

Response to Public Comment
TMDLs for Legacy Pollutants in the Arroyo Colorado and Donna Reservoir/Canal
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Tracking Number	Date Recd.	Name & Affiliation of Commentor	Summary of Request or Comment	Summary of TNRCC Action or Explanation
001	11/20/00 (letter)	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Larry McKinney, Senior Director of Aquatic Resources)	(a) The TMDL does not provide the analytical data used by TNRCC to assess historic and current levels of contaminants in fish tissue.	(a) Additional detail and explanation, including background data, have been added to the document to better explain the approach of the TMDL. Summaries of historic and most current tissue data have been added.
			(b) The TMDL should have an additional section outlining an action or monitoring plan to verify if legacy pollutants have reached their endpoint targets. The plan should include basic sampling protocol information, and should include language addressing further TNRCC investigation of sources if pollutants do not appear to be attenuating after some pre-determined period of time.	(b) The TMDL development process involves the preparation of two documents (1) a TMDL which determines the maximum allowable loading and allocates the load to pollutant sources, and (2) an implementation plan which is a detailed description and schedule of regulatory and voluntary management measures necessary to achieve the pollutant reductions identified in the TMDL. Subsequent monitoring of these water bodies is an aspect of implementation and will be addressed in the implementation plan for the Arroyo Colorado and the Donna Reservoir/Canal. Preparation of implementation plans is critical to ensure water quality standards are restored and maintained. Preparation of the implementation plan for the Arroyo Colorado and the Donna Reservoir/Canal will be initiated immediately upon Commission approval of the TMDL. No changes have been made to the TMDL based on this comment.
			(c) Recommended that "...remediation and elimination of the PCB source contributing to the Donna Canal <i>can</i> be undertaken when delineation ..." be changed to "... <i>will</i> be undertaken when delineation ..."	(c) The change has been made as suggested.