

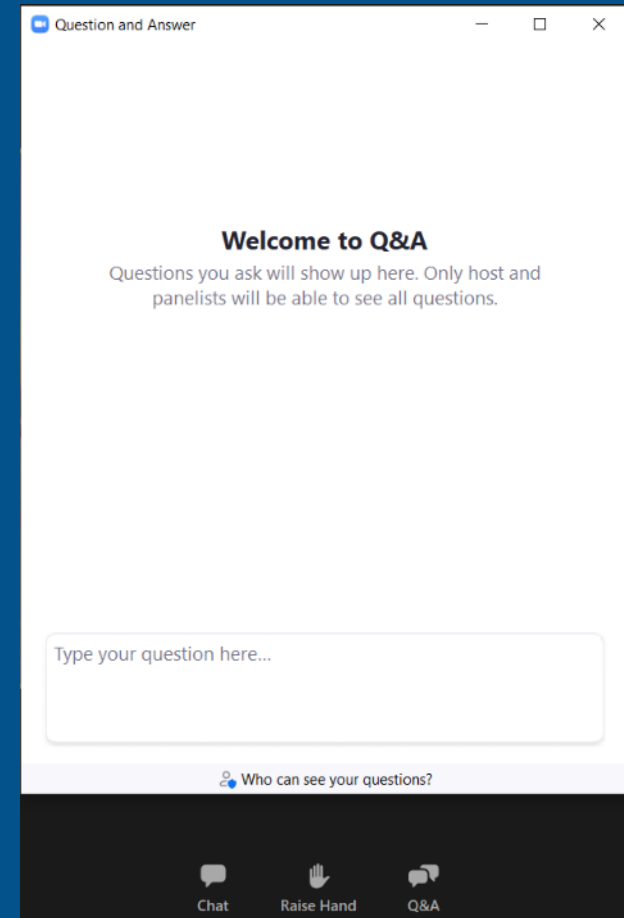


Nutrient Work Group

July 20, 2022

Welcome!

- This meeting has been converted to a webinar
- NWG members will be panelists
- Members of the public can raise their hand or use the Q&A feature to ask questions during the public comment portion of the meeting
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Agenda

Meeting Goal: Discuss updates on the variance and adaptive management rules

Preliminaries

- Nutrient Work Group Roll Call

DEQ Updates

- Variance Rulemaking
- Discussions with EPA Regarding Action Letter
- Education and Outreach Efforts

Public Comment & Close of Meeting

- Public Comment
- Meeting Schedule & Remaining Topics

Introductions

Nutrient Work Group Members

Interest Group	Representative	Substitute
Point Source Discharger: Large Municipal Systems (>1 MGD)	Louis Engels	
Point Source Discharger: Middle-Sized Mechanical Systems (<1 MGD)	Shannon Holmes	
Point Source Discharger: Small Municipal Systems with Lagoons	Rika Lashley	
Point Source Discharger: Non-POTW	Alan Olson	
Municipalities	Kelly Lynch	
Mining	Tammy Johnson	
Farming-Oriented Agriculture	John Youngberg	
Livestock-Oriented Agriculture	Jay Bodner	
Conservation Organization - Local	Kristin Gardner	
Conservation Organization – Regional	Sarah Zuzulock	
Conservation Organization – Statewide	David Brooks	
Environmental Advocacy Organization	Guy Alsentzer	
Water or Fishing-Based Recreation	Wade Fellin	
Federal Land Management Agencies	Andy Efta	
Federal Regulatory Agencies	Tina Laidlaw	
State Land Management Agencies	Jeff Schmalenberg	
Water Quality Districts / County Planning Departments	Nick Banish	
Soil & Water Conservation Districts – West of the Continental Divide	Samantha Tappenbeck	
Soil & Water Conservation Districts – East of the Continental Divide	Dan Rostad	
Wastewater Engineering Firms	Scott Buecker	
Timber Industry	Julia Altemus	



Variance Update

Timeline for Variance Rule

- 45-day public comment period started July 8, 2022
 - Following publication of notice in MT administrative register (MAR)
- Public hearing: August 18, 2022
- Department response to comments
- Department Head signs rule no later than September 27, 2022, rule filed no later than September 27, 2022
- Publishes by October 7, 2022

Variance Rule Public Comment

- Comment period ends August 22, 2022
- Public Hearing: August 18 at 10 a.m. via Zoom or in Room 111
- Info on how to review the rules, submit comments, or join the public hearing:
<https://deq.mt.gov/public/publiccomment>



DEQ - EPA Discussions



Education & Outreach Efforts



Next Meetings

Next Meetings

- 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month beginning in August
 - August 10, 2022
 - August 24, 2022

Topics to Discuss

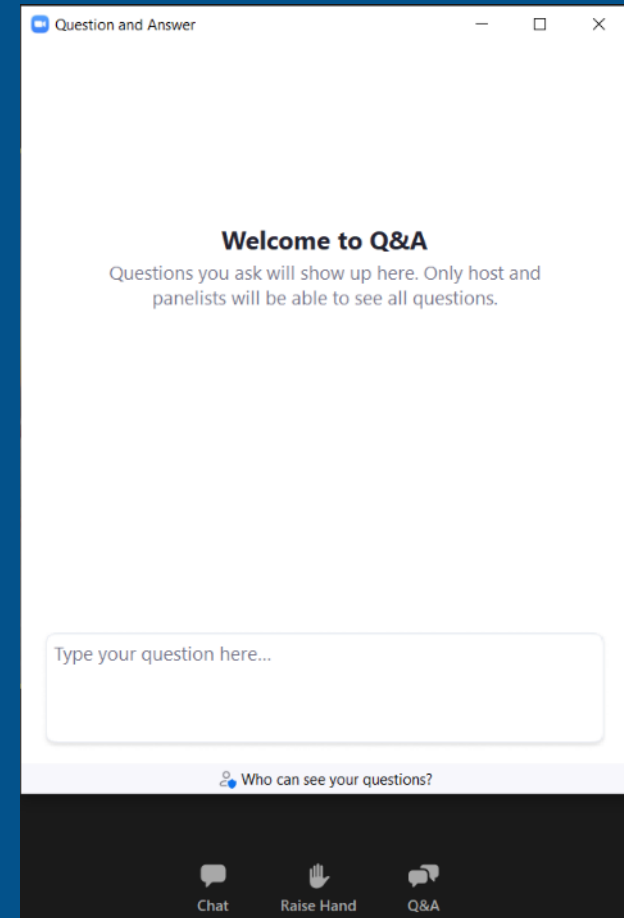
- Addressing EPA's technical comments in August 2021 letter on response variables and thresholds
- Translation of the narrative for all CWA programs
- Reasonable potential analysis
- Nutrient assessment method process
- TMDL – AMP interaction
- Protection of downstream uses
- Revised guidance document
- Final rule language
- Case study



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Questions/ Comments

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Thanks for Joining Us

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To submit comments or questions



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