



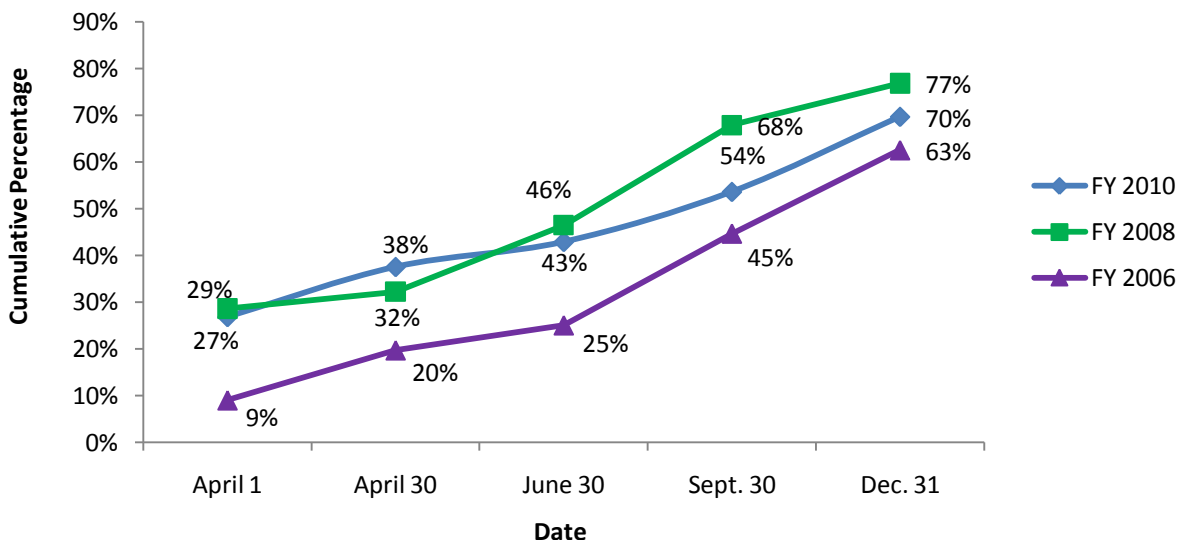
## Status of 2010 Integrated Report/CWA Section 303(d) Impaired Waters List Submissions to EPA

Under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), states, territories, and authorized tribes are required to establish water quality standards, monitor and assess waters, and develop lists of impaired waters which are waters not meeting water quality standards. These are waters for which technology-based regulations and other required controls are not stringent enough to meet the water quality standards set by states. The law requires that states establish priority rankings for waters on the lists and develop Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for these waters. A TMDL is a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive and still safely meet water quality standards.

States are required to submit their section 303(d) lists by April 1 of even-numbered years. These lists are typically a part of a more comprehensive Integrated Report (IR) on state water quality that also includes information on the overall status of the states waters (section 305(b)) and lakes (section 314). As of March 3, 2011, 43 section 303(d)/IR lists had been submitted to EPA and EPA had taken action on 24 section 303(d)/IR lists.

