

Nutrient Science Advisory Committee

Tentative Conclusions and Next Steps

Feb 29, 2016

1 pm – 3 pm CST

Conference Call

Actions and Tentative Conclusions

1. NSAC reviewed the committee's charge with Mike Paul of Tetra Tech, Tetra Tech's experience with statistical methods applied to numeric nutrient criteria, and how to best work with Tetra Tech to develop a work plan for data analysis.
2. NSAC to identify the data to be evaluated, considering Illinois EPA data, data collected in neighboring states, data submitted by members of the policy committee, US EPA's National Aquatic Resource Survey data, USGS National Water Quality Assessment data, CFAR data, data collected at nutrient TMDL sites, and phosphorus data that may be collected as a part of NPDES permit requirements.
3. NSAC to review the latest draft work plan/framework to address the charge and determine if it is ready for public release (done, determined that additional revisions are needed).
4. NSAC discussed developing a summary of NSAC activities to date, to be presented at the Policy Working Group meeting on March 8.

Next steps

1. Todd Royer will provide the NSAC with the conceptual model from the EPA Stressor Response Guidance document.
2. Doug McLaughlin to create a set of draft slides for NSAC review, summarizing NSAC activities to date. Candice Bauer to present the slides at the Policy Working Group March 8 meeting.
3. Determine if Roy Smogor others from IL EPA are available for a conference call March 25 to discuss IL EPA data.
4. NSAC agreed to review the information provided by Roy Smogor about Illinois EPA data prior to the next meeting.
5. Continue to develop a work plan with Mike Paul for data analysis.
6. Next meeting is April 13 in Carbondale.