# Statewide Nutrient Management Programs--- (and more ©)



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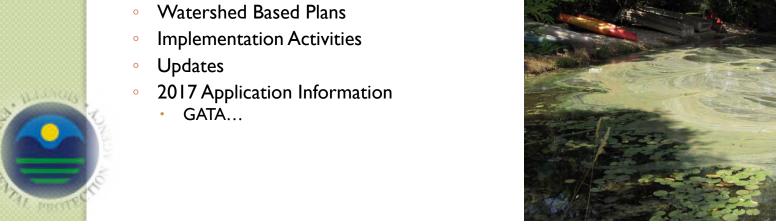
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- Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Update
  - Report
    - Ag. Non point source
    - Point Source
  - **Nutrient Science Advisory Committee**
  - Monitoring
- Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program
  - Watershed Based Plans
- **Chlorides** 
  - Legislation
- **NPDES Permits** 
  - Special conditions/watershed approach
- Nonpoint Source- Section 319 grants









### Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy

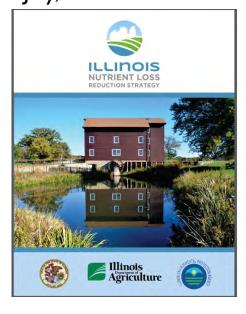
- Six working committees
- Biennial report- collecting data
- Document NLRS activities

http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/excess-nutrients/nutrient-loss-reduction-strategy/index



Biennial report timeline	DUE DATE
Update paragraphs/Tables	January 31
Draft released to Policy Working Group	March 31
Comments due back	April 15
Release to public	August 30

July, 2015



### Wetlands, Buffers, Perennial/Energy Crops



FSA BMP (acres)		
BMP (acres)	2011	2015
Cover	768	11,064
CRP Wetlands	57,463	45,790
CRP Buffers	145,813	279,534
Perennial/Energy/Pasture	985,531	1,524,379



IDNR CREP Easements-Statewide BMP (acres)				
BMP (acres)	2011	2015		
Wetlands	483	22,609		
Buffers	202	17,893		
Perennial/Energy	81	6,043		



Illinois Natural Resource Conservation Service
Statewide Wetland Reserve Program/ Wetland Reserve Easements
Program



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTAL
Wetland Easements	19	12	8	7	3	49

### Illinois EPA Section 319 Grant- IEPA

Illinois EPA Section 319 Grant			2002-2011		
	•			Total Suspended Solids	Sediment Load
1		Nitrogen Load	Phosphorus Load	Load Reduction (lbs/	Reduction (tons/
AGRICULTURE	Acres	Reduction (lbs/year)	Reduction (lbs/year)	year)	year)
Conservation Tillage (329)	9998	47169	23691		21461
Cover and Green Manure Crop					
(340)	3924	14827	1190		955
Filter Strip (393)	8	1360	725		567
Nutrient Management (590)					
Wetland Restoration (657)	936	5028	2103	248227	1542
TOTAL	-	68,384	27,709	248,227	24,525
Illinois EPA Section 319 Grant			2011-2015		
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AGRICULTURE	Acres	Reduction (lbs/year)	Reduction (lbs/year)	year)	year)
Conservation Tillage (329)	734	3913	2005		1798
Cover and Green Manure Crop					
(340)					
Filter Strip (393)	13882	329813	167170		106748
Nutrient Management (590)	107061	109915	54325		36522
Wetland Restoration (657)	464	2,760	1668	619968	6868
TOTAL	-	446,400	225,168	619,968	151,936

- Point Sources account for:
  - 18% of nitrate load
  - 48% of phosphorus load

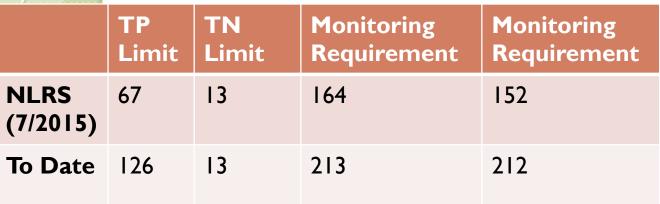


- Initial focus is on phosphorus reduction through permit limits on major wastewater treatment facilities
- Nitrogen is being introduced as a monitoring requirement at major facilities
  - 220 Major Facilities in Illinois
  - Major = at or over I million gallons discharged per day











As of Jan. 17, 2017 almost 57% of all major facilities have a TP limit and <u>this covers 81%</u>

<u>DAF (flow)</u> for major municipal plants





### **Permit Limits**

# Nutrient Science Advisory Committee- Charge:

 Determine the numeric criteria for nutrients most appropriate for Illinois waterbodies based on the best science available.

