

**2016 TRIENNIAL REVIEW**  
**Surface Water Quality Standards for Louisiana**  
**TENTATIVE TIMELINE**

- I. Initial start of Triennial Review (TR) - approximately 3 months
  - A. TR webpage available on LDEQ public website on January 20, 2016
  - B. Potpourri Notice published in *Louisiana Register (LR)* on January 20, 2016 - opens the comment period through 4:30 pm March 30, 2016
    1. Receive public comments
    2. Solicit internal (LDEQ) comments
  - C. Public hearing on March 30, 2016 (to be held at least 45 days following Potpourri Notice in *LR*)
  - D. Public comment period ends 4:30 pm on March 30, 2016
  
- II. LDEQ will determine surface water quality standards priorities - approximately 6 months
  - A. Compile all comments received in the comment period - internal and public comments
  - B. Prioritize issues/activities/projects/departments commitments regarding surface water quality standards
  - C. Prepare Report of Findings - report will summarize findings
    1. Are revisions to surface water quality standards needed at this time?
      - a. If no revisions needed at this time, then the Report of Findings would serve as final document (continue to Step III).
      - b. If revisions needed, then the Report of Findings would document next steps (continue to Step IV).
  - D. Update TR webpage as necessary (e.g., post Report of Findings)
  
- III. If no revisions are needed at this time, then LDEQ will submit results of TR to USEPA R6
  - A. Submit Report of Findings and any other relevant supporting documents to USEPA Regional Administrator within 30 days of completion of TR (see 40 CFR 131.20(c))
    1. Report (see 40 CFR 131.20) to include, but is not limited to:
      - a. Dates comment period opened and closed
      - b. Public hearing date, time and place
      - c. Copy of the Potpourri Notice
      - d. Summary of comments received
      - e. Include explanation for any decision not to adopt new or revised criteria for any parameters for which USEPA has published new or updated Clean Water Act section 304(a) criteria recommendations since Louisiana's last TR.
  - B. Post Report of Findings on TR webpage
  
- IV. If revisions are needed, then LDEQ will develop and promulgate rule, as necessary – maximum of 2 years following initial start of rule development
  - A. Update TR webpage at initial start of rule development
  - B. Develop draft rule and send to USEPA R6 for technical review – approximately 1 year
  - C. Follow Louisiana state rulemaking procedure (La. R.S. 49:950 et seq.) that includes, but is not limited to: Notice of Intent; comment period; public hearing; and formal response to comments – approximately 1 year
    1. During rulemaking process, LDEQ's public website will be updated under Rules and Regulations - Monthly Regulation Changes, <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/LegalAffairs/RulesandRegulations.aspx>

- D. Following promulgation of rule, LDEQ will submit Water Quality Standards Certification Package (according to 40 CFR 131.6) to USEPA R6.
- E. Update TR webpage at conclusion