



PA DEP 319 Program Topics

2015 Annual 319 Meeting
Patton Township, Centre County
April 7, 2015

Random topics for your enjoyment

- **Project prioritization**

- Focus on priority areas in the WIP

- Impaired
- Headwaters
- Restorable!



- Address all needs in the priority sub-watershed and then move on

- Not just low hanging fruit
- Hard to do but needed to see results



- Projects that are meaningful to address problem

- Need to demonstrate progress!

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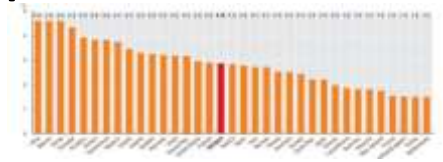
- **Project reporting**

- Submit quarterly reports

- Helps keep all aware of status of project
- Allows us to meet EPA reporting timetables

- Provide load reductions on quarterly reports

- At least provide BMPs installed and units
- We accept streamlined processes for calculating reduction
- Work with project advisor to determine potential load reduction estimating methodologies



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- **Project reporting - continued**

- Final reports need to come in soon after completed

- Contract says within **30 days** of completion date



- Need good record of BMPs installed and load reductions
 - See advisor for load reduction questions
 - Looking to end projects in June to facilitate timely closeouts
 - Good before/after pictures are great to include
 - Provide computer CD as well as hard copy
 - Expect DEP and EPA review and comment

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- **Pulling back from inactive watersheds**

- We have 36 active WIPs and only about \$4.6 mil.
 - Need to focus funds to see results
 - Need to report on all active WIPs in program
- We need to focus on WIPs where restoration is likely
 - Where the problem is well identified
 - Where local passion, prioritization and resources exist to implement efforts
- We will be assessing WIPs for consideration to take off of the program priority list
 - Take the coming year to make assessment
 - Will reach out to you before action

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- **AMD systems information into datashed**
 - Datashed is relied on by DEP/EPA to summarize PA AMD remediation work annually
 - Need to ensure all systems installed are in the database
 - Take it away Donna Wagner



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- **RAWAPI summary**

- Ag compliance initiative to help clean up streams
 - Ensure all farms meeting 102/93 compliance
 - DEP does assessment of all farms (+ stream monitoring)
 - Immediate action where sig. water qual. issues
- Watersheds involved:
 - At least one watershed per region
 - Ag impaired streams (if possible)
 - SMALL scale watersheds picked (20-30 farms each)
 - Additional new watershed annually (?)
- Support to farmers:
 - Funding provided to CD to help comply



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- **Next 319 / GG grant round**

- **Expected** to be noticed May 2

- Closing date July 2

- No significant changes to the application package

- Focus on priority areas in your WIPs

- We want to show progress and success

- We are looking to implement a process that allows us to use GG funds to support unfunded 319 projects that are highly ranked by DEP review staff

- To help move WIPs to completion sooner





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