The Basics
Key Agency/Department & website(s)
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
http://www.deq.state.ne.us/

TMDL Program Structure/Placement
Housed in Water Quality Division (Water Quality Planning Programs)

By the Numbers
Number of Impaired Waters 233
Number of Causes of Impairment 226
Top Five Causes of Impairment
1. Pathogens
2. Nutrients
3. pH
4. Mercury
5. PCBs

Approximate Number of TMDLs Developed Annually 25
Total Number of TMDLs Approved (1995 to present, incl. any est’d by EPA) 91
Total Number of TMDLs Approved in 2005/2006/2007 10/22/30
2008 303d/Integrated Report Submission Status (Date) 4/1/2008
Approximate Number of FTEs Working on TMDL Issues 1

TMDLs
EPA Under Consent Decree to Develop TMDLs? N
Broad-Scale? (e.g., watershed, multi-jurisdictional, etc.) Y

Non-TMDL Options
Use of Non-TMDL Options to Address Impaired Waters? Y
4b Watershed management plans, 4c natural pollutant/pollution

Funding
Approximate Annual Budget for TMDL Program $80,000
Primary Source(s) of TMDL Program Funding federal 106 and 319 funds

TMDL Implementation
TMDL Implementation Required? N

Innovations
Example(s) of Any Innovative Approach(es) Employed/
TMDLs that Represent a Particular Achievement
--Links to NE TMDLs:
http://www.deq.state.ne.us/ (navigate from home page)
**Barriers**

Top Three Barriers to TMDL Development

1. resources/personnel to complete
2. EPA resistance to new ideas

Top Three Barriers to TMDL Implementation

1. resources for cost share
2. willing project sponsors
3. personnel to oversee projects