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ATTAINS: A Gateway to State-Reported Water Quality Information

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Introductions

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This presentation will cover…

- Overview of water quality reporting under Clean Water Act sections 305(b) and 303(d) programs
- Discussion of Integrated Reporting (IR)
- Introduction to the ATTAINS database and Web site

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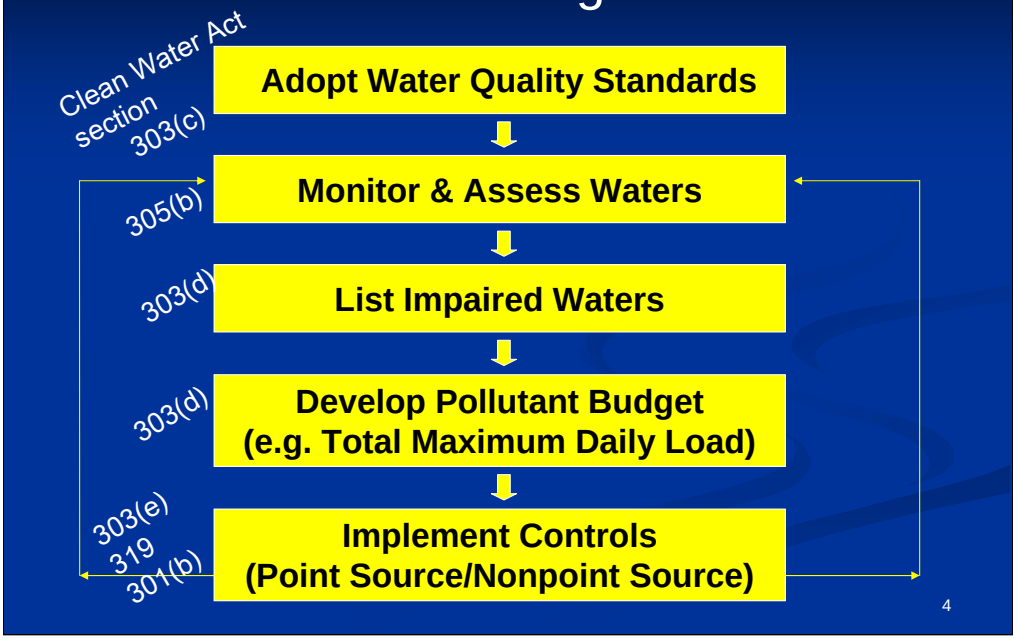
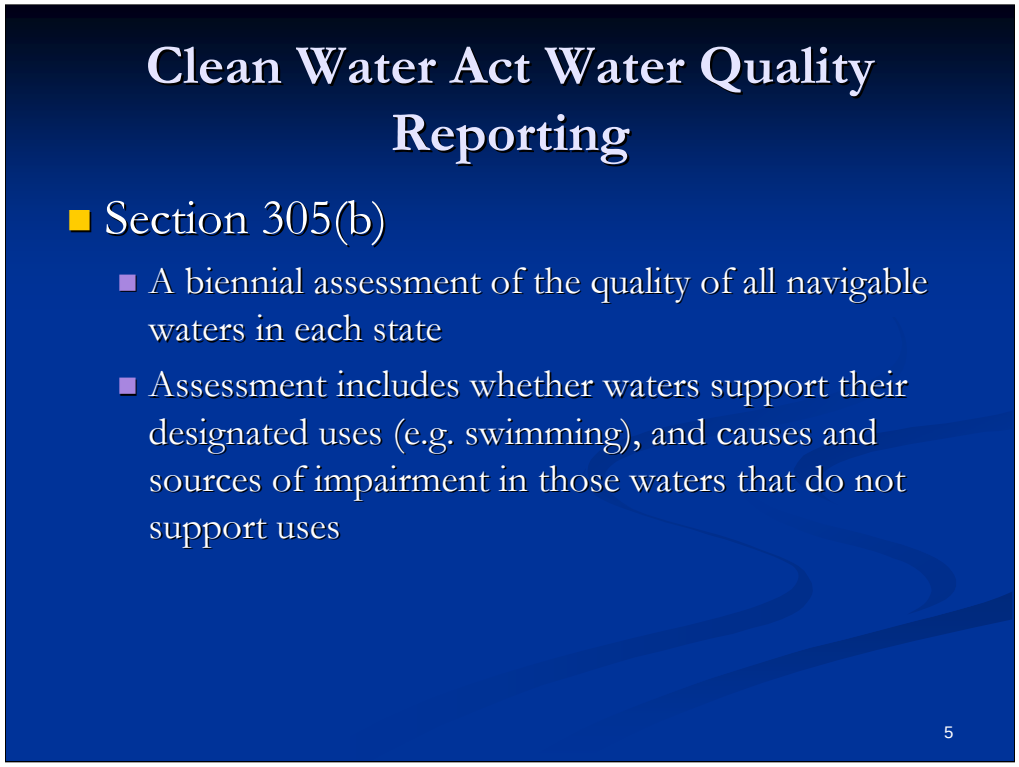
Framework for Restoring Polluted Waters





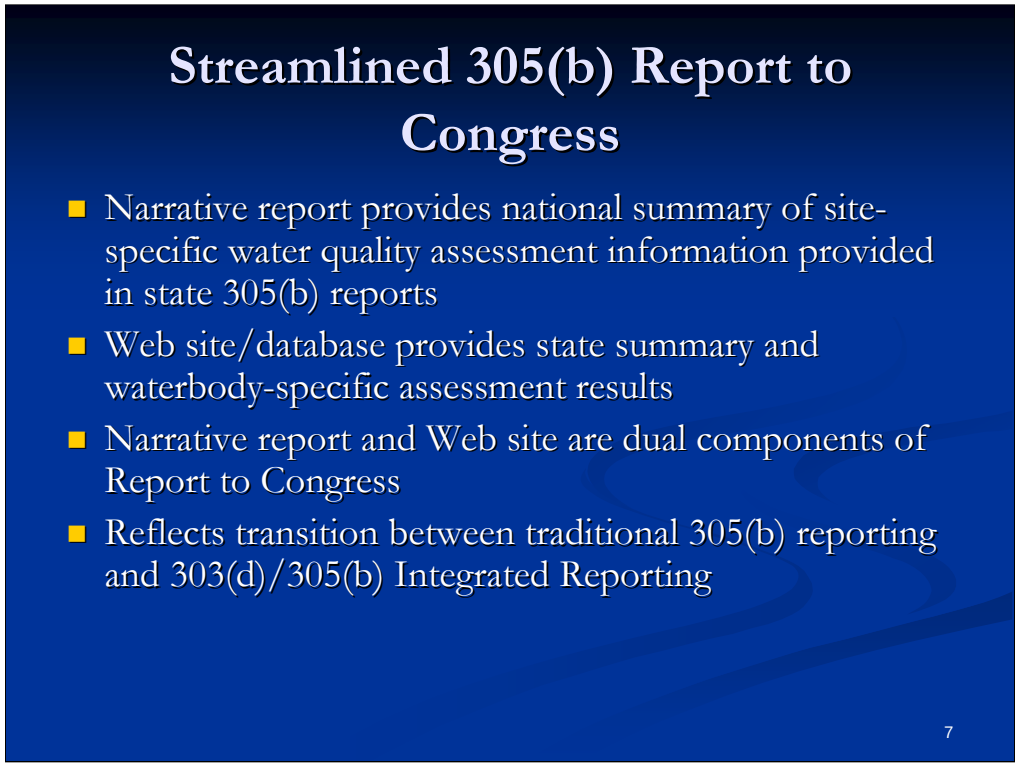
Many of you may be familiar with portions of the Clean Water Act. You are probably most familiar with Section 319 through your work with the non-point source and GRTS programs. I am going to focus on a couple of other sections, though.

Section 305(b) requires states to assess the quality of their navigable waters and submit a report on them to EPA every 2 years. EPA is to provide Congress with an analysis of those reports every 2 years.

Section 303(d) requires states to submit a List of Impaired Waters that need a TMDL to be created for them.

Clean Water Act Reporting (cont'd)

- States report assessment information to EPA
- EPA summarizes state findings in a national report to Congress (section 305(b) report)



NAD at http://www.epa.gov/waters/305b/index.html -- first time ever electronic, interactive site provides public the ability to view assessments of individual waterbodies.

Because it was a transition year for 305b/IR, states were given extended deadlines to submit reports and many failed to meet even those extensions. Plus, only 5 states provided electronic waterbody specific data using our Assessment Database or compatible format; data from remaining states had to be reformatted.

2002 reports not really integrated – not really expected until 2006.

