

APPENDIX B - EPA’S “KEY COMPONENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE STATE NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM” AND “CROSSWALK” TO MONTANA’S 2017 NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

| EPA NPS Plan Element | Montana NPS Plan Section |
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| 1. The state program contains explicit short- and long-term goals, objectives and strategies to restore and protect surface water and groundwater, as appropriate. | Plan Overview Section 3- Montana’s NPS Pollution Control Strategy Section 7- Measuring Success Section 8- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan Appendix F- Groundwater Quality Strategy for Montana |
| 2. The state strengthens its working partnerships and linkages to appropriate state, interstate, tribal, regional, and local entities (including conservation districts), private sector groups, citizen groups and federal agencies. | Section 3- Montana’s NPS Pollution Control Strategy Section 5- Partnerships and Funding Section 4- Public Engagement in NPS Pollution Appendix E- Entities Addressing NPS Pollution in Montana Appendix F- Groundwater Quality Strategy for Montana |
| 3. The state uses a combination of statewide programs and on-the-ground projects to achieve water quality benefits; efforts are well-integrated with other relevant state and federal programs. | Section 1- Montana’s NPS Pollution Management Program Framework Section 3- Montana’s NPS Pollution Control Strategy Section 5- Partnerships and Funding Section 8- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan Appendix C- Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Appendix E- Entities Addressing NPS Pollution in Montana Appendix G- 319 Projects 2012-2016 Appendix F- Groundwater Quality Strategy for Montana Appendix H- Montana Natural Resource Grant Programs |
| 4. The state program describes how resources will be allocated between (a) abating known water quality impairments from NPS pollution and (b) protecting threatened and high quality waters from significant threats caused by present and future NPS impacts. | Section 1- Montana’s NPS Pollution Management Program Framework Section 3- Montana’s NPS Pollution Control Strategy Section 6- Enforceable Regulatory Programs Section 8- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan |
| 5. The state program identifies waters and watersheds impaired by NPS pollution as well as priority unimpaired waters for protection. The state establishes a process to assign priority and to progressively address identified | Section 1- Montana’s NPS Pollution Management Program Framework Section 3- Montana’s NPS Pollution Control Strategy Appendix C- Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment |

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| <p>watersheds by conducting more detailed watershed assessments, developing watershed-based plans and implementing the plans.</p> | <p>Appendix E- Entities Addressing NPS Pollution in Montana Appendix H-Montana Natural Resource Grant Programs</p> |
| <p>6. The state implements all program components required by Section 319(b) of the Clean Water Act, and establishes strategic approaches and adaptive management to achieve and maintain water quality standards as expeditiously as practicable. The state reviews and upgrades program components as appropriate. The program includes a mix of regulatory, non-regulatory, financial and technical assistance, as needed.</p> | <p>Section 1- Montana’s NPS Pollution Management Program Framework Section 3- Montana’s NPS Pollution Control Strategy Section 4- Public Engagement in NPS Pollution Section 5- Partnerships and Funding Section 6- Enforceable Regulatory Programs Section 7- Measuring Success Section 8- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan Appendix E- Entities Addressing NPS Pollution in Montana Appendix H-Montana Natural Resource Grant Programs</p> |
| <p>7. The state manages and implements in NPS management program efficiently and effectively, including necessary financial management.</p> | <p>Section 1- Montana’s NPS Pollution Management Program Framework Section 8- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan Appendix E- Entities Addressing NPS Pollution in Montana</p> |
| <p>8. The state reviews and evaluates its NPS management program using environmental and functional measures of success and revises its NPS management program at least every five years.</p> | <p>Section 1- Montana’s NPS Pollution Management Program Framework Section 7- Measuring Success Section 8- Montana’s Nonpoint Source Priorities and Action Plan</p> |