Fish Tissue-based Water Quality Criteria

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EPA has issued a recommended human health water quality criterion and a draft aquatic life criterion expressed as fish tissue concentrations. While fish tissue criteria are a better indicator of toxic exposure, such criteria can pose implementation challenges with respect to water quality standards adoption, assessment and listing, and permitting. Today's presentation will discuss why EPA has chosen to express the methylmercury and selenium criteria as fish tissue concentrations, highlight some of the challenges to implementing the criteria and present some of the issues EPA is grappling with as it develops nation implementation guidance.

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