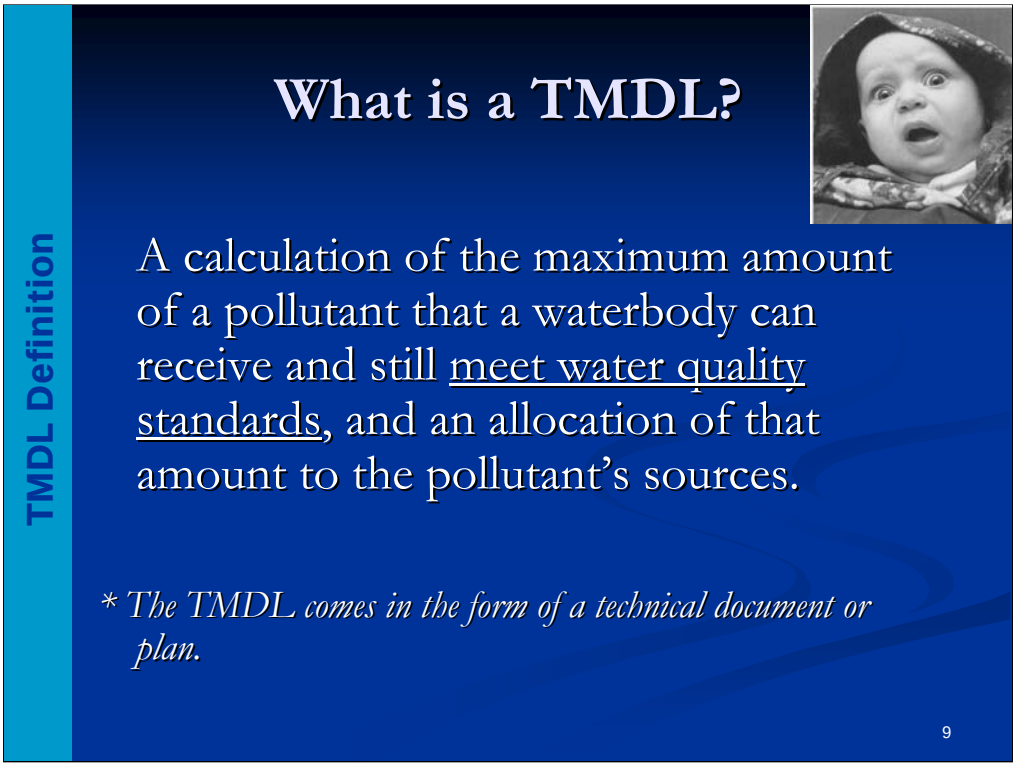
The 2002 303d list is incomplete in that we're missing mileage (optional) info for 6-7 States:

2002 305(b) impaired river miles - 309,755 miles

2002 303(d) impaired river miles - 141,576 miles

Clean Water Act Water Quality Reporting (continued)

- Section 303(d)
  - List of waters impaired or threatened by a pollutant, and needing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
  - Submitted biennially to EPA for approval

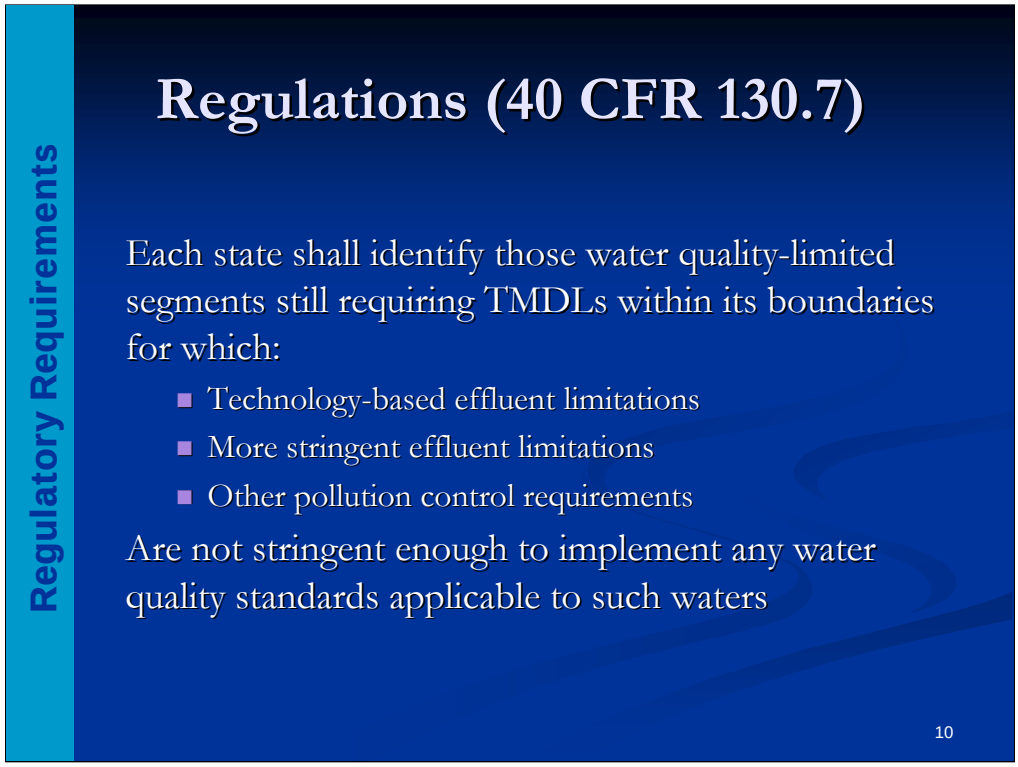


A TMDL is "A calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards, and an allocation of that amount to the pollutant's sources." TMDLs must be developed at a level that meets water quality standards.

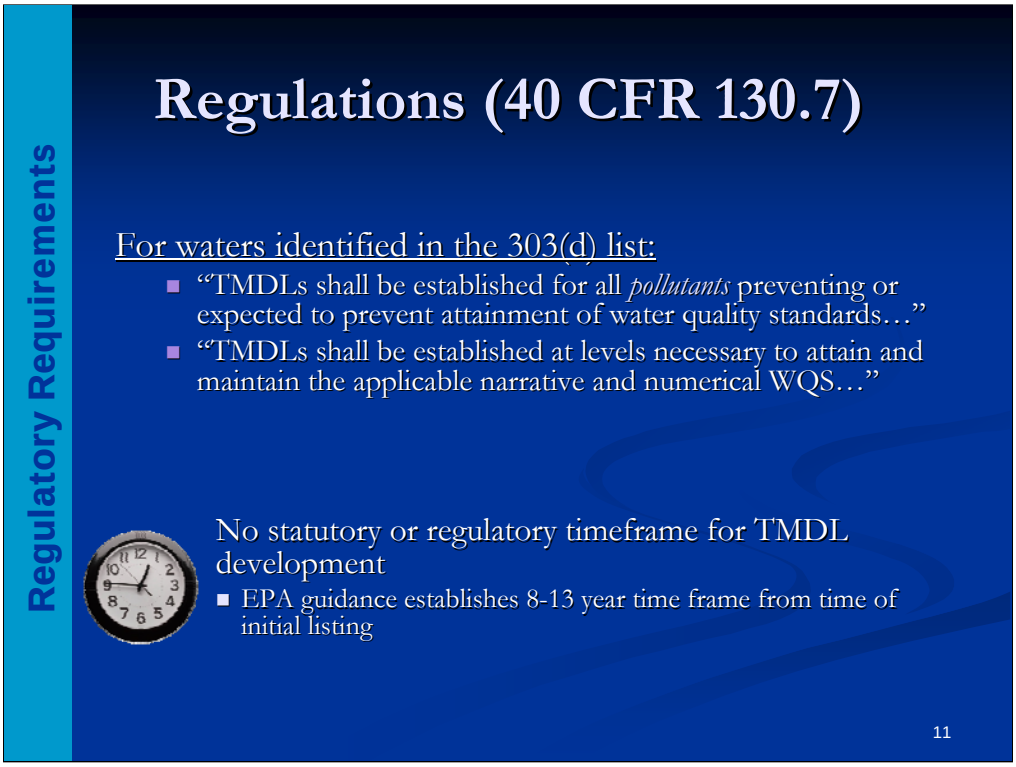
The TMDL comes in the form of a technical document or plan that includes the following components:

- Identification of Waterbody, Pollutant of Concern, Pollutant Sources, and Priority Ranking
- **Applicable WQS & Numeric Water Quality Target***
- **Loading Capacity**
- **Load Allocations and Waste Load Allocations**
- **Margin of Safety**
- **Consideration of Seasonal Variation**
- Reasonable Assurance for PS/NPS
- Monitoring Plan to Track TMDL Effectiveness
- Implementation Plan
- **Public Participation**

*** Bold** = **Statute and Regulations;** Normal = guidance



The first part of the 303(d) program – the list of impaired waters – is described in the regulations (40 CFR 130.7) where it states that: "Each State shall identify those water quality-limited segments still requiring TMDLs within its boundaries for which: technology based effluent limitations, more stringent effluent limitations or other pollution control requirements are not stringent enough to implement any water quality standards applicable to such waters."



The second part of the 303(d) program is concerned with the development of TMDLs. TMDLs shall be developed for pollutants, which will be discussed further in the next slide, and at a level that will attain and maintain applicable water quality standards.

The regulations do not set a timeline by which TMDLs should be developed for impaired waters identified in the 303(d) list. However, EPA guidance establishes an 8-13 year time frame from time of initial listing.

