

NSAC meeting Tentative conclusions and Next steps
May 18-19
ACES Library, UIUC campus

Summer webinar and fall workshop

Next steps

- By July 30, NSAC (via IEPA) intends to provide the PWG a status memo and will announce webinar date of Sept 6 1:30-3 pm Central Time.
- At the Nov 28-29 NLRs Workshop, NSAC will provide another status update to PWG.

Update on support from USEPA Headquarters

Actions and Tentative Conclusions

- Candice will initiate a conversation with US EPA Headquarters regarding availability of resources for additional work by Tetra Tech.

Determining a final Tetra Tech work plan

Next steps

- Add Matt Short's reference Phosphorus condition data as a line of evidence in ref condition summary part of the report.
- Potentially, update IEPA TP analysis by USEPA or TetraTech. Would use data from 2005 through 2015.
- Ensure IEPA and Tetra Tech are using consistent years.

NSAC Decisions To Date

1. NSAC intends to recommend a combined criterion, unless additional analyses indicate it would not be appropriate.
2. For ecoregional analyses, NSAC will use a modified version of Level III ecoregions:
 1. Ecoregion 52 + Ecoregion 53
 2. Ecoregion 54 + 20 sites from Ecoregion 72
 3. Ecoregion 72 – (20 sites) + Ecoregion 73
 4. Ecoregion 71 (Shawnee Hills)
 5. Also considered will be a state-wide approach with all ecoregions combined

Rationale: 71 and 52 should be split out from ecoregion 54 and 72. However, ecoregion 52 doesn't have enough data to be analyzed separately so, was combined with 53.

Final Report:

NSAC discussed a plan for writing the final report, and began outlining the content of the report. Additionally, it is NSAC's intention to have external expert review of the report before it is released. The tentative target date for release of the final NSAC report is March 30, 2018.

Next Call: July 6

