

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

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Browns Run—Warren County; Public Hearing and Reopening of Public Comment Period

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will hold a public hearing to accept comments on its proposal to redesignate portions of the Browns Run basin in Warren County as Exceptional Value (EV) Waters. The EQB's proposal is based on specific segments of the basin meeting the biological test for EV designation as specified by the antidegradation regulations in 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93. The segments include: the Browns Run basin from the source to Dutchman Run; the Dutchman Run basin from the source to the T-413 crossing in Mead Township; the basin of Unnamed Tributary 56502; and the Morrison Run basin. The remainder of the basin would retain the current Cold Water Fishes designation.

The EQB's proposal to redesignate Browns Run was published at 31 Pa.B. 2325 (May 5, 2001), with a public comment period, that was open until June 19. During the public comment period, the EQB received requests to conduct a public hearing on the proposed redesignation. As a result of these requests, a public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, in Warren. In addition, the public comment period will reopen on July 21 and will be open through September 11.

The hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. as follows:

September 4, 2001 Warren County Courthouse
Main Court Room
204 Fourth Avenue
(Market and Fourth Sts.)
Warren, PA

Persons interested in presenting testimony at the hearing should contact Deb Failor, Environmental Quality Board, P. O. Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063, (717)

787-4526 (or e-mail dfailor@state.pa.us), at least 1 week in advance of the hearing to reserve a time to present testimony. To accommodate as many individuals as possible, each speaker will be limited to 5 minutes. Speakers are requested to submit three written copies of their testimony at the hearing. Each organization is asked to designate one speaker on its behalf.

Persons with a disability who wish to attend the hearing and require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation in order to participate should contact Deb Failor at (717) 787-4526, or through the AT&T Relay Service at (800) 654-5984 (TDD), to discuss how their needs may be accommodated.

Written comments will be accepted and must be received by the EQB, P. O. Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477 (express mail: 15th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2301) by September 11, 2001. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to RegComments@state.pa.us. Comments submitted by facsimile or voice mail will not be accepted. In addition to written or e-mail comments, a one-page summary of comments may also be submitted to the EQB and must be received by September 11, 2001. The one-page summary will be distributed to each EQB member when the final-form regulation is considered.

Copies of this proposal are available from Mary Houghton, Division of Water Quality Assessment and Standards, Bureau of Water Supply and Wastewater Management, Department of Environmental Protection, P. O. Box 8555, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8555, (717) 787-9637 (e-mail mhoughton@state.pa.us) and on the DEP website at www.dep.state.pa.us (Public Participation Center/Proposals Open for Comment/Stream Redesignations— Little Bush Kill, et al.).

DAVID E. HESS,
Chairperson

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