



Coordinating CZARA & 319

(Hey, it needs to happen.)



“We are confronted with insurmountable opportunities”

- Walt Kelly's Pogo -

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Pop Quiz Time



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What’s the difference between 6217 & 319?

- CZARA requires implementation of 56 management measures (MMs) across all NPS categories (ag, urban, forestry, hydromod) + additional MMs as needed to achieve & maintain WQS.
- CZARA requires enforceable policies & mechanisms
- CZARA requires monitoring & tracking of MM implementation
- CZARA is jointly administered by EPA and NOAA

Example Management Measures

Ag MMs:

- Erosion & Sediment Control Large & Small Unit AFOs
- Nutrient MM
- Pesticide MM
- Grazing MM
- Irrigation Water MM



Example Management Measures

Urban MMs:

- New Development
- Existing & Site Dvpt.
- Watershed Protection
- Onsite/Septics Mgmt., New & Existing
- Construction Site E&S
- Const. Site, Chemical
- Roads, Highways & Bridges (RHB) Siting & Planning
- RHB Runoff Systems
- RHB O&M
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Remaining Management Measures

- 💧 10 MMs for Forestry
- 💧 15 MMs for Marinas
- 💧 6 MMs for Hydromod (including restoration of instream & riparian habitat)
- 💧 3 MMs for Wetlands

EPA's CZARA Website -
<http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/czara.cfm>

NOAA's 6217 Website -
<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/nonpoint>

Another difference between 6217 & 319...

- CZARA no longer receives its own program development or implementation funds

Congressional Intent

- CNPs would be developed long before now
- CNP implementation would occur through integration with NOAA-supported state CZMPs and EPA-supported state NPS MPs

CWA Section 319 Funding History

Federal Fiscal Year	Grant Total (in millions)
1990	\$38.0
1991	\$51
1992	\$52.5
1993	\$50
1994	\$80
1995	\$100
1996	\$100
1997	\$100

Federal Fiscal Year	Grant Total (in millions)
1998	\$105
1999	\$200
2000	\$200
2001	\$237.5
2002	\$237.5
2003	\$238.5
2004	\$237
2005	\$207.3

Federal Fiscal Year	Grant Total (in millions)
2006	\$204.3
2007	\$199.3
2008	\$200.9
2009	\$200.9
2010	\$200.9
2011	\$175.5
2012	\$164.5
2013	\$155.9



Why Coordinate State CNPs with 319 Programs?

Mandated State NPS Program Coordination, Hardwired into CZARA Statute

▪ CZMA Section 1455b(a)(2)

♦ *State CNPCPs "shall be closely coordinated with State & local W.Q. plans & programs developed pursuant to sections 208, 303, 319, & 320... [of the CWA] and with State plans developed pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act... State programs shall serve as an update and expansion of the State NPS management program developed under section 319..."*

▪ CZMA Section 1455b(c)(2)

♦ *"If the program of a State is approved... the State shall implement [it] through (A) changes to the State plan for control of nonpoint source pollution approved under [CWA] section 319; and (B) changes to the State coastal zone management program developed under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act..."*

What Does Coordination Look Like?

Least-to-Most Coordination:

- Cooperation, information sharing across government agencies (Do your state agencies all get along? How can you remove obstacles to cooperation?)
- Hit-or-miss cross-agency initiatives (occasional true collaboration around short term projects or initiatives)
- Holistic/integrated long-term programs and strategies that function smoothly across state agencies

True program integration occurs at multiple levels of government and looks for opportunities to build partnerships.



Questions from CSO

- 1) Pertaining to EPA's new 'Work Plan and Grants guidance' for States 319 Programs, please address how it relates to our Coastal NPS Programs: including those CNP Programs working towards full approval and those implementing fully-approved CNP Programs at present?

EPA's new *Nonpoint Source Program and Grant Guidelines for States and Territories* are applicable for FY 2014 and subsequent section 319 grant awards. They replace the guidelines that had been in effect since the FY 2004 grant cycle.

FY14 NPS Program and Grant Guidelines

www.epa.gov/nps/319

For states working towards full approval:

- "For any state... which has not yet completed development of an approvable CNPCP, the state will set aside, at a minimum, the lesser amount of five percent of its federal allocation or \$100,000 in § 319 funds annually to complete the development of an approvable program."
- "States must detail the use of this set aside in their annual § 319 grant work plans to describe how it will support advancement towards full program approval under CZARA."

