

Illinois River Project Technical Workgroup - Kick-off Meeting
(TMDL Phosphorus Load Reduction Scenarios)
Springdale, Arkansas
November 8, 2012
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

A. AGENDA

- Introduction
- Overview of the Meeting Purpose
- Overview of the Illinois River Project Schedule
- Workgroup Role and Responsibilities
- Open Discussion
- Meeting Adjourn

B. Meeting Attendees

Tony Donigian, AQUA TERRA
John Bailey, ADEQ
Steve Drown, ADEQ
Mark Derischweiler, ODEQ
Rebecca Veiga Nascimento, ODAFF
Jim Childress, OWRB
Claudia Hosch, EPA
Randall Rush, EPA

Andy Stoddard, Dynamic Solutions
Ryan Benefield, ADEQ
Edward Dibrberg, ODEQ
Greg Kloxin, OCC
Tom Elkins, Cherokee Nation
Eugene Thilsted, EPA
William Honker, EPA
Quang Nguyen, EPA

C. Meeting Overview

- Quang went over his presentation: Project Tasks/Tentative Schedule, Scenario Design Process, Proposed Procedures, Resources, Team Roles and Responsibilities; Ground Rules, and Logistics.
- It was expressed that the workgroup will assist in providing recommendations on a baseline condition for baseline simulation and on Phosphorous loads reduction scenarios.
- Workgroup will need to identify existing BMPs used in watershed [for baseline]: The WBPs developed by Oklahoma and Arkansas do catalogue numerous BMPS already supported through CWA 319h funds; however, the Arkansas IR WBP omits phosphorus as a target for now. USDA-NRCS conservation practices would still need to be catalogued. Cities with MS4 permits may need to be reviewed to look at urban BMPs
- Workgroup will assist in identifying future BMPs needed for the scenarios modeling;

- Frequency of workgroup meetings: Workgroup decided bimonthly conference calls would be necessary to keep information gathering moving so TMDL schedule is met. Workgroup prefers a regularly scheduled call, for instance first and third Wednesdays of the month.

D. Concerns:

- Work group members indicated Nolan WWTP should not be included in watershed. EPA needs to fix the map or justify inclusion of Nolan WWTP in the modeling.

E. Action Items

1. Bimonthly calls will be scheduled.
2. The workgroup will be contacted to set meeting/conference call schedule
3. USDA-NRCS State offices for both Oklahoma and Arkansas were identified as being key resources members that should be included in workgroup. Region 6 will prepare a letter to both the OK and ARK NRCS State Conservationists inviting them to be members of the technical workgroup.
4. Aqua-Terra needs to make sure 133 sub-basins in TMDL scenario match up with 12-digit HUCs in WBPs.
5. Begin collection of all existing BMPs in place.

F. Future Meeting/Conference Call

- The next conference call - TBD