

Assembling and Evaluating all readily available data and information – what's expected

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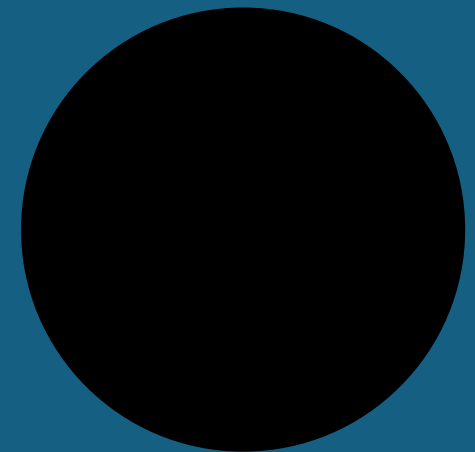
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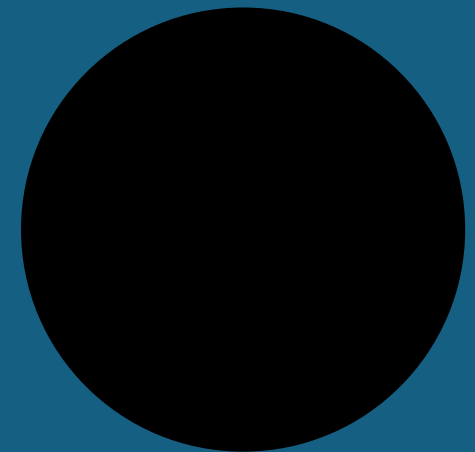
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CFR 130.7(b)(5)

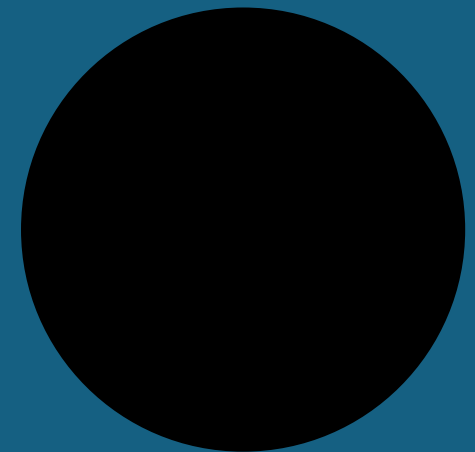
Each State shall assemble and evaluate all existing and readily available water quality-related data and information to develop the list required by §§ 130.7(b)(1) and 130.7(b)(2).

These organizations and groups should be actively solicited for research they may be conducting or reporting.



CFR 130.7(b)(6)

This documentation shall be submitted to the Regional Administrator together with the list required by §§ 130.7(b)(1) and 130.7(b)(2) and shall include...A rationale for any decision to not use any existing and readily available data and information for any one of the categories of waters as described in § 130.7(b)(5).



Expectations for assembling all readily available data and information

Data and information should be actively solicited from a variety of organizations and individuals. (2006 IR memo)

If the state has specifications for data and information, these specifications should be included in any requests for information (e.g., a reasonable cut-off date after which data will not be considered for the present cycle). (2006 IR memo)

EPA expects that states, territories, and authorized tribes will be inclusive in the types of data and information they use to make attainment determinations as required by the regulations. (2024 IR memo)



Expectations for evaluating all readily available data and information

EPA will evaluate whether a state, territory, or authorized tribe provides a technical, science-based rationale for decisions not to use data or information. (2024 IR memo)

EPA supports reasonable approaches to ensuring that data and information used to make listing decisions are of appropriate quality. (2024 IR memo)





Panel session structure

1. Panel discussion on assembling (roughly 30 mins)
2. Panel discussion on evaluating (roughly 30 mins)
3. Q&A

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