

# **NEBRASKA (REGION 7)**

## *A Snapshot of Nebraska's TMDL Program (August 2008)*

### ***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