

Nutrient Monitoring Council (NMC) 2nd Meeting
September 16, 2015
Illinois EPA, Mississippi River Conference Room, Noon-5:00 p.m.

Agenda

Noon-1:00 pm Lunch

- 1:00 pm
- Re-Introductions and Opening Comments - Miller
 - INLRS Implementation Overview – Where does the NMC fit in? – Miller
 - Review of NMC Charge/Goals and Priority Watersheds – Good
 - USGS Super Station Network Overview and Status Report, NMC Goal 1(a) – Yeskis

1:45 pm Mapping Exercise – Where’s the Monitoring? Good and Hollenbeck

- Purpose: To visualize where nutrient monitoring is occurring (e.g., a monitoring inventory), identify gaps, facilitate data aggregation, and assist in development of monitoring plans for each of 18 priority watersheds identified in the NLRS.
- Individual Organization Monitoring Site Maps – NMC Member Overviews
- Aggregated Organization Monitoring Site Maps, Two Examples – Upper Fox/Des Plaines-DuPage and Big Muddy

3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm Discussion Regarding Next Mapping Steps – Good

- o Additional maps and mapping details needed?
- o What are the “Top 5” of the 18 priority watersheds to concentrate on first regarding development of monitoring plans and associated costs?
 - Monitoring to determine *loads!*
 - Monitoring to determine *trends!*
 - Monitoring to determine *water resource quality improvements!*

3:45 pm NMC Work Plan Development and Other Questions – Miller and Good

- Overall Timeline – When does the NMC need to have firm, documented recommendations to the Nutrient Policy Workgroup regarding a prioritized list of nutrient monitoring program activities and associated costs needed to accomplish all NMC charges/goals? 1.5 years from now? 2.0 years from now? 2.5 years from now?
- What are major interim steps and associated completion dates?
- Who will develop the 18 Priority Watershed Monitoring Plans? Is this “Other duties as assigned,” or will there be a budget for their development?
- How do we ultimately retrieve, aggregate, and display monitoring data collected by multiple agencies?
- Other

4:15 pm Open Discussion

4:30 pm Next meeting date(s)? Let’s get them down and on our calendars!!

5:00 pm Adjourn