

ATTAINS Data in How's My Waterway 2.0

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If you spot an error in How's My Waterway (HMW) from ATTAINS data, this document explains where to find it in ATTAINS. State staff may be able to fix some issues directly. Other issues may require EPA assistance. While some issues such as incorrect historical data cannot be fixed, it can be replaced in HMW with newer cycle data. How's My Waterway shows the latest cycle of Integrated Report (IR) data that has been submitted electronically to EPA or approved by EPA in ATTAINS.

Issues from Community Page (Individual Waterbody level)

Item	Location in ATTAINS
Assessment Unit Name	Comes directly from ATTAINS → "Assessment Units" tab. Changes show up when the next Assessment cycle is submitted electronically to EPA.
Assessment decision	Comes from ATTAINS → "Assessments" tab. Changes show up when the next Assessment cycle is submitted electronically to EPA.
TMDL or other Plan is Missing	Comes from ATTAINS → "Actions" tab. TMDLs, 4B Restoration Approaches, Alternative Approaches, or Protection Plans must be entered and finalized in ATTAINS to show up in HMW. Documents associated with the TMDL or other Plan show up exactly as entered in ATTAINS.
How ATTAINS Geospatial Data are Used in How's My Waterway	States submit geospatial locations of Assessment Units through ATTAINS → "Assessment Units" tab → Menu → Upload GIS. How's My Waterway uses the geometry provided by the states to display Assessment Units. Various Assessment attributes are summarized and attached to the geospatial data for display on a map. This information becomes visible in HMW after the IR cycle is submitted electronically to EPA.

Issues from State Page

Item	Location in ATTAINS
Metrics and Paragraph at the top of State page	Update these from ATTAINS → "Administration" tab → Menu → Metrics.
Statewide Statistical Survey data	Comes from ATTAINS → "Surveys" tab. Only surveys that are marked as "Final" in ATTAINS show up in HMW.
Integrated Report data	Comes from the Assessment decisions in ATTAINS → "Assessments" tab and the water sizes entered in ATTAINS → "Assessment Units" tab. ATTAINS summarizes the results by Use and Water Type for the most recent cycle submitted electronically to EPA.
State Integrated Report Documents	Comes from documents attached to the most recent Assessment Cycle submitted electronically to EPA. These are found under ATTAINS → "Assessments" tab → Manage Cycle → Documents.
Statewide Statistical Survey Documents	Comes from documents attached to the most recent published statewide statistical survey for each Water Type. These are found under ATTAINS → "Surveys" tab → Documents.
URLs at the bottom of State page	Just like with the Metrics and Paragraph, these are also entered through the ATTAINS → "Administration" tab → Menu → Metrics.