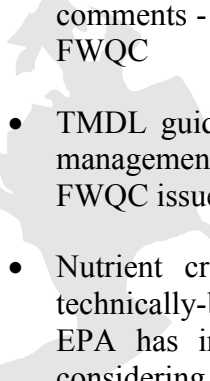


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RECENT SUCCESSES IN FEDERAL WATER QUALITY COALITION ACTIVITIES - 2005-2006

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- Draft EPA mercury guidance: met with EPA and submitted issue papers - public draft contains key concepts urged by FWQC
 - Draft Multi-Sector General Permit for stormwater: met with EPA, submitted comments, filed legal challenge and agreed to settlement - language on water quality issues in new draft is much more favorable than in previous permit
 - 2006 EPA guidance on listing of impaired waters: met with EPA and submitted comments - final guidance reflected revisions to address major concerns raised by FWQC
 - TMDL guidance: submitted comments on draft guidance concerning “adaptive management” in TMDL process - final guidance reflected revisions to address FWQC issues
 - Nutrient criteria: retained consultant to prepare report on development of technically-based nutrient water quality criteria - report has been used by States, EPA has indicated its approval of key concepts in report, and Agency is considering including link to report on EPA nutrient criteria web site
 - Adaptive TMDL expert panel: provided 2 members as panel members, participated in panel meetings, and provided comments on draft reports - final report, to be issued soon, will include concepts that FWQC finds acceptable, and will reflect significant changes from previous drafts to eliminate or modify problematic aspects