

Draft Numeric Standards: Use for Assessments & TMDL Development

- Nutrient TMDLs involve translation of narrative standard
- Draft numeric criteria provide TMDL targets
- Draft numeric criteria package provides assessment process to update impairment determinations
- Assessment work completed at beginning of TMDL development project
- Of 664 WBPCs
 - About 164 are nutrients (TP, TN, nitrate) linked to about 100 different water bodies
 - About 20 complete water bodies (about 20%) no longer impaired for any nutrients using draft numeric criteria and associated assessment method
 - Many adjustments between specific nutrient causes of impairment for remaining 80 water bodies
- Application of the draft numeric criteria is working well