

Watershed Action Planning Definition of Terms

Col #	Column Heading	Options	Definition
1	Segment ID Number & Assessment Unit		<p>Segment Number and Assessment Unit Number as identified in the 2010 Texas Integrated Report (IR) for Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d).</p> <p>The SegID may be one of two types of numbers. The first type is a classified segment number (4 digits, e.g., 0218), as defined in Appendix A of the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (TSWQS). The second type (five digits, e.g., 0218A) is a partially classified water body described in Appendix D of the TSWQS, or an unclassified water body, not defined in the TSWQS, though associated with a classified water body because it is in the same watershed.</p>
2	Segment Name		Segment name as identified in the 2010 Texas Integrated Report (IR) for Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d).
3	Impairment		Water quality impairment as identified in the 2010 Texas Integrated Report (IR) for Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d); or water quality issue identified by the WAP partners for a special interest (SI) water body.
4	Impairment Category	4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 5c, SI	<p>Category from the 2010 Texas Integrated Report (IR) for Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d); or additional category indicating a special interest (SI) water body identified by the WAP partners.</p> <p>Category 4: Standard is not supported or is threatened for one or more designated uses but does not require the development of a TMDL. <i>Category 4a</i> - TMDL has been completed and approved by EPA. <i>Category 4b</i> - Other pollution control requirements are reasonably expected to result in the attainment of the water quality standard in the near future. <i>Category 4c</i> - Nonsupport of the water quality standard is not caused by a pollutant.</p> <p>Category 5: The water body does not meet applicable water quality standards or is threatened for one or more designated uses by one or more pollutants. <i>Category 5a</i> - A TMDL is underway, scheduled, or will be scheduled. <i>Category 5b</i> - A review of the water quality standards for this water body will be conducted before a TMDL is scheduled. <i>Category 5c</i> - Additional data and information will be collected before a TMDL is scheduled</p>

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5	Strategy	Monitoring	More data is needed in order to confirm impairment or delineate the area of the impairment, in order to select and initiate the most appropriate strategy to achieve attainment of WQS. This strategy is limited to the collection or acquisition of more water quality data, through a special study or targeted monitoring.
		Evaluation	A more comprehensive, site-specific analysis than the one conducted for the Integrated Report (IR) is required.
		WQS Review	Use Attainability Analysis (UAA), which is conducted if the designated use or criterion appears to be inappropriate for a water body. A UAA involves the collection of site-specific information that could result in a use change or the development of a site-specific criterion. To establish or change a designated use or criterion requires a revision to the Texas Surface WQS, adoption by TCEQ, and approval by EPA.
		TMDL/I-Plan	A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Implementation Plan are planned, scheduled, under development, or being implemented for the water body. A TMDL determines the maximum amount of a pollutant a water body can receive and still achieve its water quality standards and then allocates this amount (load) to point and nonpoint sources in the watershed. A TMDL implementation plan (I-Plan) is locally developed and describes the regulatory and voluntary activities necessary to achieve the pollutant reductions identified in the TMDL.
		WPP	A Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) is planned, scheduled, under development, or being implemented. WPPs are a coordinating framework for designing and implementing water quality protection programs and projects. WPPs are locally developed, designed to meet water quality standards, and satisfy EPA guidance and criteria.
		Other	The impairment cannot be addressed by one or more of the other identified strategies (Monitoring, Evaluation, etc.).
6	Status	Consulting	Before proceeding with the recommended strategy, additional guidance and input is needed, for example, from watershed stakeholders or other experts.
		Planning	Project or activity to execute the strategy is being planned, but funding is not yet secured or contract not yet in place.

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6	(Status, continued)	Scheduled	Funding is secured and contract in place for project or activity to execute the strategy, but no work has yet been initiated.
		Underway	One or more projects that implement the strategy have been initiated.
		Completed	Strategy completed.
		Reassessment	Pending reassessment under the next iteration of the Texas Integrated Report (IR) for Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d).
		TBD	The Lead will seek more information in order to document the current status.
7	Lead¹	TCEQ-WAP	TCEQ – Watershed Action Planning group.
		TCEQ – NPS	TCEQ– Nonpoint Source Program
		TCEQ – TMDL	TCEQ – Total Maximum Daily Load Program
		TCEQ – WQS	TCEQ – Water Quality Standards Program
		TCEQ – SWQM	TCEQ – Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
		TCEQ – CRP	TCEQ – Clean Rivers Program
		TSSWCB – SRM	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board – Statewide Resource Management group.
		3 rd Party	An organization or program other than one of the TCEQ or TSSWCB programs identified.

¹ Agency (and Program Area if appropriate) responsible for managing the selected WAP strategy and reporting on the status to the WAP partners