

2023 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OUTREACH

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Outline

- Triennial Review
 - Overview
 - Process
 - Accomplishments to date
 - Timeline
- Questions and comments

TR Overview

Definition and Purpose

- Assess, develop, update/revise Water Quality Standards (WQS)
 - Designated Uses
 - Water Quality Criteria
 - Antidegradation

Justification

- Federal mandate – Clean Water Act (Section 303 (c))
- Illinois EPA mission

Periodic Effort – Every Three (3) Years

IEPA TR Process

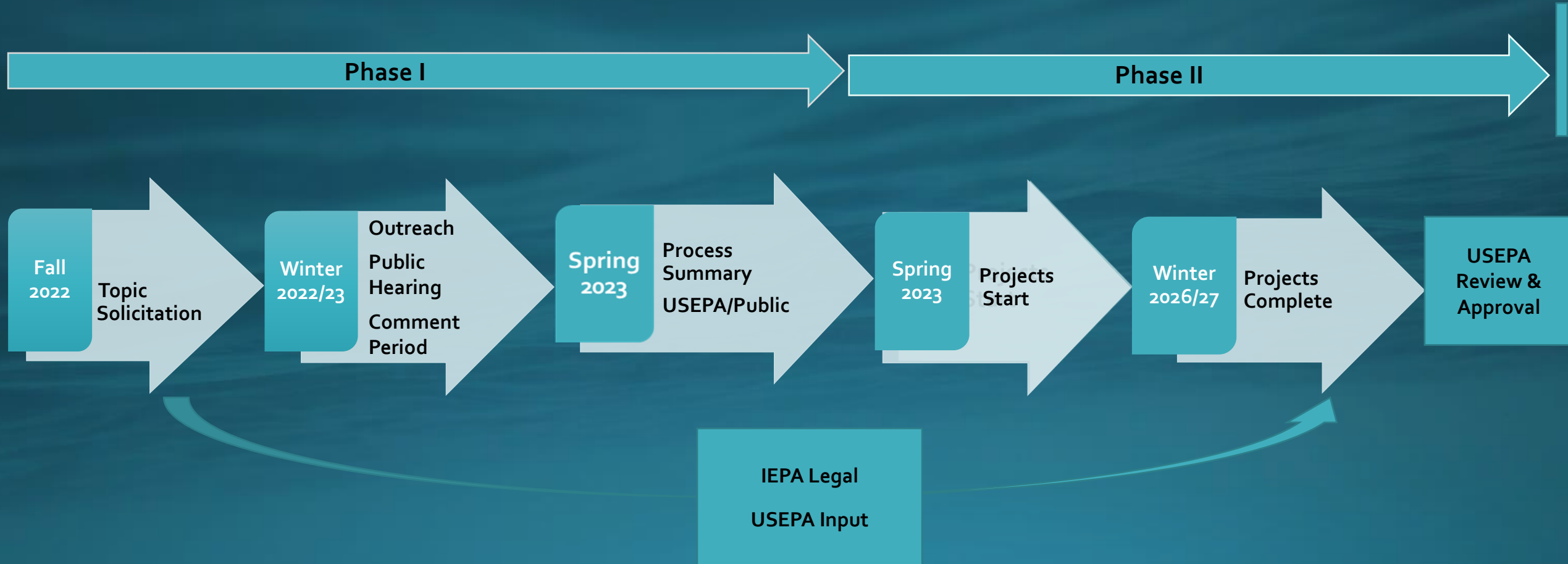
Phase 1

- Internal topic suggestions and rankings
- Public notification, hearing, and comments
- Finalize priorities and submit to USEPA

Phase 2

- Complete relevant projects (3 years)
- USEPA review and approval

Tentative TR Timeline



Topics - Example

- Address USEPA Disapprovals for Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) \ Recreation
 - Upper North Shore Channel from the Wilmette Pumping Station to Northside Water Reclamation Plant
 - Calumet River from Lake Michigan to the O'Brien Lock and Dam
 - Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal from its Confluence with the Calumet-Sag Channel to its Confluence with the Des Plaines River
 - Lower Des Plaines River from its Confluence with the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to the Brandon Road Lock and Dam
- Adopt Harmful Algae Bloom (HABs) WQS
- Update Subpart F: Procedures for Determining Water Quality Criteria

Outreach and Feedback



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