



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Water Quality Management Planning (604b) Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

TMDL development for water bodies listed on the 2008 list of impaired water bodies.

This project supports water quality management planning activities that are authorized under the Clean Water Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) for select waterbodies listed on the most recent list of impaired waterbodies will be developed. This will be accomplished by sub-contracting the work to local and/or private entities, including, but not limited to private consultants, academia, and local governments.

Project Justification and Environmental Results

This project is designed to support the water quality management planning activities of ADEQ and the State Continuing Planning Process. These planning activities and processes, enumerated in Sections 205(j) and 303(e) of the CWA, are critical to assuring that water quality protection and restoration activities conducted under the Clean Water Act will effectively and efficiently lead to achievement of the goals and objectives of the recipients as enumerated in Section 101 of the Clean Water Act.

“The objective of this project is to support the Clean Water Act (CWA) Sections 205(j)/604(b)/303(e) statute which requires the State to carry out water quality management planning activities. The funding for this agreement is authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which authorizes "(1) \$4,000,000,000 shall be for capitalization grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act," which in turn authorizes 1% to be used for the 604(b) program:
"(b) RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR PLANNING.—Each State shall reserve each fiscal year 1% of the sums allotted to such State under this section for such fiscal year, or \$100,000, whichever amount is greater, to carry out planning under sections 205(j) and 303(e) of this Act. The activities in this work plan are to develop total maximum daily loads for select waters listed on the State’s most recent list of impaired waterbodies. Local governments, academia, planning authorities, and consultants will all be given the opportunity to submit qualifications to complete the work.