

**COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT  
WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION**

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**REGULATION NO. 32  
CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMERIC STANDARDS  
FOR  
ARKANSAS RIVER BASIN**

**APPENDIX 32-1  
Stream Classifications and Water Quality Standards Tables**

Effective 06/30/2021

## Abbreviations and Acronyms

Aq	=	Aquatic
°C	=	degrees Celsius
CL	=	cold lake temperature tier
CLL	=	cold large lake temperature tier
CS-I	=	cold stream temperature tier one
CS-II	=	cold stream temperature tier two
D.O.	=	dissolved oxygen
DM	=	daily maximum temperature
DUWS	=	direct use water supply
E. coli	=	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
EQ	=	existing quality
mg/L	=	milligrams per liter
mg/m <sup>2</sup>	=	milligrams per square meter
mL	=	milliliter
MWAT	=	maximum weekly average temperature
OW	=	outstanding waters
SSE	=	site-specific equation
T	=	total recoverable
t	=	total
tr	=	trout
TVS	=	table value standard
µg/L	=	micrograms per liter
UP	=	use-protected
WS	=	water supply
WS-I	=	warm stream temperature tier one
WS-II	=	warm stream temperature tier two
WS-III	=	warm stream temperature tier three
WL	=	warm lake temperature tier

# REGULATION #32 STREAM CLASSIFICATIONS and WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

## Middle Arkansas River Basin

1. All tributaries, including wetlands, to the Arkansas River within the Sangre de Cristo, Greenhorn, and Spanish Peaks Wilderness Areas.							
COARMA01	Classifications	Physical and Biological			Metals (ug/L)		
Designation	Agriculture	DM	MWAT	acute      chronic			
Reviewable	Aq Life Cold 1 Recreation E Water Supply	CS-I	CS-I	Arsenic	340	---	
Qualifiers:		acute	chronic	Arsenic(T)	---	0.02	
Other:		D.O. (mg/L)	---	6.0	Cadmium	TVS      TVS	
*Uranium(acute) = See 32.5(3) for details. *Uranium(chronic) = See 32.5(3) for details.		D.O. (spawning)	---	7.0	Cadmium(T)	5.0      ---	
		pH	6.5 - 9.0	---	Chromium III	---	TVS
		chlorophyll a (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	---	150	Chromium III(T)	50	---
		E. Coli (per 100 mL)	---	126	Chromium VI	TVS	TVS
		Inorganic (mg/L)			Copper	TVS	TVS
		acute	chronic	Iron	---	WS	
		Ammonia	TVS	TVS	Iron(T)	---	1000
		Boron	---	0.75	Lead	TVS	TVS
		Chloride	---	250	Lead(T)	50	---
		Chlorine	0.019	0.011	Manganese	TVS	TVS/WS
		Cyanide	0.005	---	Mercury(T)	---	0.01
		Nitrate	10	---	Molybdenum(T)	---	150
		Nitrite	0.05	---	Nickel	TVS	TVS
		Phosphorus	---	0.11	Nickel(T)	---	100
		Sulfate	---	WS	Selenium	TVS	TVS
Sulfide	---	0.002	Silver	TVS	TVS(tr)		
			Uranium	varies*	varies*		
			Zinc	TVS	TVS		
2. Mainstem of the Arkansas River from the outlet of Pueblo Reservoir to a point immediately above the confluence with Wildhorse/Dry Creek Arroyo.							
COARMA02	Classifications	Physical and Biological			Metals (ug/L)		
Designation	Agriculture	DM	MWAT	acute      chronic			
Reviewable	Aq Life Cold 1 Recreation E Water Supply	CS-II	CS-II	Arsenic	340	---	
Qualifiers:		acute	chronic	Arsenic(T)	---	0.02	
Other:		D.O. (mg/L)	---	6.0	Cadmium	TVS      TVS	
Temporary Modification(s): Arsenic(chronic) = hybrid Expiration Date of 12/31/2024  *Uranium(acute) = See 32.5(3) for details. *Uranium(chronic) = See 32.5(3) for details.		D.O. (spawning)	---	7.0	Cadmium(T)	5.0      ---	
		pH	6.5 - 9.0	---	Chromium III	---	TVS
		chlorophyll a (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	---	---	Chromium III(T)	50	---
		E. Coli (per 100 mL)	---	126	Chromium VI	TVS	TVS
		Inorganic (mg/L)			Copper	TVS	TVS
		acute	chronic	Iron	---	WS	
		Ammonia	TVS	TVS	Iron(T)	---	1000
		Boron	---	0.75	Lead	TVS	TVS
		Chloride	---	250	Lead(T)	50	---
		Chlorine	0.019	0.011	Manganese	TVS	TVS/WS
		Cyanide	0.005	---	Mercury(T)	---	0.01
		Nitrate	10	---	Molybdenum(T)	---	150
		Nitrite	0.05	---	Nickel	TVS	TVS
		Phosphorus	---	---	Nickel(T)	---	100
		Sulfate	---	WS	Selenium	TVS	TVS
Sulfide	---	0.002	Silver	TVS	TVS(tr)		
			Uranium	varies*	varies*		
			Zinc	TVS	TVS		

All metals are dissolved unless otherwise noted.  
 T = total recoverable  
 t = total  
 tr = trout

D.O. = dissolved oxygen  
 DM = daily maximum  
 MWAT = maximum weekly average temperature  
 See 32.6 for further details on applied standards.

## **STREAM CLASSIFICATIONS and WATER QUALITY STANDARDS – FOOTNOTES**

- (A) Whenever a range of standards is listed and referenced to this footnote, the first number in the range is a strictly health-based value, based on the Commission's established methodology for human health-based standards. The second number in the range is a maximum contaminant level, established under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act that has been determined to be an acceptable level of this chemical in public water supplies, taking treatability and laboratory detection limits into account. Control requirements, such as discharge permit effluent limitations, shall be established using the first number in the range as the ambient water quality target, provided that no effluent limitation shall require an "end-of-pipe" discharge level more restrictive than the second number in the range. Water bodies will be considered in attainment of this standard, and not included on the Section 303(d) List, so long as the existing ambient quality does not exceed the second number in the range.
- (B) *Reserved.*
- (C) *Reserved.*