

Defining Success

EPA and Texas NPS Program

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In the Beginning...

Clean Water Act (CWA)

*...restore and maintain
chemical,
physical, and
biological integrity...*

*Preventing and controlling
point and nonpoint source pollutants*

Nonpoint Source

Any source of water pollution that does not meet the legal definition of "point source" in section 502(14) of the Clean Water Act.

Pollution caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground.

EPA NPS Program

How is Success determined?

EPA National Water Program Guidance

Appendix A - Program Activity Measures (PAMs)

WQ-09 Pollutant Loads (GRTS)

National targets only; N, P, sediment

WQ-10 “Success Stories” (delistings)

R6 FY12 target = 8

http://water.epa.gov/resource_performance/planning/FY-2012-National-Water-Program-Guidance.cfm

Texas NPS Program

How is Success determined?

CWA §319(h)(8) - Satisfactory Progress Checklist

1. Meeting Statutory and Regulatory Requirements and Demonstrating Water Quality Results

Updated SMP, annual report, WQ improvements, WQ-09, WQ-10 targets

2. Overall GRTS Reporting

Mandated elements entered on time.

Texas NPS Program

How is Success determined?

CWA §319(h)(8) - Satisfactory Progress Checklist

3. Implementing Priority Watershed-Based Plans

9-element plans, priority watersheds

4. Ensuring Fiscal Accountability

Tracking & reporting system, efficient RFP process, obligated funds, rate of expenditures

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How is Success determined?

CWA §319(h)(8) - Satisfactory Progress Checklist

5. Considering PPG Priorities and Commitments

Consistency with PPG

6. Identifying and Addressing Performance Issues/Progress Concern

Other significant issues

How do I contribute to Success?

CWA §319(b)

State NPS Management Program

BMPs

Programs

Schedule

Funding sources

Goals/Milestones

How do I contribute to Success?

Texas NPS Long-Term Goal

Protect and restore water quality affected by NPS pollution through assessment, implementation, and education.

How do I contribute to Success?

| LONG-TERM GOAL | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| NPS Management Program Updates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| NPS Annual Report | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 319(h) Grant Solicitation | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 319(h) Grant Application | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 319(h) Grant Reporting | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

How do I contribute to Success?

Texas NPS Short-Term Goals

1. Data Collection and Assessment
2. Implementation
3. Education

How do I contribute to Success?

| SHORT-TERM GOAL 1 Data Collection & Assessment | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| NPS Assessment Report (305(b)) | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Annual Quality Management Plan Updates | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Watershed characterization projects | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| WPP development projects | 16 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Approved TMDLs and I-Plans | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

How do I contribute to Success?

| SHORT-TERM GOAL 2 Implementation | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Priority Watersheds Report Updates | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Watershed coordination projects | 15 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| NPS load reduction projects | 29 | 22 | 15 | 12 | 4 | 0 |
| Load Reductions (Nitrogen) | RQ | RQ | RQ | RQ | RQ | RQ |
| Load Reductions (Phosphorus) | RQ | RQ | RQ | RQ | RQ | RQ |
| Load Reductions (Sediment) | RQ | RQ | RQ | RQ | RQ | RQ |
| WPP implementation projects | 25 | 19 | 14 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| TMDL I-Plan implementation projects | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Effectiveness monitoring projects | 31 | 25 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 0 |

How do I contribute to Success?

| SHORT-TERM GOAL 3 Education | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| TX Watershed Steward Program | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Stream Team Participation (# of volunteers) | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| TX Watershed Planning Short Course | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| TX Watershed Coordinator Roundtables | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Coastal Urban BMP Guidance Manual | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Conclusion

“Success Stories” are important

...but there’s so much more to consider!

Program Success is built on many actions and activities.

Everyone associated with the NPS Program contributes to its Success.