

Overview of Division of Water Monitoring and Standards



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WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATER MONITORING AND STANDARDS



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Monitoring Data Reports Water Quality Trends ListSers

The **Division of Water Monitoring and Standards** provides water quality information to assess and manage New Jersey's water resources. This information is critical to knowing whether NJ's waters are safe to swim in, aquatic life is healthy, fish and shellfish are safe to eat, and contributes information on whether water sources are safe to use for drinking water. Click on the [Mission Statement](#) below for additional information about the Division.

Click on any of the photos in the slideshow below to learn about many of the monitoring and analysis activities of the Division.



<p>River/Lake/Ground Water Monitoring</p>	<p>Beach/Bay/Ocean Monitoring</p>	<p>Water Quality Standards</p>	<p>Water Quality Assessment</p>	<p>TMDL's</p>	<p>Restoration</p>	<p>Citizen Science - Water</p>
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For information regarding water quality management planning and implementation issues, please visit the [Office of Water Resources Management Coordination's](#) website.

For information on water quality permitting-related issues, including wastewater, residuals and stormwater, please visit the [Division of Water Quality's](#) website.

For information on water supply, water allocation and drinking water-related issues, please visit the [Division of Water Supply and Geosciences](#) website.



NJ Water Monitoring Council

Measuring What Counts for Clean & Plentiful Water

- Home
- Charter
- Members
- Technical Topics
- Meeting Information**
- Events
- Continuous Monitoring
- Related Links



Batsto Lake

The New Jersey Water Monitoring Council, established on October 24, 2003 as part of NJ's celebration of World Water Monitoring Day, serves as a statewide body to promote and facilitate the coordination, collaboration and communication of scientifically sound, ambient water quality and quantity information to support effective environmental management.

The Council addresses the biological, chemical, physical and ecosystem aspects of water monitoring, including surface and ground waters, freshwater, estuarine, and marine environments in New Jersey.



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NJWSA



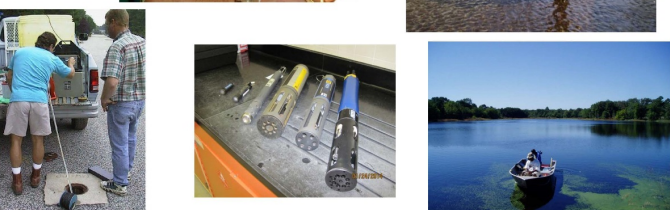
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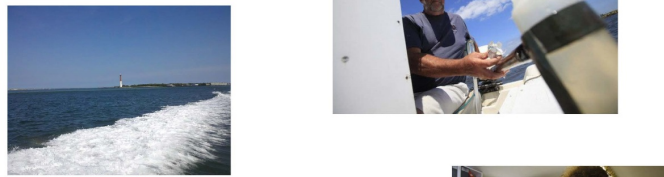
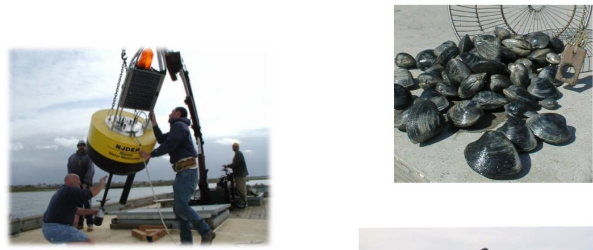
FRESH WATER & BIOLOGICAL MONITORING

Rivers, Streams and Lakes, Physical/Chemical Monitoring, Biological Monitoring – Benthic Macroinvertebrates & Fish, Flow, Continuous Water Quality Monitoring, Stressor Identification, Ground Water Monitoring, Laboratory Identifications & Analyses



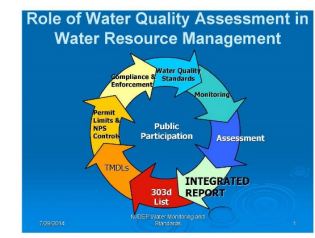
MARINE WATER MONITORING

Coastal and Estuaries, Shellfish Classification, Beach Monitoring, Clean Shores, Remote Sensing for Algal Blooms & Phytoplankton, Real Time Water Quality Monitoring, Nonpoint Source Tracking, Laboratory Analyses

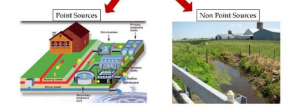


ENV. ANALYSIS, RESTORATION & STANDARDS

Water Quality Assessment, Surface and Ground Water Quality Standards, TMDLs, Water Quality Restoration, Volunteer Monitoring, AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassadors



What is a TMDL?
A Total Maximum Daily Load figures out the amount of pollutants a waterbody can handle.
Modeling can appropriately determine sources.



Why Do We Assess Water Quality?

