

2018 305(b) Reporting Categories

Category 1. Attains all water quality criteria and supports all designated uses; categorized by existence of a TMDL or not for one or more constituents.

1a. Attaining all water quality criteria and supporting all designated uses, no use is threatened. No TMDL exists for any constituents.

1b. Attaining all water quality criteria and supporting all designated uses; however, a TMDL remains in place for one or more constituents.

Category 2. Available data and/or information indicate that some, but not all of the designated uses are supported.

Category 3. Insufficient data and/or information are available to make a use support determination.

3a. No data available.

3b. Insufficient data available.

- Data do not meet all quality requirements outlined in this assessment methodology;
- Waters in which the data are questionable because of Quality Assurance and/or Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures and/or the AU requires confirmation of impairment before a TMDL is scheduled.
- Where limited available data and/or information indicate potential impacts or downward trends in water quality, the following waterbodies in Category 3 will be prioritized (on a case-by-case basis) for additional investigation: waters designated as ERW, ESW, or NSW; domestic water supplies; and waters located in known karst areas.

Category 4. Water quality standards are not attained for one or more designated uses but the development of a TMDL is not required because:

4a. A TMDL has been completed for the listed parameter(s); or

4b. Other management alternatives are expected to result in the attainment of the water quality standard; or

4c. Non-support of the water quality standard is not caused by a pollutant.

Category 5. The waterbody is impaired, or one or more water quality standards are not attained. Waterbodies in Category 5 will be prioritized as:

High

- Truly impaired; develop a TMDL or other corrective action(s) for the listed parameter(s).

Medium

- Waters currently not attaining standards, but may be de-listed with future revisions to APC&EC Regulation No. 2, the state water quality standards; or
- Waters which are impaired by point source discharges and future permit restrictions are expected to correct the problem(s).

Low

- Waters currently not attaining one or more water quality standards, but assessed designated uses are determined to be supported; or
- There is insufficient data to make a scientifically defensible decision concerning designated use attainment. Where more data and/or information are needed to verify the need for TMDL development or other corrective action(s) for the listed parameter(s), the following waterbodies in Category 5 will be prioritized (on a case-by-case basis) for additional investigation: waters designated as ERW, ESW, or NSW; domestic water supplies; and waters located in known karst areas; or
- Waters ADEQ assessed as unimpaired, but were assessed as impaired by EPA.