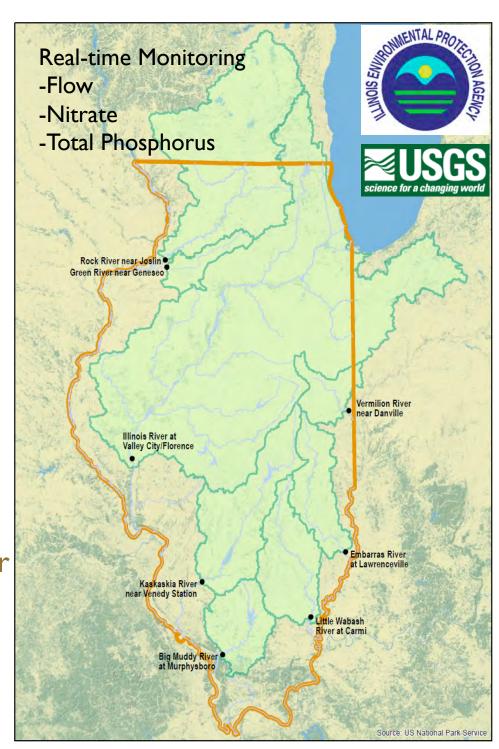
Consider whether standard should be statewide or watershed specific.



- Five scientists
- USEPA representative

# Statewide Nutrient Export Loading Network

- Rock River
- Green River
- Illinois River
- Kaskaskia River
- Big Muddy River
- Vermilion River (Wabash)
- Embarras River
- Little Wabash River
- Chicago/Joliet\*





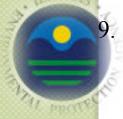
Watershed-based Planning- Nine Minimum Element Plan requirement



#### Nine Minimum Elements of a Watershed-based Plan

- 1. Identify causes and sources of water pollution and estimate existing pollutant loads.
- 2. Set water quality goals and load reduction targets to achieve those goals, and estimate load reductions expected from recommended management measures.
- 3. Describe the *management measures* needed to achieve load reduction targets.
- 4. Describe the technical and financial assistance (amount, costs, and sources) and relevant authorities needed to implement the plan.
- 5. Describe an information and education component to enhance public understanding and to encourage implementation of the plan.
- 6. Provide a schedule for implementing the management measures identified in the plan.
- 7. Identify interim, measurable milestones for determining whether management measures are being implemented on schedule.
- 8. Identify interim benchmarks to measure progress in meeting water quality goals and load reduction targets.
- Describe a monitoring component.

http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/watershed-based-planning/index



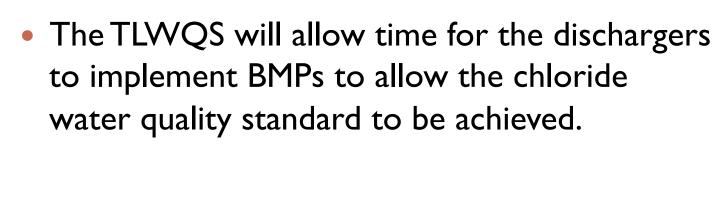
- New Chloride Water Quality Standard for Chloride- Chicago-area Waterways System (CAWS)
  - New regulations go into effect July 1, 2018.
    - Chloride = 500 mg/L (matches the rest of Illinois)
  - Legislation allowing **Watershed** Variances (time-limited water quality standards(TLWQS)) passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor
  - Illinois EPA now working on proposing rules to the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

