

Common Themes in Regional Reviews

- Regional Coordination
 - Breadth of expertise
 - Integration of Research, Education, and Extension
 - Demonstration of “value” of regional activities
- Regional Logic Model or other tool to evaluate *coordination* successes

Common Themes in Regional Reviews

- Leveraging
 - How has the Region leveraged funding?
 - What cost savings have occurred due to regional coordination
- Regional Advisory Committee
 - Status and member composition



Common Issues in Regional Reviews

- Documenting impacts and benefits of regional coordination
 - Document value of regional coordination (funds saved, time saved, expertise gained, etc.)
- Define metrics and document behavioral and water quality impacts
 - What are appropriate indicators?

Common Issues in Regional Reviews

- Improve stakeholder input and coordination on Regional Priority setting
- Improve communications with ANR program leaders and directors



Common Issues

- State water quality coordinators need to buy into leadership role at their institution
 - Engaging faculty at home institution
 - “Plugging in” expertise of watershed projects (particularly those funded by CSREES)
- Improve integration of research, education, and extension across Regional Initiatives



Common Issues

- Outputs and impacts need to be based on 'so what?' or 'what changed?'
 - Develop logic models or similar tools for evaluating Regional Initiatives

Regional Liaison



- Liaisons work for the Region
 - Role of the liaison must be clearly linked to regional initiatives and priorities
 - Improve communication between Regional Project and partners