

NPS Management Plan Update

DEP Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting

Oct. 15, 2014

▶ 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

What is the NPS Management Plan?

- 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

NPS Management Plan Contents

- 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

Conclusion

- 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



pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Bureau of Conservation & Restoration

Aaron Ward
Nonpoint Source Management
Program

award@pa.gov

717-772-5618