Integrated Reporting Under the Clean Water Act

- **Integrated Reporting (IR):** Beginning with the 2002 reporting cycle, EPA has encouraged states to submit integrated reports that combine reporting under sections 305(b) and 303(d)
- **Purpose of integrating reporting requirements:** to increase data consistency, merge data from a variety of sources, provide a more informed summary of the quality of state waters

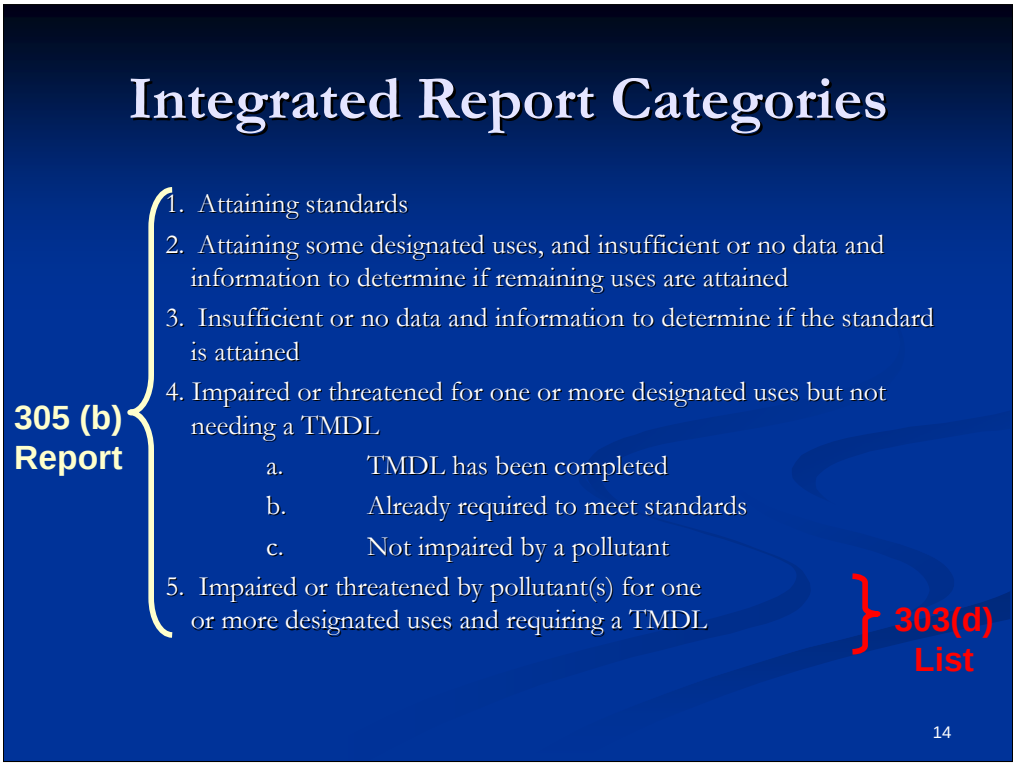
Integrated Reporting

State Options for Reporting WQ Status

Minimally Required by Regulations

Recommended Reporting Format

Separate 305(b) & 303(d)	Integrated Report
The state's section 303(d) list is comprised of waters impaired or threatened by a pollutant, and needing a TMDL States submit a separate 305(b) report on the conditions of all waters	A single state-developed report that integrates the reporting requirements of CWA sections 303(d), 305(b) and 314 EPA's Integrated Report Guidance (IRG) developed for 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008 reporting cycles (www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/)
Both are due to EPA on April 1 of every even year. EPA approves/disapproves 303(d) list, uses 305(b) information to prepare biennial report to Congress	EPA approves/disapproves Category 5 of the Integrated Report, uses information to satisfy requirements of 305(b)



Traditionally, the 305(b) Report of Assessed Waters contained information on both attaining and un-attaining waters, whereas the 303(d) List contained only impaired or threatened waters. Historically, these documents were submitted separately, and often contained conflicts where a water may be listed as Impaired under one document but not under the other.

Due to the close relationship between water quality assessments and water quality impairments, the Integrated Report was born. The Integrated Report places waters into 5 main categories, as shown here.

A true Integrated Report consists of a comprehensive state assessment database. It also includes the official 303(d) List of impaired waters. Since 305(b) and 303(d) information is coming from the same source (the state ADBv2 file), the Integrated Report provides consistency between all assessments.

(True Integrated Reporting States submit their 305(b) Assessment information via ADBv2, from which their 303(d) Impaired Waters information can be extracted as a subset.)

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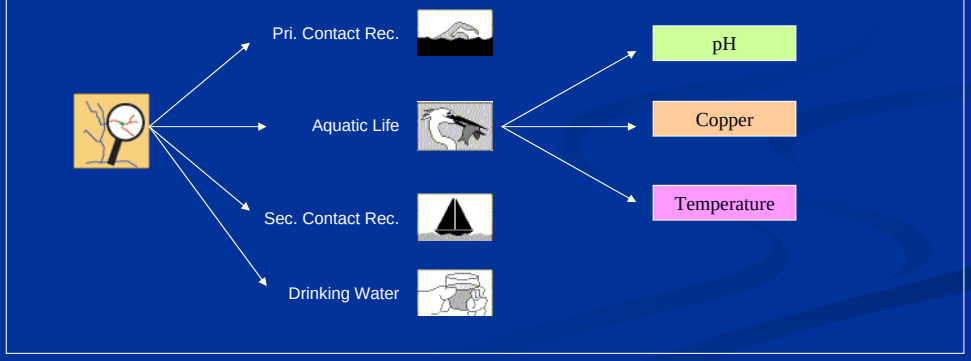
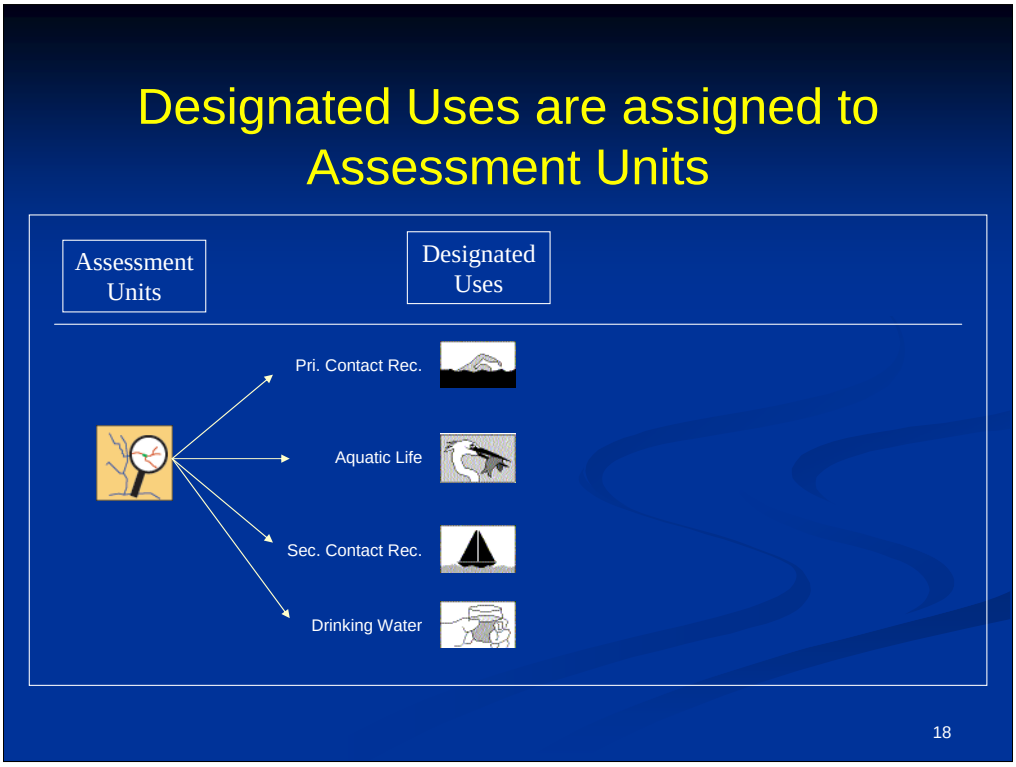
Basic concepts from a Water Quality Standards Perspective



These same concepts are included in the logic of ATTAINS.