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For states working towards full approval:

- “This requirement may be met on an average annual basis—for example, a § 319 funded project that commits triple the state’s annual minimum set-aside in one grant year will also meet set-aside requirements for the following two grant years... This set-aside requirement shall be in place until EPA and NOAA have fully approved a state’s CNPCP.”
- “This set aside shall not apply to any state that has not been issued a Findings document for a new or re-established CNPCP or for the period prior to the expiration of any federally-placed conditions on a new or re-established CNPCP.”

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With regard to states implementing fully-approved CNP Programs*:

- “EPA encourages states with coastal nonpoint pollution control programs... to use § 319 funds to assist in the implementation of management measures contained in these programs.”
- “CZARA requires states to ‘implement the program, including the management measures... through changes to the state plan for control of nonpoint source pollution approved under section 319...’”
- “State NPS program staff should therefore work closely with state coastal nonpoint program staff to coordinate the state coastal nonpoint pollution control program with the state NPS management program.”

* See next slide for important note.

FY14 NPS Program and Grant Guidelines **www.epa.gov/nps/319**

With regard to states implementing fully-approved CNP Programs*:

- * This also likely applies to implementing approved portions of conditionally approved programs (refer to your state's CNPCP Findings document on NOAA's website) or even elements that are pending full approval "blessed" by NOAA-EPA Interim Decision Documents (transmitted to the state via email &/or snail mail).

Questions from CSO

2a) How will these new 319 5-year plans be evaluated by EPA, specifically as they relate to Coastal NPS programs?

See EPA's updated guidance – *Key Components of an Effective State NPS Management Program* (Nov. 2012) at www.epa.gov/nps/319 [under "Current Guidance"]

Open this PDF and search for "CZARA" and "coastal nonpoint"

Importantly, the new 319 grant guidelines also mandate that states will update their NPS Management Programs once every 5 years.

From *Key Components* Guidance

There are 8 Key Components described in this guidance. The most applicable components to CZARA are:

#2 – “The state strengthens its working partnerships and linkages to appropriate state...entities”

#3 – “The state uses a combination of statewide programs and on-the-ground projects to achieve water quality benefits; efforts are well-integrated with other relevant state and federal programs.”

#6b – “...the state incorporates existing baseline requirements established by other applicable federal or state laws to the extent that they are relevant”

Questions from CSO

2b) How will EPA evaluate coordination with the State CNP Programs? Are there stated goals?

EPA’s Regional Offices have the lead for reviewing draft state NPS MPs. The starting point is likely to be realistic iterative advancement of state NPS MPs, given your state’s unique circumstances.

The stated goals are in EPA’s *Key Components* guidance—highlighted in previous slide.

Questions from CSO

- 2c) Will critical coastal areas and issues already identified and targeted by 6217 Programs be cooperatively addressed to ensure coordination of these Programs?

This is a good question for the states to wrestle with. This is the expectation built into CZARA as a state responsibility.

Questions from CSO

- 2d) Are there existing successful mechanisms or good models of state 'programs coordination' that can be shared?

Louisiana has some good language in its updated NPS MP from 2012. More info about this in response to Question 5.

California has relied on an integrated programs approach all along. Hawaii also relies on an integrated approach. There may be other worthy state examples.

Questions from CSO

- 3) How will the proposed coordination and consistency with CNPs be directed, both within and across EPA Regions and with Headquarters? Specifically, what mechanism exists to ensure that EPA Headquarters and the Region staff reviewing the annual work plans and products will coordinate with those Regions' Coastal NPS Coordinators?

EPA Headquarters has a limited role in working toward greater consistency in reviews across its Regions. We have created a greatly strengthened national framework to work toward consistency.

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The new 319 guidelines establish the framework and expectations for national consistency. Other tools are the *Key Components* guidance on NPS MP updates and the first-ever *National Checklist for Progress and Performance Determinations of State NPS MPs*.

This new national checklist has a strong focus on achieving annual milestones that are required to be in the updated NPS MPs. These milestones are key.

