



## Total maximum daily loads: New rules

On July 11, 2000, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued new rules expanding and strengthening total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) as a tool to control nonpoint source pollutants in Iowa's surface waters. A TMDL is defined as the amount of a pollutant that a water body such as a stream, lake, reservoir, or wetland can receive and still meet designated water quality standards.

A fact sheet titled, [Implications of the New TMDL Rules for Iowa Agriculture](#) [1] has been jointly prepared by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa State University Extension. This fact sheet will help you better understand this very important subject.

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[1] <http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/NPKknowledge/pubs/NewTMDL%20Implications.pdf>

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