NPDES Permits and TMDL Branch Meeting

June 23, 2015

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Agenda

* People Plus (by Sherry Lawrence)
* OPM Security Breach
* Salute to the Stars Awards
* Branch Vision
* Branch Priorities/Hot Issues
* Performance Measures

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OPM Security Breach

* Check email (Junk Folder as well as Deleted Mail) for message from OPM

* If information breached,
  * You may sign up for free credit monitoring for 18 months

EPA Strategic Plan (2014-2018)

Objectives

* Protect Human Health; and
* Protect and Restore Watersheds and Aquatic Ecosystems

<u>What are We trying to Accomplish</u>?

With the help of states, tribes and other partners, EPA expects to make progress toward protecting human health and improving water quality by 2018.

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Branch Vision

<u>Protecting America's Waters:</u>

Assessing waters and instituting effective controls for protecting and restoring designated uses.

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Branch Priorities (Core/Direct Implementation)

* NM Permits
* Texas Territorial Seas & Coastal General Permit
* Onshore Produced Water Permits
* Centralized Water Treaters Permits
* Biosolids General Permits
* Tribal Permits
* Pretreatment Audits (5)
* Sufficiently Sensitive Methods (SSM)
* ESA & 316 b

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Branch Priorities (Continued)

State Oversight

* Permit Quality Review
* Objections (Resolution with States)
* Nutrients Pathway
* ODAFF reissuance of permits

TMDL

* Vision
* Implementation

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Branch Priorities (Continued)

Other Priorities

* Green Infrastructure
* Making a Visible Difference
* Water Security (Response Support Corp)

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Branch Hot Issues

* Lee Ranch Coal (Environmental Appeals Board)
* Illinois River Modeling
* Los Alamos proposed preliminary Designation
* TX-WET; LA-TMDLs; AR-Standards/303(d) & Minerals; OK-TMDLs; NM-flow (Nutrient TMDLs in permits)
* 303 (d) Vision
* LA NPDES withdrawal Petition
* LOOP permit

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Collaboration

* Cross Coordination Efforts
  * Enforcement, Ecosystems Branch, Assistance Branch, Regional Counsel, Drinking Water, HQ, & other Regions
* Environmental Justice Considerations
* Tribal Consultation

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Performance Measures

FY 2015 NWPM (PAMs)

WQ-12a: Percent of non-tribal facilities covered by NPDES permits that are considered current. [Measure will still set targets and commitments and report results in both % and #.] KPI (Key Performance Indicator)

WQ-12b. WB-13a, WQ-13b, WQ-13c, WQ-13d, WQ-14a (State Grant), WQ-14b, WQ-28

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Performance Measures

WQ-19a: Number of high priority state NPDES permits that are issued in the fiscal year. **(BUD, SG, OMB PA)**

WQ- 19b: Number of high priority state and EPA (including tribal) NPDES permits that are issued in the fiscal year. **(BUD)**

WQ-27: Extent of priority areas identified by each state that are addressed by EPA-approved TMDLs or alternative restoration approaches for impaired waters that will achieve water quality standards. These areas may also include protection approaches for unimpaired waters to maintain water quality standards. **(BUD)**

Regional Administrator's priorities (formerly 300 day Plan)

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