

(Excessive infiltration/inflow in both the Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge sanitary sewer systems is a concern noted by TDEC's Knoxville Field Office. This problem has adversely impacted the hydraulic capacity of both WWTP's and has resulted in some documented system overflows.) Additionally, the field office has performed biological assessments of the West Prong and has noted a decline in the number of genera of intolerant aquatic life and biodiversity. This impact extends past the Pigeon Forge outfall. However, the aquatic life shows improvement after the West Prong joins the Little Pigeon River. This situation categorizes this segment of the West Prong as Tier II, high quality waters, where no allowable degradation unless demonstrated change is justifiable as a result of necessary economic or social development and will not be harmful to any classified uses.