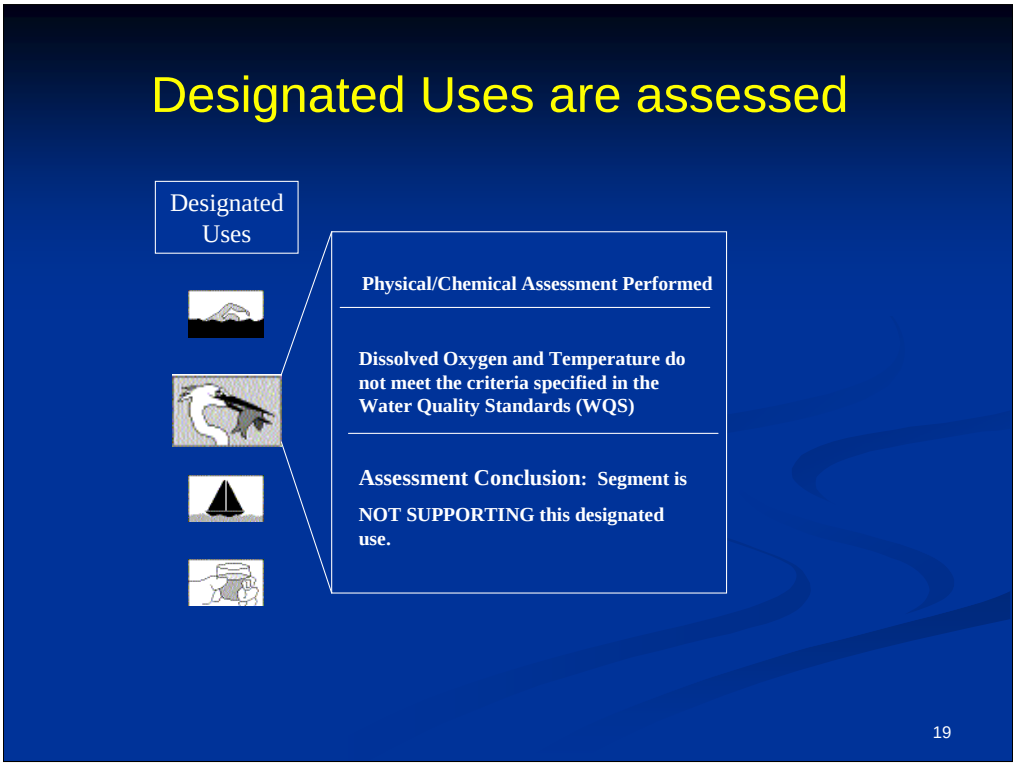
States assess and track their surface waters in artificial units called Assessment Units (AUs), which are similar to Waterbodies in Water Quality Standards.

Assessment Units serve as artificial measurement units within State databases. They are used for assessing water quality and tracking progress. They can vary in size depending upon the needs of the State. Assessment Units can be large watersheds of any size, such as an 8-digit subbasin (HUC). Or they can be very small, such as a small section of a stream.



Just like Waterbodies for Water Quality Standards, Assessment Units have Designated Uses assigned to them.

Multiple Designated Uses can be assigned to each Assessment Unit.



Each Designated Use can be assessed for attainment. The assessments are made by comparing the conditions in the Assessment Unit to the associated Water Quality Standards for the State. There are four types of attainment decisions in ATTAINS: Fully Supporting, Not Supporting, Insufficient Information, and Not Assessed.

ATTAINS allows for different **Assessment Types, which are required for its metadata.*

-Pathogen Indicators

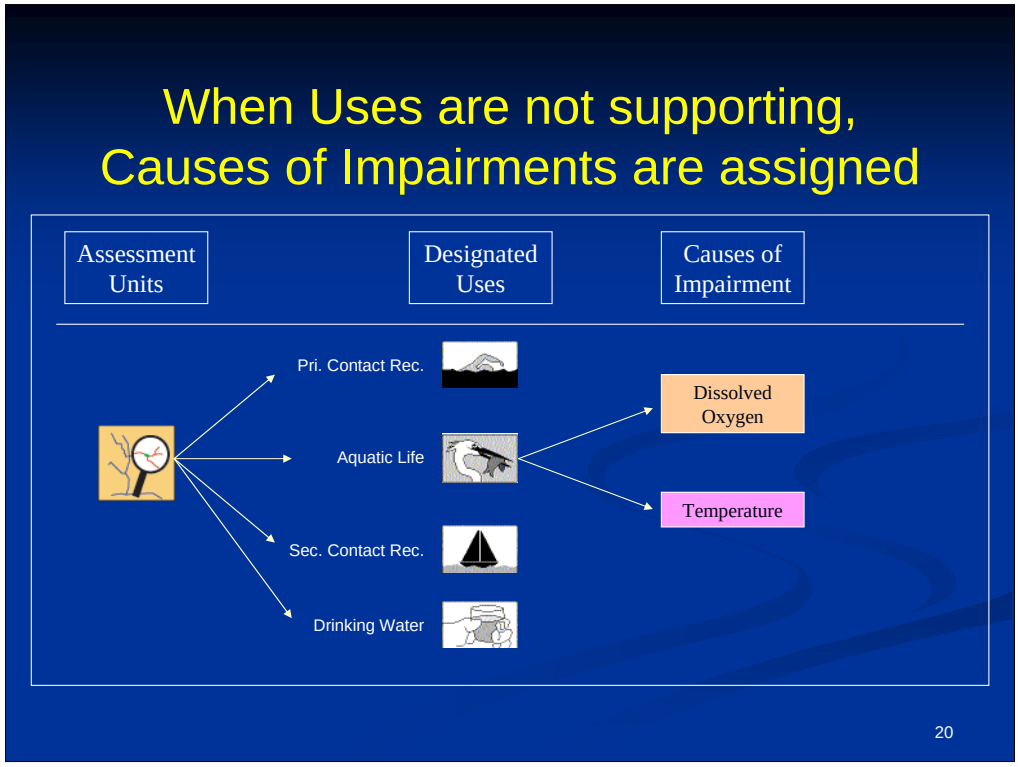
-Physical/Chemical

-Biological

-Toxicological

**each use can have its own attainment, and assessment types or even multiple assessment types*

For this example, the Aquatic Life Use was assessed by evaluating Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature. Since those characteristics did not meet the criteria specified in the Water Quality Standard for that State, the conclusion was that this Assessment Unit was NOT SUPPORTING its Aquatic Life Designated Use.



If an Assessment Unit is found to be NOT SUPPORTING one of its Designated Uses, then the Causes of Impairment are identified and assigned to that Assessment Unit/Designated Use combination.

Causes of Impairment

•Refer to the Reason a waterbody has been listed

•The Reason why an Assessment Unit is not meeting its associated Water Quality Standard

•For example: Mercury, habitat indicators, dissolved oxygen

(TMDLs are written for the specific indicators of the cahracteristic.

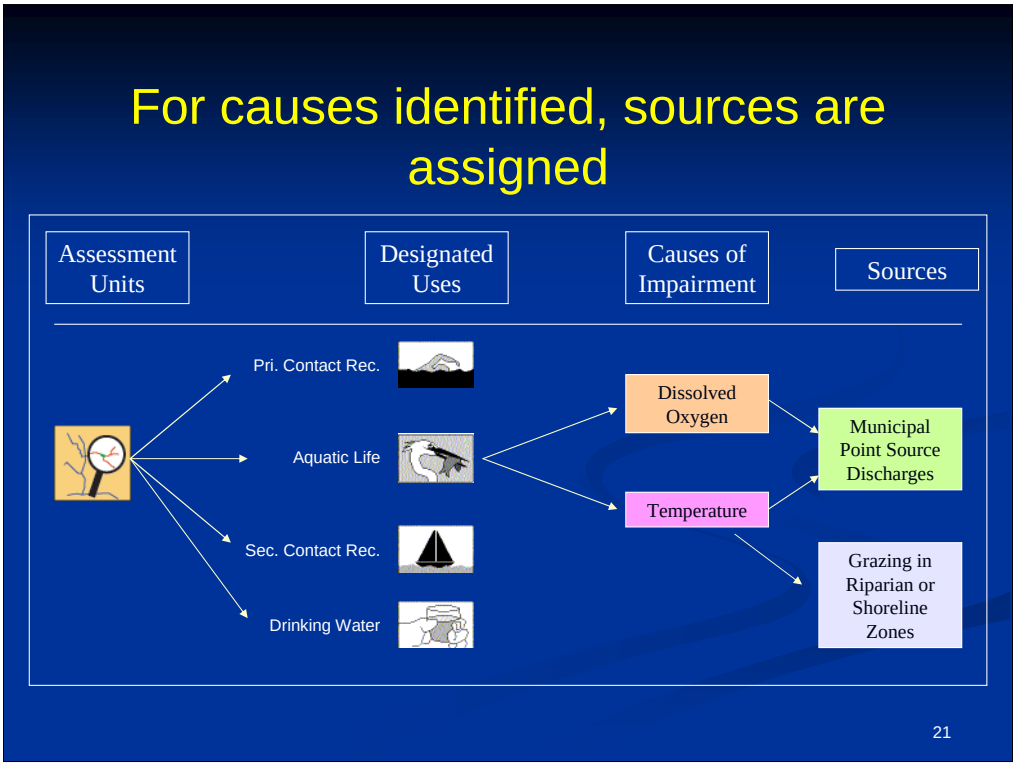
•(Ex: If Cause of Imapriment is DO, then TMDL would be written for Phosphorus and Nitrogen).)

