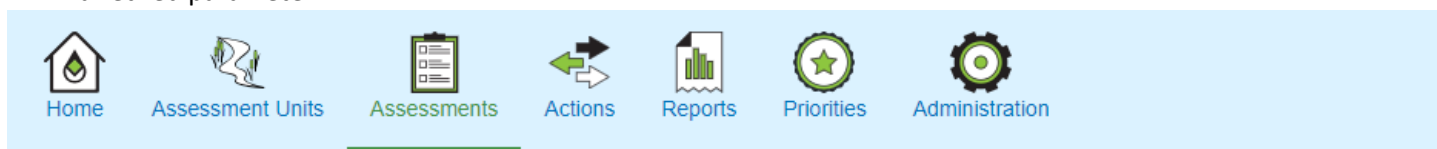# How to Rename a Retired Parameter Name to a New Allowed Parameter Name in ATTAINS

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Purpose: A Cause Parameter Name that had been allowed in a previous cycle has since been retired. A different Parameter Name must be chosen from the allowed domain values. Use the Rename function to accomplish this (the Rename function is only available for Cause Parameters). This example shows a Parameter of "TEMPERATURE, WATER" that has been retired and needs to be renamed to the allowed value of "TEMPERATURE".

1. Go to the Assessments tab and select the Assessment Unit from the table.
2. On the Assessments Summary tab, it says that the assessment is incomplete. The error message says that DDT is a retired parameter.

3. Click on the Parameters sub-tab.

4. Click on the parameter "TEMPERATURE, WATER" to open the more detailed Parameter window below.

a. Next to Parameter: "TEMPERATURE, WATER" click on the Rename icon.

b. The Parameter dialog box changes. Now it shows the parameter you had selected, and asks you to select a New Parameter.

c. Select the New Parameter from the current allowed domain values. For this example, we are changing "TEMPERATURE, WATER" to "TEMPERATURE".

d. The Delisting Reason will usually be "Clarification of listing cause" (see image above) since the terminology is changing from an older allowed parameter name to a new allowed value.

e. Click Save.

5. The Assessed Parameters will now show the old Parameter with a Status of "Removed", and the new Parameter will have the same status that the old Parameter previously had. In this case, the Status for the new Parameter, "TEMPERATURE" is "Cause".

6. Prior Causes: For old Parameters that were Causes, renaming them using the Rename tool should automatically add them to the Prior Causes section. To verify this, click on the new cause, in this case "TEMPERATURE", and scroll down to the Prior Causes section. Click on the "Prior Causes" heading to expand that area. It should show the prior cause (parameter) name. For this example, it shows "TEMPERATURE, WATER" as the Prior Cause for the new cause of "TEMPERATURE".

Prior Causes

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