

PQR Planning Document FY13–FY16

Region # _____

The 2009 Clean Water Act Action Plan committed EPA to better integrate its oversight of state NPDES permitting and enforcement programs.

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. State Review Framework (SRF) assesses EPA and state enforcement of the CWA, CAA and RCRA programs.

Integrated reviews will involve joint PQR/SRF reviews of the NPDES program.

Planning State Reviews:

Integrated reviews are conducted by EPA Regions on a rotating basis, ensuring that all state, tribe, and territory NPDES permitting and enforcement programs are reviewed every four years. Prior to this 4-year cycle, Regions should prepare plans identifying the timing of each state's review, by quarter and year, and the anticipated date of submittal of the draft report. Regions should also identify regional topics within each State that will be reviewed as part of the PQR.

State	FY & Quarter of State Visit	FY & Quarter of Draft Report Submittal to EPA HQ	HQ Support Requested (Please check)

Timing for these reviews must be coordinated with Regional enforcement reviews. 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 4-year cycle, Regions will be given the opportunity to modify the PQR Planning Document as needed.

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At the beginning of the 4-year review cycle, Regions are asked to identify the number of permits for review in each of the core review areas. These permits may be reviewed up to 2 years prior to the State visit, as specified in the PQR Standard Operating Procedures. This page should be filled out separately for each state covered by the region.

Core Permit Reviews	
# Draft permit reviews [*] :	
# Final permit reviews [*] :	
# Nutrient permit reviews:	
# Pretreatment permit reviews:	
# Stormwater permit reviews (MS4, CGP, MSGP):	
# Pesticide GP reviews:	

*The sum of the number of real-time reviews and final permit reviews must be equal to or greater than 10, with a minimum of two final, randomly selected permits.

Regions are also asked to identify 2-4 regional topics to review for the State. These may be issues of concern specific to the State or concerns identified by the EPA Regions. These topics may be modified as necessary over the course of the 4-year review cycle.

Regional Topics for Review*

Geographic/programmatic areas not authorized by state, administered by EPA**

**e.g. Pretreatment programs