Sources (of Pollution/Impairment)

•Where the impairment/pollutant comes from

•For example: permitted dischargers, abandoned mine

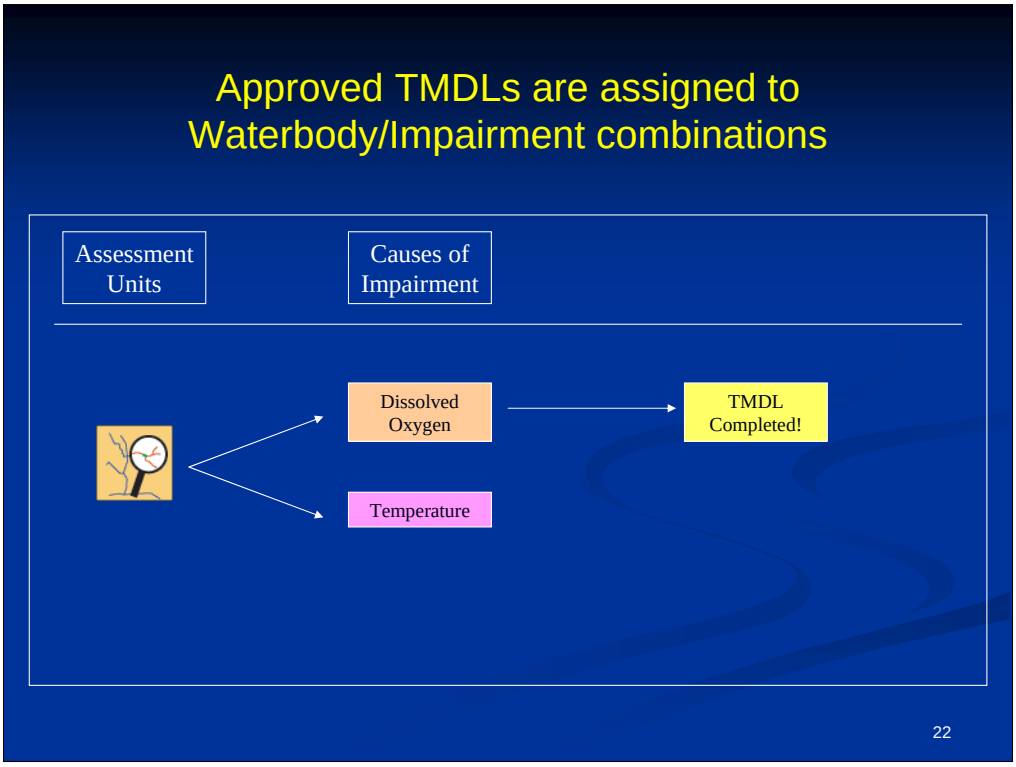
•The actual entity that is contributing to the impairment.



*we can have different **Sources** for each **Cause of impairment**.

For example, a Municipal Point Source Discharger could discharge waste that increases temperature and decreases Dissolved Oxygen in a water.

Grazing in the same water could decrease cover around the water which could also increase temperature, but the grazing would not affect the Dissolved Oxygen.



Once a Cause of Impairment is identified, a TMDL can be created for an Assessment Unit.

TMDLs are assigned to the waterbody/impairment combination. For purposes of the 303(d) List, the Designated Use of an Assessment Unit no longer matters.

At this point, the Cause of Impairment becomes the important part, because focusing on that Cause can help improve the water quality of the Assessment Unit.

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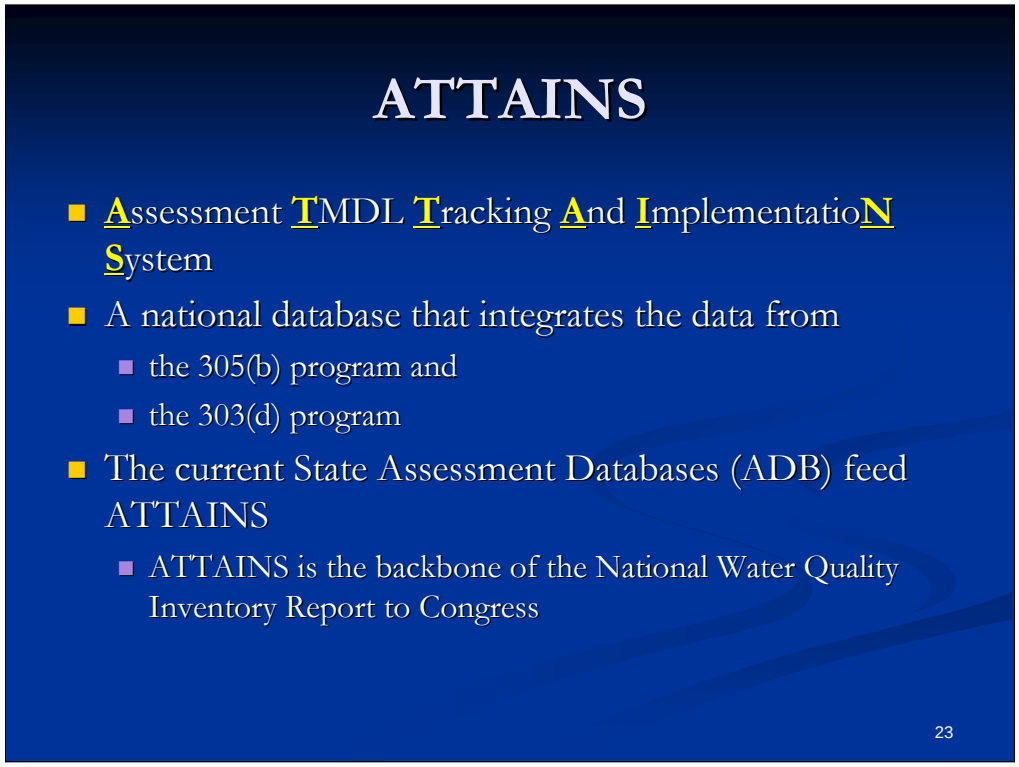
*Note that uses disappear at this point, you can tell the story about discussions we had with NH about how to implement TMDLs in the system. Talk about how for 303(d) purposes, uses aren't important.



I've been talking about ATTAINS. But, what is it? It's an acronym that stands for the Assessment TMDL Tracking and Implementation System.

I've already talked about the Integrated Report. ATTAINS is the new national database that will hold the Integrated Reporting data. In other words, it will hold the assessment data from the 305(b) program and the impairment data from the 303(d) program.

This is a new effort that we've been undergoing in the past year. The database structure takes the data elements from two previously separate databases and integrates them into one national database.

Currently the database structure is in place, but the web reports are not yet online. They are scheduled to be released on the public website on December 1 of this year.

You may notice that the name includes the word Implementation. That implementation tracking capability is not yet in place, but is something we plan to work on during the next year.

How does all this apply back to your work? The Nonpoint Source program and GRTS database track implementation of on-the-ground implementation activities. So, this implementation tracking may provide opportunities to more closely link ATTAINS with your data in GRTS.

The current state Assessment Database (ADB) will feed into ATTAINS.

ATTAINS Provides:

- national summary information
- regional summary information
- state summary information
- watershed information
- waterbody specific information

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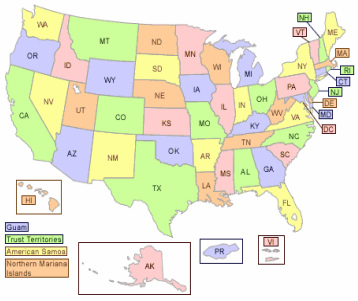

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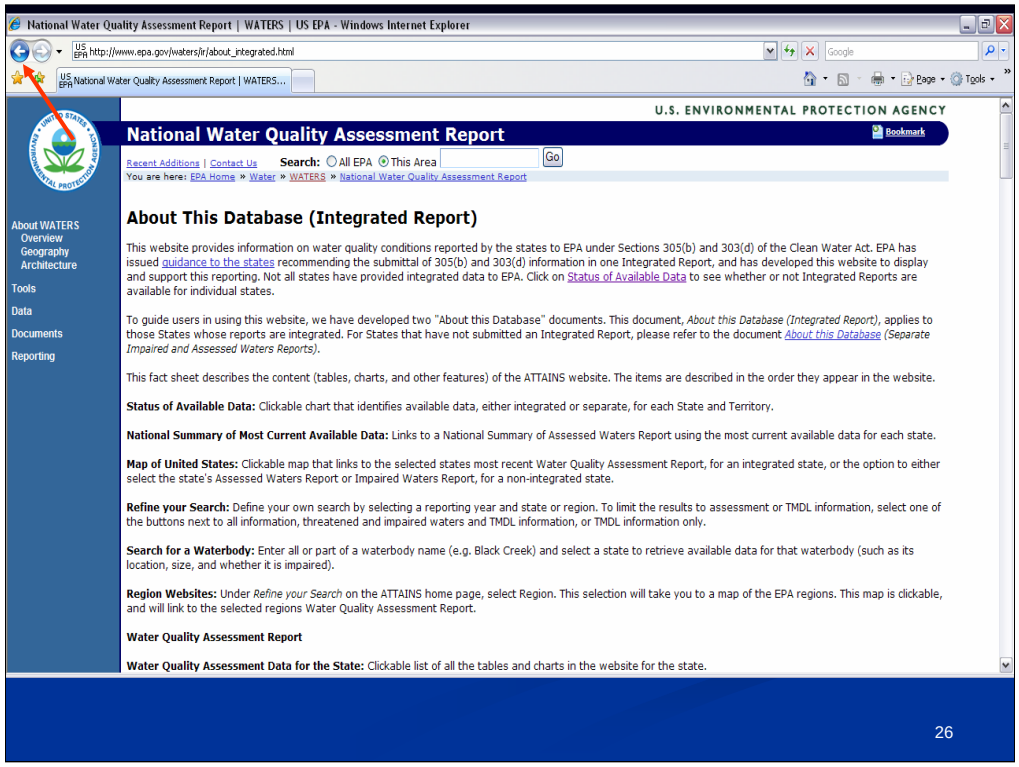
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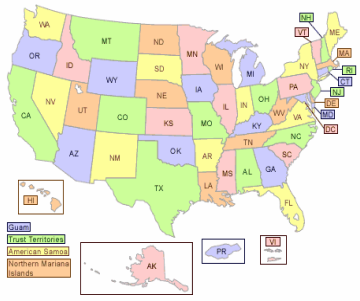

