

Nutrient Science Advisory Committee

Tentative Conclusions and Next Steps

January 9, 2017

1-3 pm Central Time / 2-4 pm Eastern Time

TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS

1. NSAC examined and discussed analyses of IL EPA data conducted to date by Tetra Tech; narrowing the analyses to focus on specific relationships will be done iteratively with development of the conceptual model.
2. There are still delays in receiving complete data sets from the Midwest Stream Quality Assessment (MSQA; <https://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2012/3124/>) program and the National Rivers and Streams Assessment (NRSA) program. As such, only IL EPA data have been evaluated thus far.
3. NSAC will address the question of classification based on watershed area, or other classification schemes, along with questions regarding reference expectations, as the analyses progress.

NEXT STEPS

1. NSAC will finalize Biennial Report paragraphs and send to IWRC by Jan. 13
2. Paul Terrio will represent NSAC at the PWG meeting on Feb 7 and will present a brief update.
3. NSAC members should provide any written ideas/comments on Tetra Tech analyses to date and on the draft conceptual model in the week or so.
4. Candice will pull together information from Tetra Tech's analyses on reference condition estimates, as well as other information on reference conditions in Illinois, and send to NSAC within 2 weeks.
5. NSAC will make a decision on applicability of MSQA and NRSA data when they become available.

Future meetings

Monday, February 13 Face to Face @ Illini Union

Thursday, March 23 Call

Tuesday, April 11 Call