

Worksheet #32. Review Nine Components of an EPA Watershed-Based Plan

The Environmental Protection Agency has identified nine key components that “must be included in watershed-based plans to restore waters impaired by nonpoint source pollution using incremental section 319 funds”. These components are to be included in your watershed plan. However, review these components as part of your checklist process and as an ongoing part of your adaptive management strategy.

- _____ 1. An identification of the causes and sources or groups of similar sources that will need to be controlled to achieve the load reductions estimated in your watershed-based plan.
- _____ 2. An estimate of the load reductions expected for the management measures described in Part 6 (Watershed Management Action Strategy, Policies and Program) of your watershed plan.
- _____ 3. A description of the nonpoint management measures that will need to be implemented to achieve the identified load reductions.
- _____ 4. An estimate of the amounts of technical and financial assistance needed, associated costs, and/ or the sources and authorities that will be relied upon to implement your watershed plan.
- _____ 5. A schedule for implementation of the management program that is reasonably expeditious.
- _____ 6. An information and education component that will be used to enhance public understanding of the program and encourage their early and continued participation in selecting, designing, and implementing the management program.
- _____ 7. A description of interim measurable milestones for determining whether the management program or measures or other control actions are being implemented.
- _____ 8. A set of criteria that can be used to determine whether loading reductions are being achieved over time and substantial progress is being made towards attaining water quality standards, beneficial uses or other appropriate end targets.
- _____ 9. A monitoring component to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation efforts over time and measured against the criteria established to document load reductions.