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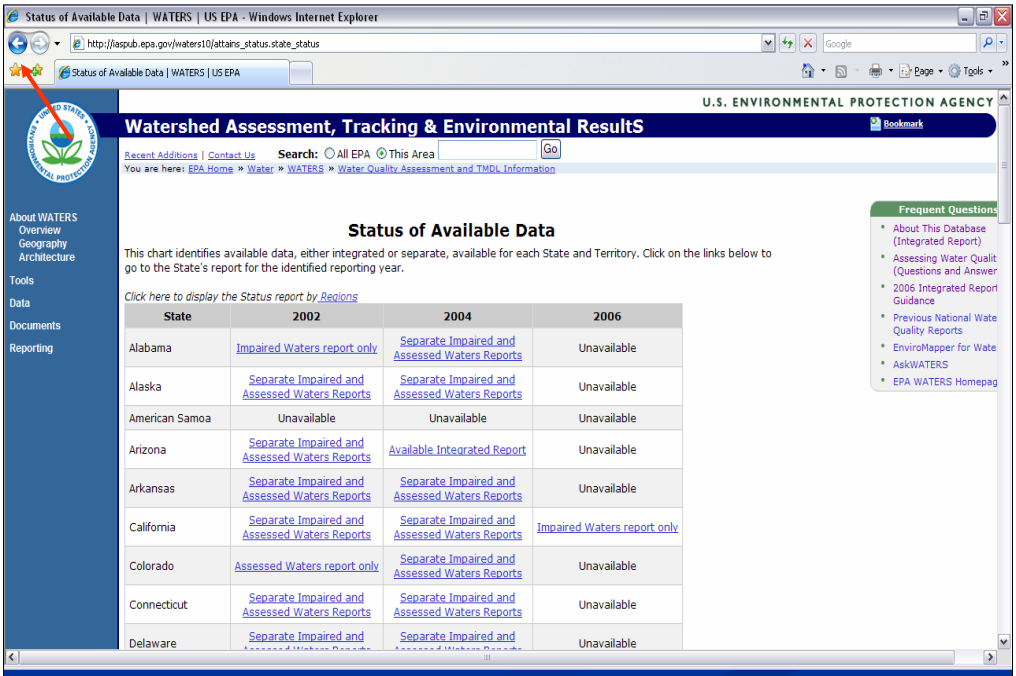
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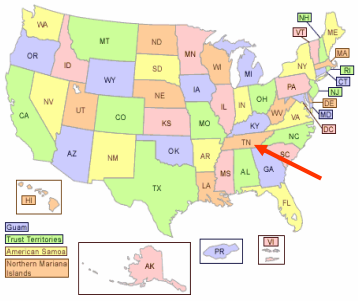

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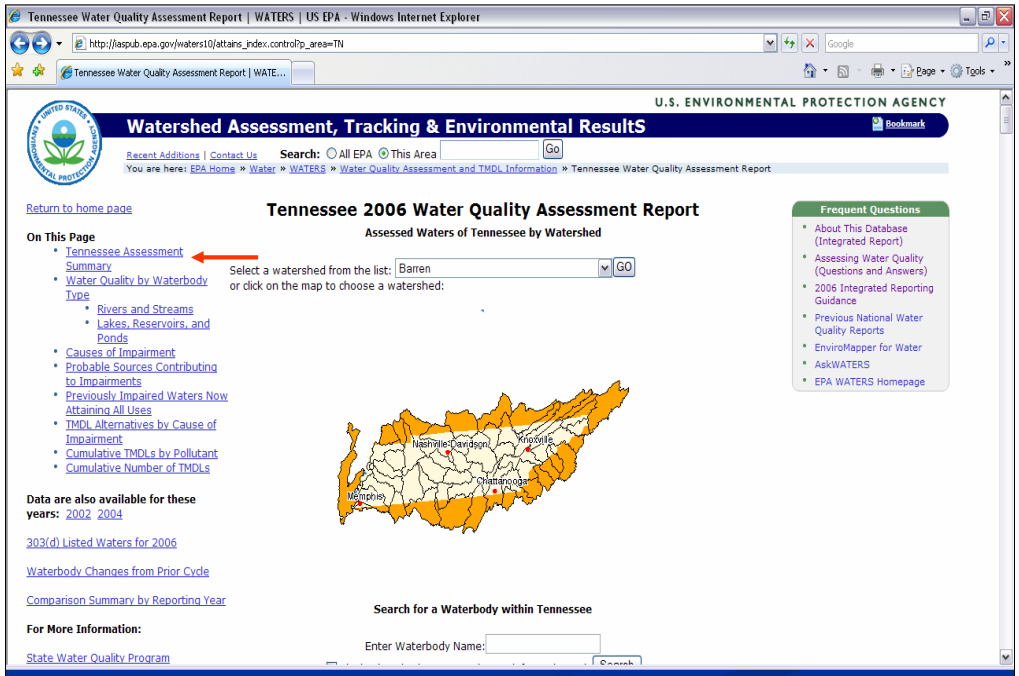
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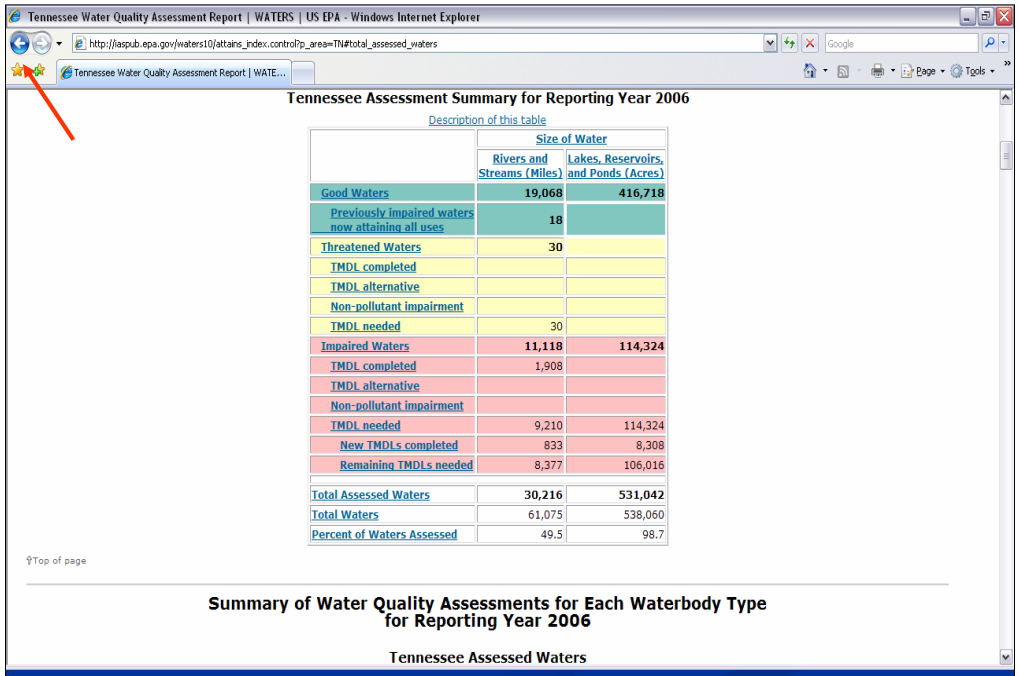

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	Size of Water	
	Rivers and Streams (Miles)	Lakes, Reservoirs, and Ponds (Acres)
Good Waters	**19,068**	**416,718**
Previously impaired waters now attaining all uses	**18**	
Threatened Waters	**30**	
TMDL completed		
TMDL alternative		
Non-pollutant impairment		
TMDL needed	30	
Impaired Waters	**11,118**	**114,324**
TMDL completed	1,908	
TMDL alternative		
Non-pollutant impairment		
TMDL needed	9,210	114,324
New TMDLs completed	833	8,308
Remaining TMDLs needed	8,377	106,016
Total Assessed Waters	**30,216**	**531,042**
Total Waters	61,075	538,060
Percent of Waters Assessed	49.5	98.7

