



I-Plan Comments for Discussion

The following questions are based on comments received regarding the draft implementation plan and are for discussion purposes.

1. A suggestion has been made to include the following language to the Introduction:

During the first 5 years of this I Plan, a number of additions and refinements will be made and are expected to include:

- Requirements for reductions of nutrient loadings from wastewater treatment plants;
- Reduction of permitted discharges of *E. coli* and *Enterococcus* to non detectable levels;
- Interactive listings of Best Management Practices to demonstrate effective performance in this TMDL area being made widely available to facilitate technology transfer;
- Increases in enforcement of permit limits by increased, unannounced, random site visits and increased frequency of self reporting.

Are these additions appropriate and acceptable to the BIG members?

2. The Implementation Activities (IAs) related to onsite sewage facilities are all voluntary. Should the activities be strengthened or additional activities included?
3. Concern has been expressed regarding the number of meetings included in the I-Plan and H-GAC's role in facilitating those meetings. Is there another agency that might be more appropriate? Will H-GAC have adequate resources? Are the meetings worth the effort?
4. A suggestion has been made to include an additional IA 4.7, modify storm water outfall details. This would require the inclusion of bacteria reduction strategies on all new, repaired, or replaced storm water outfalls. Should this activity be included in the I-Plan?

5. IA 8.1.2 suggests pilot studies should be conducted to measure the effectiveness of residential education efforts at bacteria removal. Is a lack of research regarding a particular bacteria reduction strategy a reason enough to remove it from the I-Plan?

6. Shall we change “The I-Plan is intended to address a period of about 25 years” to “Full implementation and assessment of all of the strategies outlined in this plan may not be complete for as long as 25 years”?