

## FOR 2012 DATA SUBMISSIONS

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection is compiling water quality data on the state's streams and lakes and is requesting data from other entities for its next Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report.

This report is developed by DEP and submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency every two years as required by the federal Clean Water Act and includes the Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. The next report is due in April 2012 and will be based upon water quality data resulting from monitoring through June 30, 2011.

In addition to data collected directly by the DEP, the agency will compile and assess water quality data collected by other persons, agencies, watershed associations, or permitted facilities. All parties wishing to submit data will need to complete the form "Guidelines for Submission of Water Quality Data" and attach it to the submission. The form can be reviewed and downloaded from the following link:

[http://www.dep.wv.gov/WWE/watershed/IR/Pages/303d\\_305b.aspx](http://www.dep.wv.gov/WWE/watershed/IR/Pages/303d_305b.aspx). In addition, any submission containing data collected and evaluated under a quality assurance/quality control program should also include a copy of the QA/QC plan. For an example of a QA/QC plan, go to <http://www.epa.gov/quality/g5-docs/g5-final.pdf>.

The deadline to submit data for the 2012 report is October 17, 2011. The agency will not evaluate data collected outside the reporting period or submitted after the October 17, 2011 deadline. Those controls are necessary to allow the agency sufficient time to accomplish reporting deadlines and to maintain statewide assessment consistency. Any data submitted after the deadline will be retained for assessment in the 2014 reporting cycle. Data previously submitted for the 2010 Integrated Report that is applicable for the 2012 reporting period will be considered and doesn't need to be resubmitted.

All data should be sent to Kim Smith at [Kim.L.Smith@wv.gov](mailto:Kim.L.Smith@wv.gov), (304) 926-0499, Ext. 1085, Questions regarding data format or options for electronic submission may be directed to Kim Smith or Chris Daugherty at [Chris.A.Daugherty@wv.gov](mailto:Chris.A.Daugherty@wv.gov). Although electronic data submission is highly preferred and encouraged, non-electronic submissions may be sent to the DEP at the Division of Water and Waste Management, Attn: Kim Smith, 601 57th St. S.E., Charleston, WV 25304.