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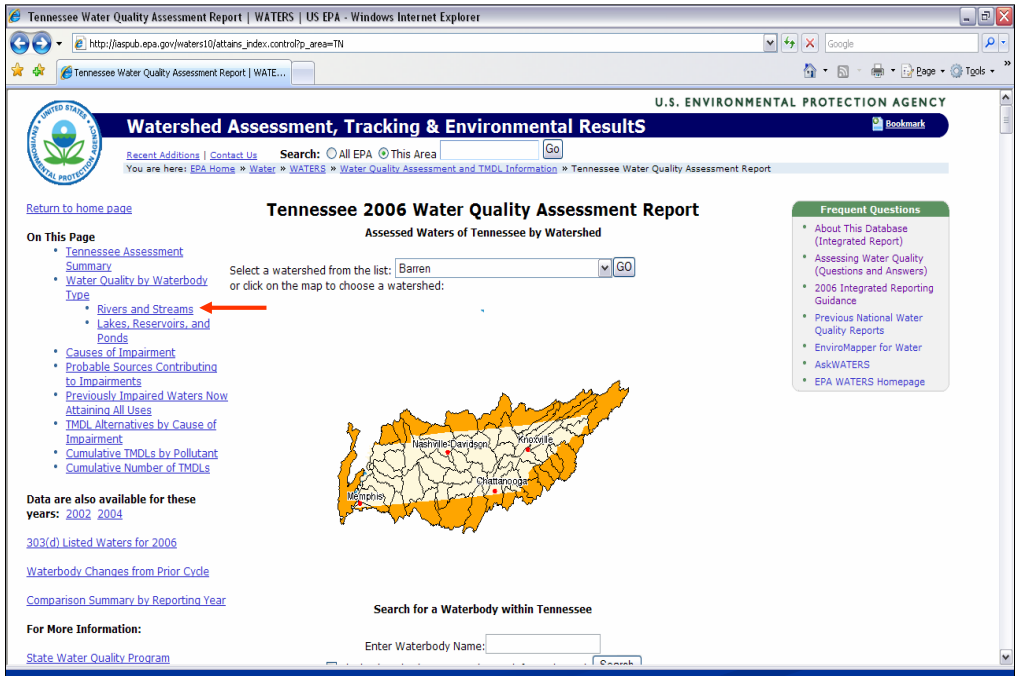
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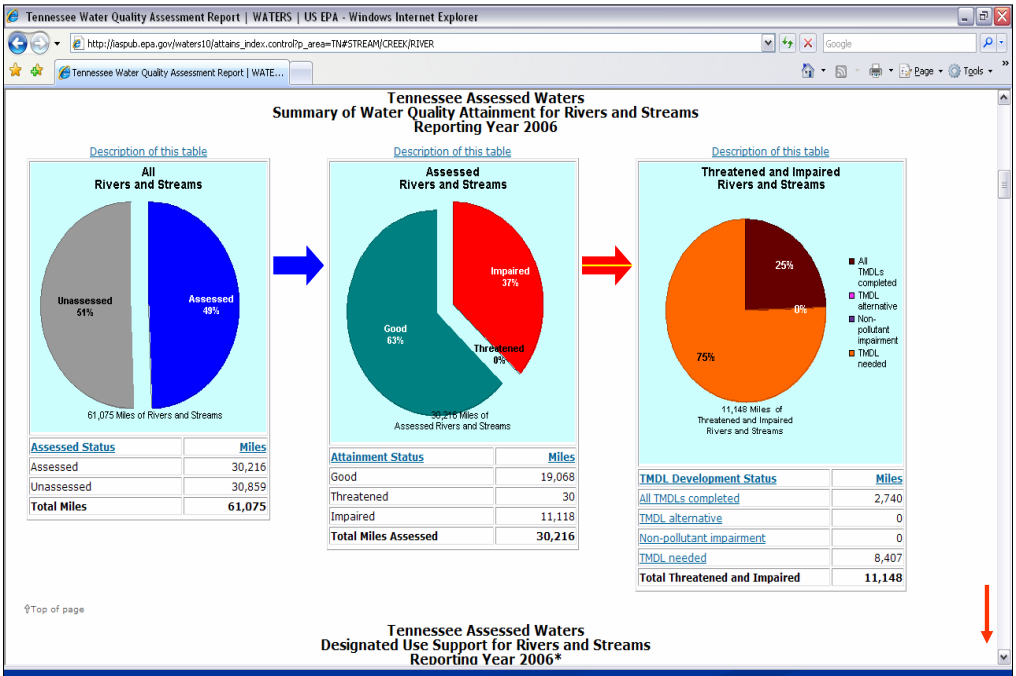
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All Rivers and Streams
Unassessed 51%
Assessed 49%
61,075 Miles of Rivers and Streams
Assessed Status | Miles
Assessed | 30,216
Unassessed | 30,859
Total Miles | 61,075
Description of this table
Assessed Rivers and Streams
Impaired 37%
Good 63%
Threatened 0%
30,216 Miles of Assessed Rivers and Streams
Attainment Status | Miles
Good | 19,068
Threatened | 30
Impaired | 11,118
Total Miles Assessed | 30,216
Description of this table
Threatened and Impaired Rivers and Streams
25%
0%
75%
All TMDLs completed
TMDL alternative
Non-pollutant impairment
TMDL needed
11,148 Miles of Threatened and Impaired Rivers and Streams
TMDL Development Status | Miles
All TMDLs completed | 2,740
TMDL alternative | 0
Non-pollutant impairment | 0
TMDL needed | 8,407
Total Threatened and Impaired | 11,148
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Designated Use Support for Rivers and Streams
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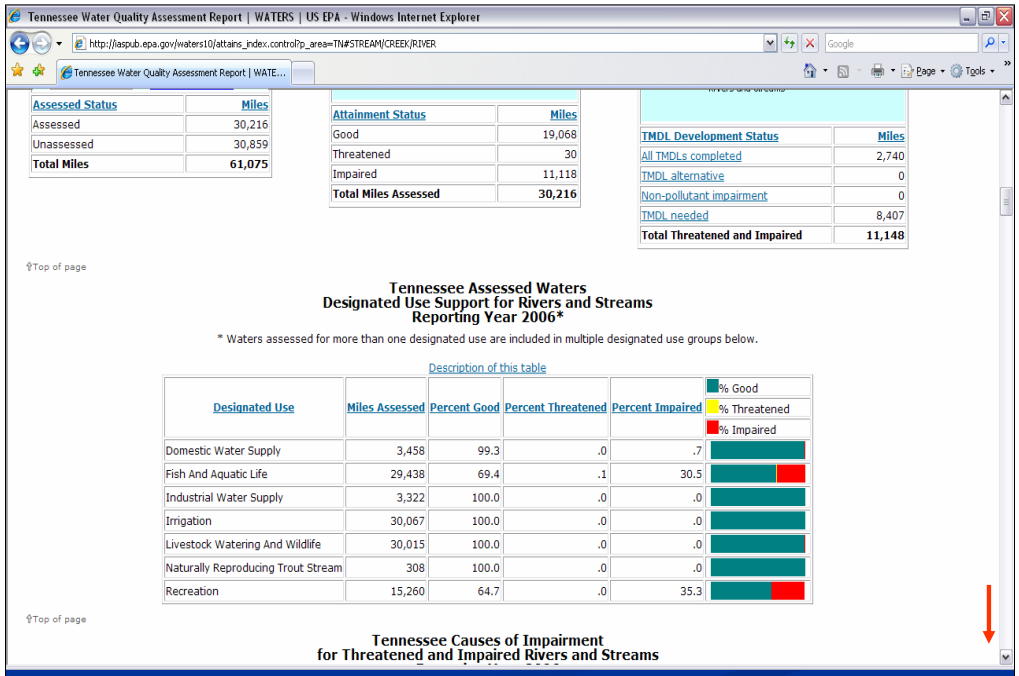

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Impaired	11,118
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* Waters assessed for more than one designated use are included in multiple designated use groups below.

