



# Tribal Monitoring Strategies

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# Why a Monitoring Strategy...

- Tribal Assessment Reports
  - Monitoring Strategy
  - Water Quality Assessment
  - Water Quality Data (STORET)



- Guidance
  - *Guidance on Awards of Grants to Indian Tribes under Section 106 of the Clean Water Act - 2007*
  - *Developing a Tribal Water Monitoring Strategy – Clean Water Act Tribal 106 Guidance 2007.*

# Monitoring Strategy should...

- Support the efforts of the Clean Water Act.
- Where you are now and where you want to be.
- Provide Continuity.



# 10 elements

- I. Monitoring Program Strategy
- II. Monitoring Objectives
- III. Monitoring Design
- IV. Water Quality Indicators
- V. Quality Assurance
- VI. Data Management
- VII. Data Analysis/Assessment
- VIII. Reporting
- IX. Programmatic Evaluation
- X. General Support and Infrastructure



# I. Monitoring Program Strategy

Long term plan (3-10 years)

All water body types

Coastal

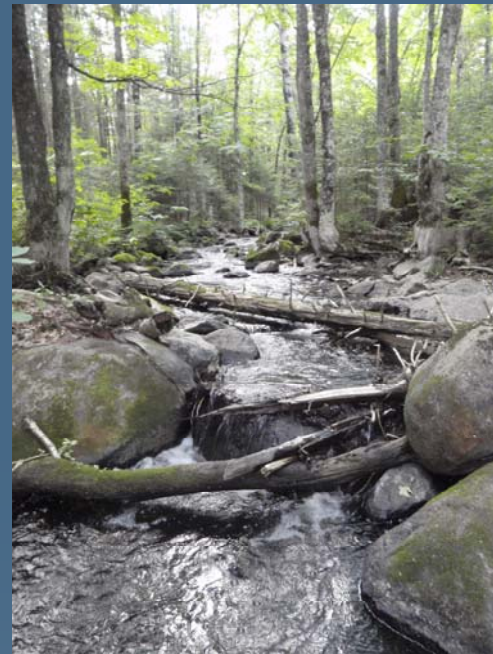
Rivers and Streams

Lakes

Wetlands

Ground Water

Timeline



## II. Monitoring Objectives

*why* the data are needed.

## III. Monitoring Design

*where* and how often samples are collected.

## IV. Core and Supplemental Water Quality Indicators

*what* water quality indicators are collected.

## V. Quality Assurance

Table of QAPPs, SOPs and note on how data are validated.

## VI. Data Management

Where the data is stored, and when will it be uploaded into STORET.

## VII. Data Analysis/Assessment

statistical tools, indices, water quality standards used for data analysis.

## VIII. Reporting

List of reports that are generated for different audience, not just for EPA.



## IX. Programmatic Evaluation

process for reviewing monitoring program and identifying ways to continue to improve it

## X. General Support and Infrastructure

resources currently used to implement monitoring program and resources needed to achieve future objectives.

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- Checklist
- Document growth
- Monitoring data to (e.g.):
  - Identify potential sources
  - Biological data
  - Utilize information for permitting
  - Measure BMP
  - Species Inventory
  - Measure effectiveness of 319 actions.









**Thank You**

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