

PQR Planning Document FY2018–2022

Region # _____

Program & Permit Quality Reviews (PQRs) assess state implementation of the NPDES program as reflected in permits and other supporting documents. Through the review mechanism, EPA promotes national consistency, identifies successes in implementation of the NPDES program, and notes opportunities for improvement in developing NPDES permits.

Planning State Reviews:

PQRs are conducted by EPA Regions on a rotating basis, ensuring that all state, tribe, and territory NPDES permitting programs are reviewed every five years. Prior to this five-year cycle, Regions should prepare plans identifying the timing of each state’s review (by year). Please also note whether EPA or the State is the Pretreatment Program authority and whether HQ support is desired for the PQR.

In the reviews for states where EPA is the pretreatment authority, EPA HQ will conduct the pretreatment portion of the review, and, as such, early coordination with EPA HQ is necessary.

State	FY & Quarter of State Visit	Regional Topics	Pretreatment Authority (EPA or State)	HQ Support Requested (Please check)
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Timing for these reviews may be coordinated with Regional enforcement reviews, if desired. Regions are encouraged to work with states in developing timelines for reviews. While timing and program areas for review may shift with priorities over this five-year cycle, Regions will be given the opportunity to modify the PQR Planning Document as needed.