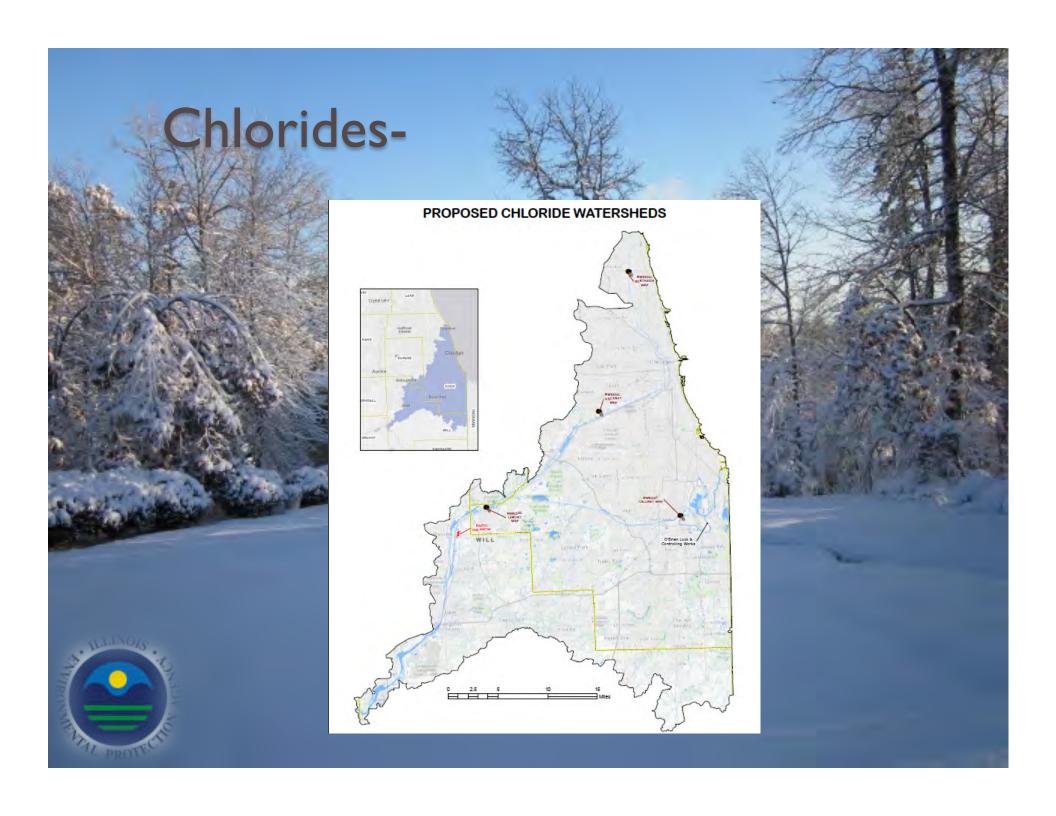


### Chlorides-

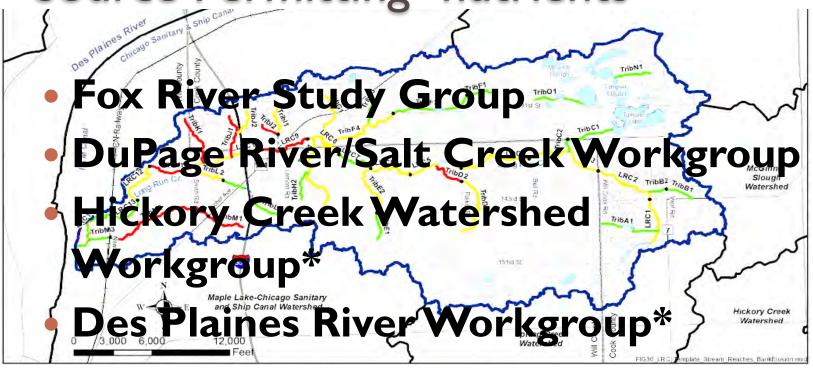


- Watershed TLWQS is before the IPCB for Chloride.
- The Chloride watershed TLWQS will require the dischargers to perform BMPs based on the type of discharger (MS4, municipal discharger, industrial discharger, etc.)





