

OKLAHOMA (REGION 6)

A Snapshot of Oklahoma's TMDL Program (August 2008)

The Basics

Key Agency/Department & website

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
Water Quality Division
www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/tmdl/index.html

TMDL Program Structure/Placement

Housed in Watershed Planning and Stormwater Permitting
Section

By the Numbers

Number of Impaired Waters	681
Number of Causes of Impairment	1,640
Top Five Causes of Impairment	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pathogens2. Salinity/TDS/Sulfates/Chlorides3. Turbidity4. Organic Enrichment/Oxygen Depletion5. Metals (other than mercury)
Approximate Number of TMDLs Developed Annually	50-80
Total Number of TMDLs Approved (1995 to present, incl. any est'd by EPA)	118
Total Number of TMDLs Approved in 2005/2006/2007	0/32/56
2008 303d/Integrated Report Submission Status (Date)	6/30/2008
Approximate Number of FTEs Working on TMDL Issues	3.5 (+ contractor support)

TMDLs

EPA Under Consent Decree to Develop TMDLs? N
Broad-Scale? (e.g., watershed, multi-jurisdictional, etc.)

Non-TMDL Options

Use of Non-TMDL Options to Address Impaired Waters?

Funding

Approximate Annual Budget for TMDL Program \$975,000
Primary Source(s) of TMDL Program Funding federal 106 funds;
NPDES fees

TMDL Implementation

TMDL Implementation Required? N

Innovations

Example(s) of Any Innovative Approach(es) Employed
Bacteria load-duration curve toolbox

TMDLs that Represent a Particular Achievement

Fort Cobb Lake

www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/tmdl/fort_cobb/fort_cobb_final_tmdl_report_jun_2006.pdf

Barriers

Top Three Barriers to TMDL Development

1. limited staff
2. limited funding
3. large number to complete

Top Three Barriers to TMDL Implementation

1. no implementation required
2. limited funding
3. limited technical assistance