

Your Input is Important to a Successful State Designated Use Revision



The state identifies the past and current use of the waterbody, the problem limiting attainment of the use, and the actions that would result in attaining the use.

The state determines the highest attainable use (HAU) and documents findings in a use attainability analysis (UAA).

The state proposes the HAU as the new designated use. The state holds public hearings and requests public input.

The state adopts the revised use after considering public input.

The state submits the revised use and supporting documentation to EPA for review. The revised use is CWA-effective upon EPA approval.

The state holds a public hearing to review WQS, including designated uses, at least once every three years.

DESIGNATED USE REVISION PROCESS

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OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

Collaborate with the state, such as participating in a workgroup or survey.

Provide information and data on current or past uses of the waterbody.

Ask why the state believes the use cannot be attained.

Continue to provide site-specific information on:

- stressors to the waterbody and its sources;
- actions that can minimize the stressors;
- information to identify the HAU.

Review the draft UAA and use revision.

Provide comments and ask how the state will use your feedback.

Participate in public hearings.

Read the final UAA, the revised use, and the response to comments document.

Ask that waterbody monitoring results be made publicly available so that you can track water quality.

Participate in opportunities for formal public input, including public hearings.

Provide feedback and suggestions for improving water quality.

