

Watershed-Based Permitting Resources

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Resources

All information listed below is available at

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/wqbasedpermitting/wspermitting.cfm>

Policies and Guidance

Watershed-Based National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permitting Implementation Guidance

Describes EPA's recommended steps and ideas for watershed-based permitting implementation under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. This approach, aimed at achieving new efficiencies and environmental results, provides a process for considering all stressors within a hydrologically defined drainage basin or other geographic area, rather than addressing individual pollutant sources on a discharge-by-discharge basis (EPA 833-B-03-004).

Memorandum: Watershed-Based NPDES Permitting Policy Statement

Describes the benefits of watershed-based permitting, the implementing mechanisms for this component of the watershed approach, and how EPA will be encouraging use of watershed-based NPDES permits.

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Committing EPA's Water Program to Advancing the Watershed Approach - Memo from the Assistant Administrator for Water, G. Tracy Mehan, III, on December 3, 2002.

Background Information

Watershed-Based NPDES Permitting: Rethinking Permitting As Usual

Brochure defines watershed-based NPDES permitting, including potential approaches and benefits. Also provides examples of watershed-based permitting happening around the country and EPA's efforts to promote this approach.

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Watershed-Based NPDES Permitting Case Studies

To promote the innovative watershed-based permitting approach, EPA has generated a case study fact sheet series that presents an overview of watershed-based permitting efforts. Note: EPA regularly updates these fact sheets to reflect the most current progress and results in watershed-based permitting.

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Fact Sheet 1 - General Permit for Nitrogen Dischargers: Final Permit

Fact Sheet 2 - Selenium Stakeholders: Permitting Approach

Fact Sheet 3 - Michigan General NPDES Storm Water Permit: Final Permit

Fact Sheet 4 - Clean Water Services (Hillsboro, OR): Permitting Approach
Fact Sheet 5 - Rahr Malting Company: Final Permit
Fact Sheet 6 - Northern Kentucky Sanitation District No. 1: Permitting Approach
Fact Sheet 7 - Industrial Stormwater Discharges from Dredging at Marinas in Lake Tahoe
Fact Sheet 8 - Construction Stormwater Discharges from Land Disturbance in Lake Tahoe
Fact Sheet 9 - Waste Discharge Requirements for South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County and Placer County
Fact Sheet 10 - Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD)
Fact Sheet 11 - Neuse River Compliance Association

Watershed-Based Permitting Under the NPDES Program: A Summary of Related Background Information

Provides a compilation and summary of background information relevant to watershed-based permitting.

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Potential Partners in Promoting Watershed-based Permitting: An Analysis of Watershed Organizations

Provides a cross-sectional analysis of successful organizations engaged in watershed management. As described in the report, EPA analyzed 29 selected organizations in 17 states for potential that these organizations may have to play a role in implementing watershed-based NPDES permitting based on their current goals and activities.

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Neuse River

Neuse River Nutrient Sensitive Waters Management Strategy

http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/nps/Neuse_NSW_Rules.htm

Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound Nitrogen General Permit and Fact Sheet

<http://dep.state.ct.us/wtr/lis/nitrogengp/gpindex.htm>

Nitrogen Control Program for Long Island Sound

Includes links to TMDL and Nitrogen Credit Exchange Program reports

<http://dep.state.ct.us/wtr/lis/nitrocntr/nitoindex.htm>

Clean Water Services

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Includes links to permit documents, temperature management plan, and background information.

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/cswatshedpermit.htm>