

Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) Mapping

FAQ

1. *How do I know if I have to develop a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP)?*
2. *How many PRPs do I need to develop?*
3. *Do I have to develop a PRP if I have appendices A thru C requirement?*
4. *What mapping elements in addition to the MCM 3 mapping requirements must be included if our MS4 must develop a PRP?*
5. *How detailed does my map have to be?*
6. *Why is delineation of the storm sewershed needed?*
7. *What is a "combined storm sewershed"?*
8. *Are there exceptions to having to delineate every storm sewershed that drains my urbanized area?*
9. *When is the PRP map due?*
10. *What if I have both a Chesapeake Bay Requirement and Impaired Waters Requirements? What should be my priority?*

11. We want to work with a neighboring MS4 on a joint PRP. Do we have any requirements?

12. Where may I install BMPs?

13. What are the pros and cons of Parsing?

Existing Loading Training Questions

1. What is the advantage of using the DEP Simplified method for planning?
2. What is the critical missing input to the PRP Instructions "Simplified Method" example?
3. How do I obtain land use or cover percentages for use in the "Simplified Method?"
4. What are the advantages/disadvantages of using DEP's Land Cover Estimates Table?
5. What are the advantages/disadvantages of using Stroud/Wiki?
6. Can you describe how to convert the land use categories from MRLC/NLCD to the Chesapeake Bay land use categories?
7. My storm sewershed has drainage that comes from another municipality? Should I subtract that load from loading calculation?
8. Can you describe benefits of using modeling (e.g. MapShed) to determine existing load?

Effectiveness / Selection

Question and Answers

Q1: Why are MS4s allowed to use any scientifically acceptable method of calculating current pollutant loads but are restricted in how BMP load reductions can be calculated?

Q2: Why are the Chesapeake Bay performance standards being used statewide?

Q3: May I reduce the current load with Chapter 102 BMPs?

Q4: May I credit future Chapter 102 BMPs against a PRP load reduction commitment?

Q5: If my municipality requires control beyond what is currently required by Chapter 102 can I count that additional increment of control against a PRP commitment?

Q6: Can I use Chapter 102 methods from the Stormwater BMP Manual to calculate PRP load reductions?

Q7: May I credit new retrofits (non-chapter 102 BMPs) against a PRP commitment?

Q8: May I credit retrofits of existing BMPs against a PRP commitment?

Q9: What do you suggest as the most common, most cost-effective BMP for meeting PRP requirements?

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MS4 TMDL Plan Questions and Answers

- If I remodel the pollutant loads, do I have to use the original TMDL-required load reduction percentages?
- May I and some of my neighboring communities prepare and implement a regional MS4 TMDL Plan rather than do separate plans?
- *Can multiple communities work together to create a regional TMDL/Chesapeake Bay Plan?*
- I have both an MS4 TMDL Plan requirement and a requirement to prepare a Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan. Can I combine them into a single plan?
- Can the load reductions required for a TMDL Plan also be credited to a Chesapeake Bay Plan?
- I have to do both a TMDL Plan and a Chesapeake Bay PRP. Since there is a TMDL WLA do I need to estimate the current pollutant loading as is typically required in a PRP?

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