

Handout for 2013 National 303(d) Program Meeting

Examples of Possible Section 303(d) Program Nexus with New Program Vision Alternatives Goal

Examples of new, emerging, or potential opportunities to incorporate the concept of TMDL alternatives into the CWA Section 303(d) program are provided below.

- **Subcategories of Category 5 (i.e., State's 303(d) list) with planned restoration activities.** Under certain circumstances, assign low priority for TMDL development and pursue planned and near-term restoration efforts designed to achieve the applicable water quality standard(s) (WQS). Examples of such ongoing or pilot efforts include:
 - Category "5r" pilots in Region 4 States
 - Category "4r" waters in Florida (note – such waters are officially assigned to the State's 303(d) list of impaired waters)
 - Category 5 "pace exempted" waters in Region 5 States
 - Straight to implementation (STI) waters in Washington State
- **Subcategories of Category with planned WQS revision activities.** Under certain circumstances, assign low priority for TMDL development and pursue WQS revision activities (e.g., UAA) where it is clear the WQS needs revision and may obviate the impairment status and need for a TMDL.
- **Category 4 for waters impaired by a pollutant.** As appropriate, assign impaired waters (by a pollutant) to Category 4b consistent with existing EPA guidance.
- **Category 4 for water impaired by non pollutant pollution (e.g., impaired solely due to lack of adequate flow or to stream channelization).** For Category 4c waters impaired by non pollutant pollution, identify and develop plans/strategies and tracking mechanisms for addressing these impaired waters.
 - Explore and identify approaches to address waters with impairments due to both pollutant and non-point stressors (e.g., through CWA Section 319)