Questions from CSO

- 4) What are EPA's expectations for the state-level coordination process? Are these guidelines developed to promote a joint Programs review process, so that there is more consistency for the States/Territories nationwide? If not, how could this Workgroup assist at a national level, given there is broad representation of both coastal nonpoint source and 319 coordinators?

Again, the expectations come from the CZARA statute. They are reinforced by the new grant guidelines and the *Key Components* guidance. However, a joint programs review process is not envisioned. EPA Regions will review and comment on draft state NPS MP updates every 5 years. Regions undergo an approval process for these NPS MPs.

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Questions from CSO

- 4) ...how could this Workgroup assist at a national level, given there is broad representation of both coastal nonpoint source and 319 coordinators?

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This is worth exploring. Some ideas:

Share and promote good state examples and best practices, especially best practices for breaking down stove-piping among state agencies.

Questions from CSO

- 5) The development and use of the 5-year plans seems like an opportunity to promote the mutual strategic goals of both programs, as well as monitoring and tracking progress for the effectiveness of Statewide NPS Programs and of those approved Coastal NPS Programs. Additionally, for states working toward approval, could the 319's five-year plan and annual workplans be utilized to assist those states working toward full CNP approval? What additional guidance or state examples can EPA offer to realize this potential? Or enhance this dialogue?

Questions from CSO

- 5a) (continued) ...for states working toward approval, could the 319's five-year plan and annual workplans be utilized to assist those states working toward full CNP approval?

Yes.

- 5b) ...What additional guidance or state examples can EPA offer to realize this potential? Or enhance this dialogue?

Louisiana



Questions from CSO – State Example: Louisiana

From LA's 2012 NPS MP Update, Executive Summary

The Governor's Office of Coastal Activities (GOCA) coordinates coastal restoration activities. Through the NPS Management Plan, LDEQ maintains a strong partnership with GOCA and Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management (LDNR-OCM) to ensure program consistency in coastal watersheds. The state's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (CNPCP) is one example of where coordination of programs has taken place. Through this program, LDEQ and LDNR have partnered on educational materials and programs, adapted permit programs to address coastal management measures and assisted in development and implementation of master farmer and logger programs.

Source -

http://nonpoint.deq.louisiana.gov/docs/000002_NPS_Management_Plan_1.pdf

Example of CNPCP Milestones from Louisiana's New NPS MP

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a table of activity milestones. The table has columns for the years 2012 through 2017. The content of the table is as follows:

Activity Milestones to Meet Water Quality Goals	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program						
Continue to implement CPNCP management measures for each category identified as contributing to coastal NPS pollution						
Continue to partner with LPBF, BTNEP and Atchafalaya Basin Programs on coastal NPS program activities						
Continue to partner with coastal parishes to implement management measures for urban, home sewage and hydromodification						
Continue to partner with LDAF, USDA and LSU AgCenter to implement management measures for agricultural and forestry						
Continue to collect water quality data and evaluate effectiveness of management measure implementation in improving water quality						

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Questions from CSO

- 6) Since this Coastal Nonpoint Source Program is a jointly administered program by both NOAA and EPA, is there consideration for EPA to coordinate with NOAA in their mutual review processes? Is there an established forum/format to do so? Is it required by an Executive directive, or MOU, or is this assumed to be an anticipated action on behalf of EPA-HQ? or NOAA-OCRM? Could this *Workgroup* assist with such a process?

EPA and NOAA routinely coordinate on development of state CNPs and on national level issues. For example, NOAA reviewed and commented on EPA's draft 319 program guidelines and other draft program documents and many of their suggestions were incorporated by EPA. In addition, States are expected to coordinate and implement their CNPCPs not just with state NPS MPs, but also with NOAA-administered state CZMPs. It is important that coordination occur at each of these levels. (...continued next slide...)

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(...continued...) EPA Regions bear primary responsibility for review of the required 5-year updates of state NPS Management Programs, and they are strongly encouraged to consult with their CNP counterparts in this review. EPA's 319 guidelines encourage states to offer public comment periods for these updates to ensure all stakeholders have an opportunity to comment. EPA HQ is open to suggestions on ways to enhance coordination in the development and implementation of state CNPCPs.

**Additional
Questions?**

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