affiliation	Date	Comment Number
Ms. Jillian Adair	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3	Feb. 7, 2018	1-2

Comments and Responses

1. The Commenter suggests editing the legends of Figures F-2 and F-1. Currently, the dark orange area is labeled “5-Impaired, TMDL Needed” and the light pink area is labeled “4a-Impaired, TMDL Complete”. These labels may be misleading as Appendix F states that the 2010 impairment listing is covered by the 2008 TMDL; therefore, no TMDL is needed. EPA suggests referring to these two segments consistently throughout the appendix, such that the label “5-Impaired, TMDL Needed” may be revised to “5-Impaired, 2010 listing” and the label “4a-Impaired, TMDL Complete” may be revised to “4a-Impaired, 2008 TMDL segment”.

Response: The figures have been modified.

2. The Commenter references page F1, 2nd paragraph: The report states “The watershed for the 2010 listing was fully defined within the drainage to the 2008 TMDL segment, watershed loads, water quality, and hydrodynamics of this reach were explicitly simulated in the HEM-3D model for the TMDL.” The commenter suggests replacing the comma after “2008 TMDL segment” with a semi-colon to denote the relatedness of the two phrases and to minimize uncertainty.

Response: The edit has been made.