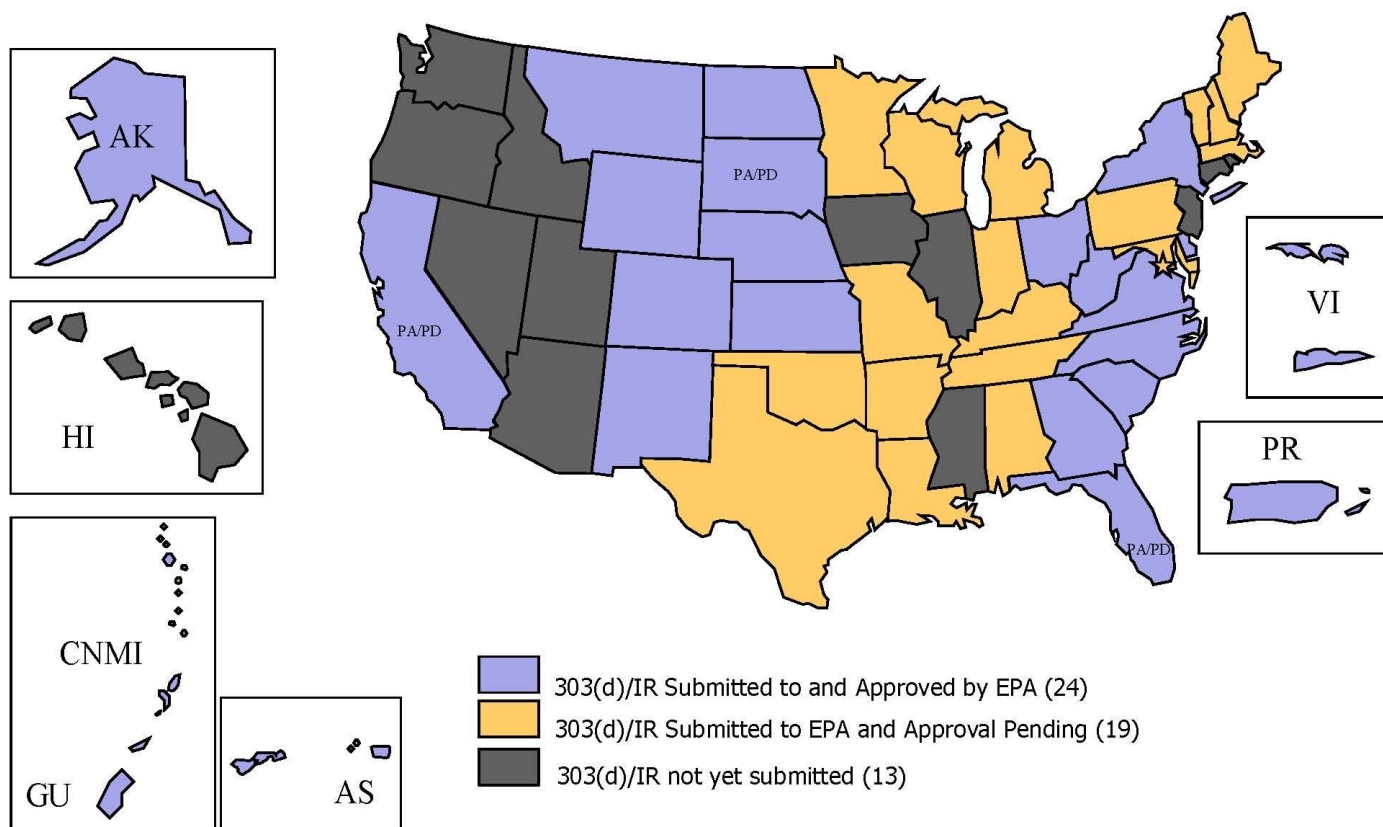
The graph below illustrates the rate of section 303(d)/IR submission for the 2006, 2008, and 2010 reporting cycle from April 1 to December 31 of each reporting cycle year. While significant improvements were made in the timeliness of submissions for the 2008 reporting cycle, this progress did not continue with the 2010 reporting cycle

**Comparison of 2006, 2008, and 2010 CWA 303(d)  
Impaired Waters List Submissions**



The map below illustrates the status of 2010 303(d)/IR list submissions to EPA.

## Status of 2010 Integrated Report/303(d) List Submissions to EPA 56 States and Territories



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### Additional Resources:

- ◇ **EPA's Integrated Reporting Guidance:** <http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/guidance.html#2>
- ◇ **Overview of 303(d) Impaired Waters List:** <http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/overview.html>
- ◇ **The Assessment Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) Tracking and Implementation System (ATTAINS) Database:** Provides information reported by states to EPA from 303(d) and 305(b) reports on the condition of their surface waters  
<http://www.epa.gov/waters/ir/index.html>

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