



## **TOM STILES**

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Tom Stiles is the Chief of the Watershed Planning Section of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), where he has been responsible for the state's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program, overseeing development of over 400 TMDLs for Kansas waters since 1998. Prior to this, Mr. Stiles was Assistant Director of the Kansas Water Office, the state water policy and planning agency. From 1982-1998 he developed policies and protocols for instream flow protection, reservoir system operations, resource allocation for plan implementation and strategic planning within the Kansas Water Plan.

Mr. Stiles received a B.S. in Watershed Science from Colorado State University and a M.S. in Forest Hydrology from the University of Minnesota. He started his career at the Kansas Water Office as a Hydrologist before being named Assistant Director in 1992. He joined KDHE in 1998 to create the Kansas TMDL program. He has served as Chairman of the Interstate Council on Water Policy and the Water Quality Committee of the Western States Water Council. He previously chaired Interim Measures Committee and now chairs the TMDL/Watershed Management Committee of the Association of Water Quality Administrators.