NPS Management Plan Update

DEP Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting
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What is the NPS Management Plan?

- A document required of all states who receive 319 funding from EPA

- This document outlines what Pennsylvania is doing to address nonpoint source (NPS) pollution

- Major use to Pennsylvania:
  - Outlines annual reporting elements
  - Provides goals for assessing progress
• Section 319 funding information:
  – Grant funds address agriculture, urban stormwater, stream restoration and acid mine drainage
  – About $4.5 million annually (decreasing)
  – Funding provided to high priority watersheds with WIPs
    • 13 agriculture watersheds in 11 different counties
  – Average $900,000 to agriculture annually
    • Barnyards, field practices, manure storage, planning, etc.
NPS Management Plan Contents

- Plan lists major Pennsylvania strategies to address NPS pollution
  - Financial Assistance Programs
  - Technical Assistance Programs
  - Education and Outreach
  - Support to staff addressing NPS
  - Partnerships
  - Regulations
The Plan lists goals to address NPS pollution, such as:

- Number of stream miles restored
- Calculated load reductions based on BMPs installed
- BMPs installed (type and quantity)
- Trained technical staff (private and public) involved

EPA encourages numeric goals to gauge progress

DEP reports on progress annually
Development of the Plan

• New grant obligation to update Plan every 5 years

• Initial Plan developed in 1999:
  – Updated in 2008
  – Very intense public involvement; many stakeholder meetings

• 2014 Update retains much of the 2008 plan
  – Updates the format, programs and goals
Development of the Plan

• To make efficient use of stakeholders’ time:
  – Update developed by DEP staff based on performance trends

• Input to be solicited through
  – *Pa Bulletin* notice
  – Shared with major stakeholders groups
  – EPA review

• Final planned for January – February 2015
Plan submission required to meet EPA grant conditions to continue to receive 319 funding
  – Draft submitted to EPA in September 2014

Plan to be noticed thru *Pa Bulletin* in November

Comments from the general public, EPA and groups such as yourself

Final expected January – February 2015
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