

Performance Benchmark Committee

Conclusions and Next Steps

Aug. 17, 2016 – Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, **Region II Office - Northeastern Illinois**
2050 West Stearns Road, Bartlett, 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Point Source Tracking

Albert Cox presented information on point source tracking. Then, the group discussed how to accomplish the tracking.

Conclusions:

- Should have adaptive management in mind while tracking metrics.
- Inputs Measure should capture:
 - State Revolving Loan going to nutrient reduction projects (Provider: Illinois EPA)
 - Rate increase to pay for nutrient reduction projects (Provider: IAWA?)
- Human Measure are partnerships such as watershed groups, environmental utility. Should capture:
 - Number of groups/partnerships
 - Outreach and training
- Facilities/Land Measure should capture:
 - Practices needed to meet permit limits and other efforts designed to reduce nutrient discharges
- Water Measure should capture:
 - Effluent loads
 - **Measurement Providers: For official reporting both the Facility/Land Measures and Water Measures information should come from the Illinois EPA as a primary source. Additionally, the facilities should also keep track of this for themselves and be secondary source.**
 - Geographic parsing will be by priority watershed and state total.
 - Discussed spreadsheet prepared by Rick Manner for capturing info from facilities with nutrient removal in place. Information will be obtained on annual nutrient loads for years 2015, 2011, and 1996. Group discussed that only 2011 and 2015 data might be necessary.

Since all utilities are not associated with watershed groups or with associations such as IAWA, we are not sure about the percentage of point source utilities that are represented in the Strategy discussion and whether we are getting information from these utilities. We need to find out how many Majors are included in the IAWA membership.

Instead of setting up Point Source Working Group right now, In Performance Benchmark Committee meetings will set some time to discuss Point Source issues as they arise.

Next steps

- Albert will follow up with Rick Manner on sending out his spreadsheet to survey IAWA membership and possibly talk about it at the IAWA meeting next month. They will review the questions and discuss distribution.

- Should we account for wet weather flows from combined systems? Amy will get and review list of facilities with combined systems to determine if this necessary.
- Eliana Brown will send spreadsheet of list of metrics under the categories of Facilities/Land and Water (to capture data for 2011 and 2015) to this group for review.
- Set next meeting to continue discussing point source tracking:
 - Feasibility for Illinois EPA to provide numbers
 - Update on IAWA spreadsheet survey
 - IERG to also survey members?

➤ Set next Performance Benchmark meeting: October 13 or October 18 PM (Call in)

Attendees: Cindy Skrukrud, Sierra Club; Albert Cox, MWRDGC; Antonette Palumbo, IERG; Amy Walkenbach, Illinois EPA; Trevor Sample, Illinois EPA; Brian Miller, IWRC; Eliana Brown, IWRC