- Required under federal and state statutes:
 - Section 305(b) of Federal Clean Water Act
 - Section 305(d) of Federal Clean Water Act
 - Water Quality Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 59:14)
- Necessary to determine appropriate regulatory, preventive, and restorative actions:
 - Permits
 - Enforcement
 - Research
 - Funding (e.g., 319 grants for restoration)

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NEW JERSEY WATERSHED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
An Innovative, Collaborative Approach to Assessing and Restoring Watersheds

The New Jersey Watershed Assessment Program (NJWAP) is a collaborative effort between the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The program is designed to assess the health of watersheds and identify sources of pollution. It involves a multi-step process: 1. Assessment: A team of experts assesses the watershed's health. 2. Planning: A watershed assessment plan is developed. 3. Implementation: The plan is implemented to restore the watershed. 4. Monitoring: The watershed's health is monitored over time.



Division of Water Monitoring & Standards

Who we are and what we do

- **Freshwater & Biological Monitoring:**
Monitors the freshwaters of the state; chemical and Physical, biological and fish tissue
- **Marine Water & Monitoring:**
Monitors the marine waters of the state; compliance w/National Shellfish Sanitation Program
- **Environmental Analysis, Restoration & Standards:**
Coastal beach monitoring, Clean Shores Program, Water Quality Management Planning AND.....

Enviromental Stewardship

AmeriCorps NJ
Watershed
Ambassadors
Program

Community
Water
Monitoring

Watershed
Education and
Urban Fishing

Analysis

Water Quality
Assessment

TMDLs
Development

Watershed Based
and Protection
Plans

Beach
Monitoring

Restoration

Nonpoint
Source (NPS)
Pollution
Management
Program

Water Quality
Restoration
Grants for NPS
Pollution

Clean Shores

Standards

Surface Water
Quality Standards

Ground Water
Quality Standards

Water Quality Management Planning

Water Quality
Management
Planning
Program

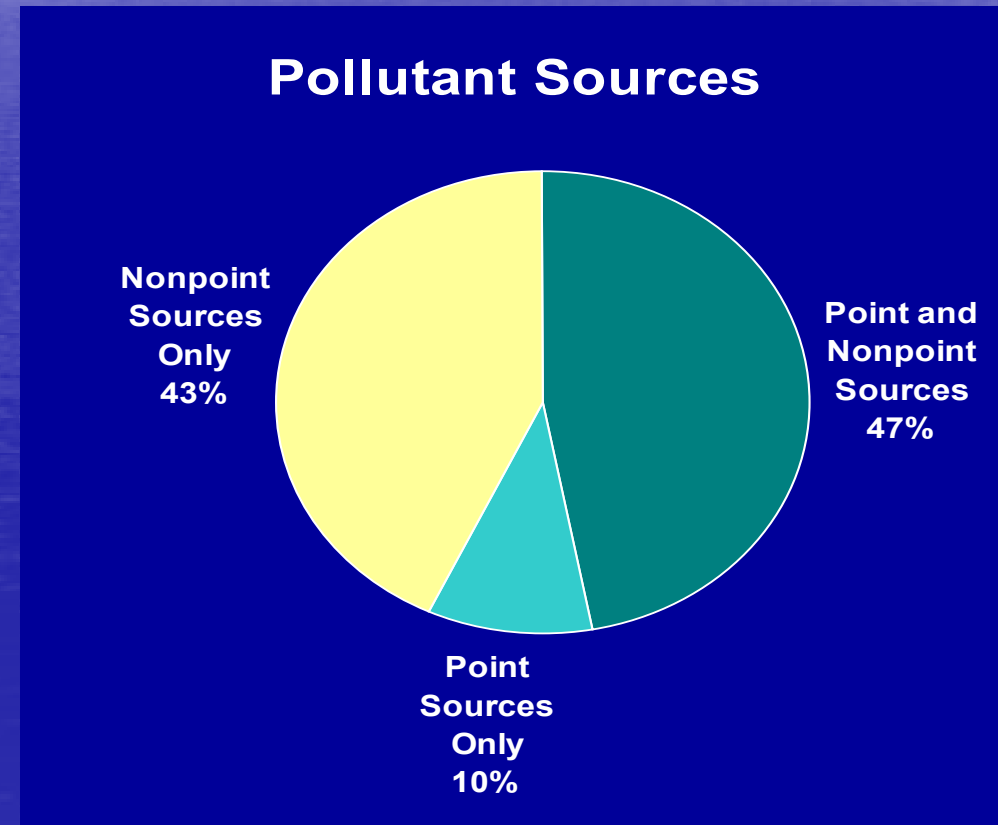
Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards (BEARS)

- NPS Restoration Grants
- Development of Surface and Ground Water Quality Standards
- Water Quality Trends and Assessment
- Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)
- Barnegat Bay Strategy
- AmeriCorps/Community Water Monitoring

Why is NPS Pollution a Problem?

Nationally . . .

- 47% of problems are comprised of point & nonpoint sources
- 43% of problems are NPS sources only
- 10% of problems are point sources only





Major Sources of NPS Pollution

- Agriculture
- Unrestricted livestock grazing
- Poor design of roads
- Forestry
- Hydromodification
- Urban runoff
- Abandoned mines
- Failing septic systems
- Construction activities
- Atmospheric deposition

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

- Monitoring Conducted by MWM and BFBM
- Subject of Request for Proposals:
 - HAB Request for Proposals #1
 - 2019 Water Quality Restoration Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution RFP #2