Watershed Approach to Point Source Permitting- nutrients





\* on-going discussions

NPDES Special Condition Language

## Watershed Approach to Point Source Permitting- nutrients

 Nutrient Implementation Plan (NIP), new requirement under all permit renewals

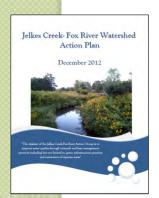




### Section 319 NPS Grant Program-

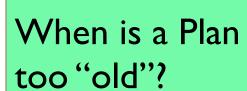
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- Priorities:
  - Watershedbased Planning
  - Implementation of a Watershedbased Plan

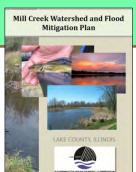








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### Section 319 NPS Grant Program-

#### Other Priorities:

http://www.epa.illinois.gov/ Assets/iepa/water-quality/ watershed-management/ Priority%20Watersheds%20 2016.pdf

### What constitutes IMPLEMENTATION?



Plan Development	Plan Implementation
Kishwaukee R. – 07090006	Green R 07090007
Chicago/Little Calumet R. – 07120003	Mississippi North Central- 07080104
L Michigan Tribs- 04040002	Upper Illinois R. (DS of Fox R.)-07130001
Middle Illinois R 07130003	Upper Illinois R. (US of Fox R.)-07120005
Lower Illinois R 07130011	Vermilion (Illinois)- 07130002
Macoupin Cr 07130012	Bear Cr 07110001
Vermilion R. (Wabash)- 05120109	Mississippi Central- 07110004
Little Vermilion R. (Wabash)- 05120108	Mississippi South- 07140105
Embarrass R 05120112	Cache R. (Ohio)- 05140206
Middle Wabash Tribs- 05120111	Cache R. (Mississippi)- 07140108
Lower Wabash- 05120113	
Skillet Fork- 05120115	

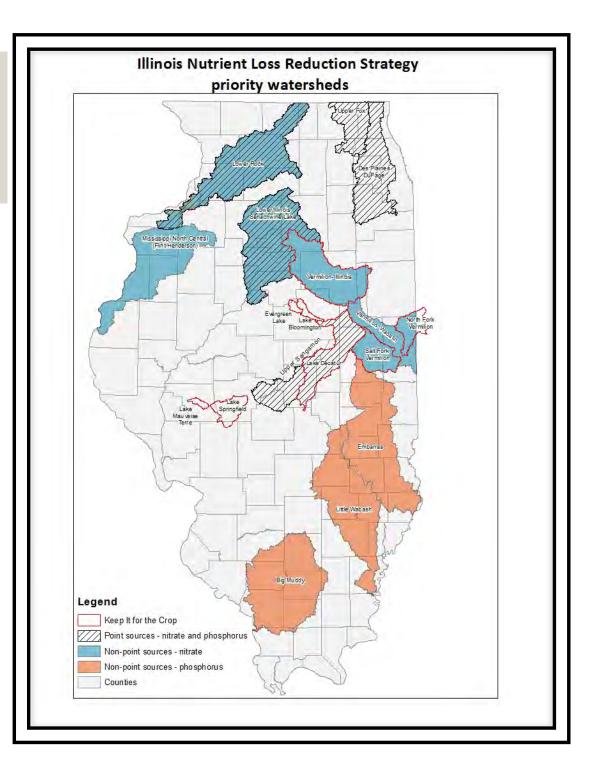
#### **NLRS Priority Watersheds**

- -Total loads
- -Local water quality concerns
- -watershed planning









# Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)-

Applications due at Illinois EPA by COB-August 1, 2017

• <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grantee/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grantee/Pages/default.aspx</a>
Pre-award requirements- *MUST* be pre-registered *BEFORE* submitting 319 application

#### "2. Grantee Registration

All grantees must be registered with the State of Illinois. **Grantee Registration** is completed by browsing to <a href="https://grants.illinois.gov/portal">https://grants.illinois.gov/portal</a> and associating your Illinois.gov account with your organization. New accounts must enter the organization's information on the Registration screen. Existing accounts must click the "Edit" button next to the organization name on the Main Menu."

- Section 319 Application
  - Section 319 Notice of Funding Opportunity
  - Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance
  - Uniform Budget Template
  - Uniform Budget Template (sample)
  - Section 319 Application Project Details Section
  - Section 319 Application Project Details Section Instructions
  - Section 319 Application Project Details Section Attachment 1



