

Nutrient Science Advisory Committee

Tentative Conclusions and Next Steps

Jan 12, 2016

2 pm – 4 pm Central Time

Conference Call

Actions and Tentative Conclusions

Framework/plan and activities

- NSAC to focus on rivers and streams.
- NSAC to have a discussion about a possible role for narrative criteria to supplement numeric criteria.
- NSAC to keep the idea of weighing in on appropriate site-specific criteria derivation procedures, i.e., identify a process or process elements, but not necessarily applying it to a waterbody.
- NSAC to consider a weight of evidence analysis and combined criterion approaches.
- Policy Working Group update schedule follows:
 - March 8: Provide update slide (and attend if available).
 - August 30: One or two NSAC members to attend and provide update.
- Before or after the NSAC final report, there might be a role for an independent science review of the NSAC work depending on Illinois EPA's view.

Next steps

- Todd Royer will draft a question list for the Illinois EPA February meeting guests and distribute it to committee members. The list will include spatial and frequency questions for ambient water quality monitoring. The goal is to have the list to Illinois EPA prior to February 2.
- Candice Bauer will put together a summary of ambient water quality monitoring strategy.
- NSAC will ask for more information about IEPA Champaign Lab 1999-2003 compromised data.
- Next meeting is February 2, 2016 in Champaign-Urbana.
- Next call tentatively set for February 29, 2016.