Description of this table

Designated Use	Miles Assessed	Percent Good	Percent Threatened	Percent Impaired	% Good / % Threatened / % Impaired
Domestic Water Supply	3,458	99.3	.0	.7	
Fish And Aquatic Life	29,438	69.4	.1	30.5	
Industrial Water Supply	3,322	100.0	.0	.0	
Irrigation	30,067	100.0	.0	.0	
Livestock Watering And Wildlife	30,015	100.0	.0	.0	
Naturally Reproducing Trout Stream	308	100.0	.0	.0	
Recreation	15,260	64.7	.0	35.3	

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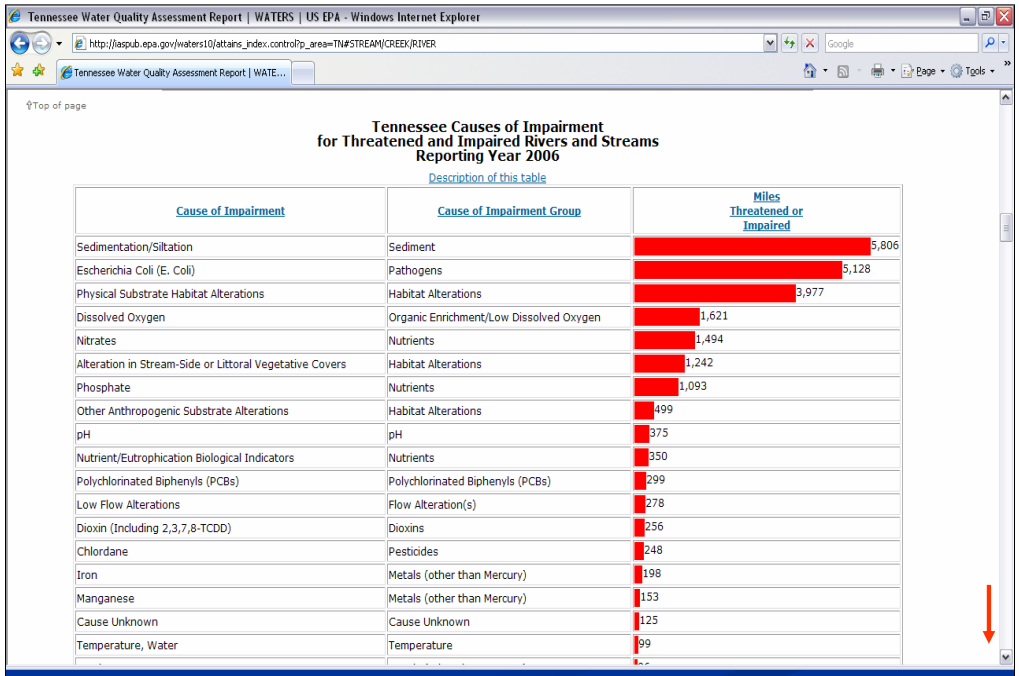
Tennessee Causes of Impairment
for Threatened and Impaired Rivers and Streams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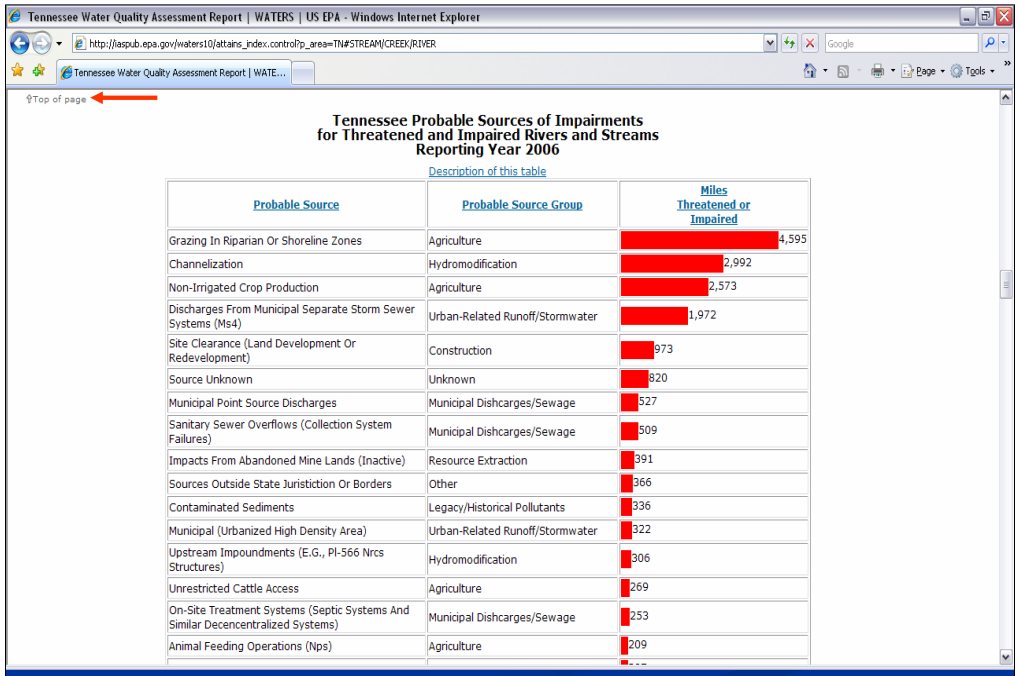
Cause of Impairment
Cause of Impairment Group
Miles Threatened or Impaired
Sedimentation/Siltation Sediment 5,806
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli) Pathogens 5,128
Physical Substrate Habitat Alterations Habitat Alterations 3,977
Dissolved Oxygen Organic Enrichment/Low Dissolved Oxygen 1,621
Nitrates Nutrients 1,494
Alteration in Stream-Side or Littoral Vegetative Covers Habitat Alterations 1,242
Phosphate Nutrients 1,093
Other Anthropogenic Substrate Alterations Habitat Alterations 499
pH pH 375
Nutrient/Eutrophication Biological Indicators Nutrients 350
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) 299
Low Flow Alterations Flow Alteration(s) 278
Dioxin (Including 2,3,7,8-TCDD) Dioxins 256
Chlordane Pesticides 248
Iron Metals (other than Mercury) 198
Manganese Metals (other than Mercury) 153
Cause Unknown Cause Unknown 125
Temperature, Water Temperature 99



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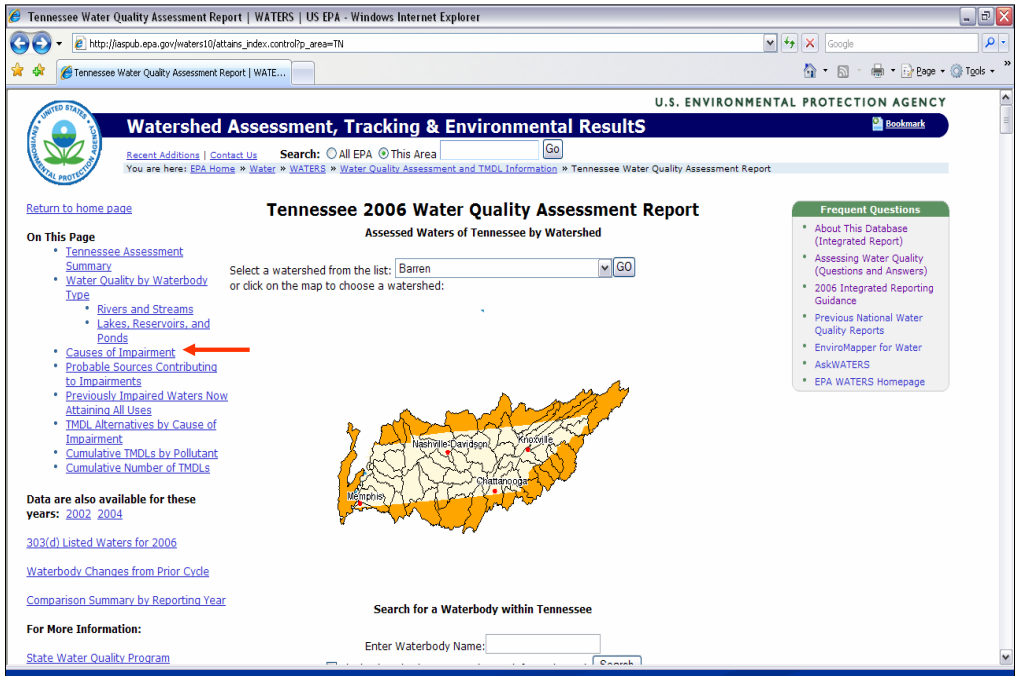
Probable Source	Probable Source Group	Miles Threatened or Impaired
Grazing In Riparian Or Shoreline Zones	Agriculture	4,595
Channelization	Hydromodification	2,992
Non-Irrigated Crop Production	Agriculture	2,573
Discharges From Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Ms4)	Urban-Related Runoff/Stormwater	1,972
Site Clearance (Land Development Or Redevelopment)	Construction	973
Source Unknown	Unknown	820
Municipal Point Source Discharges	Municipal Dishcarges/Sewage	527
Sanitary Sewer Overflows (Collection System Failures)	Municipal Dishcarges/Sewage	509
Impacts From Abandoned Mine Lands (Inactive)	Resource Extraction	391
Sources Outside State Juristiction Or Borders	Other	366
Contaminated Sediments	Legacy/Historical Pollutants	336
Municipal (Urbanized High Density Area)	Urban-Related Runoff/Stormwater	322
Upstream Impoundments (E.G., Pl-566 Nrcs Structures)	Hydromodification	306
Unrestricted Cattle Access	Agriculture	269
On-Site Treatment Systems (Septic Systems And Similar Decencentralized Systems)	Municipal Dishcarges/Sewage	253
Animal Feeding Operations (Nps)	Agriculture	209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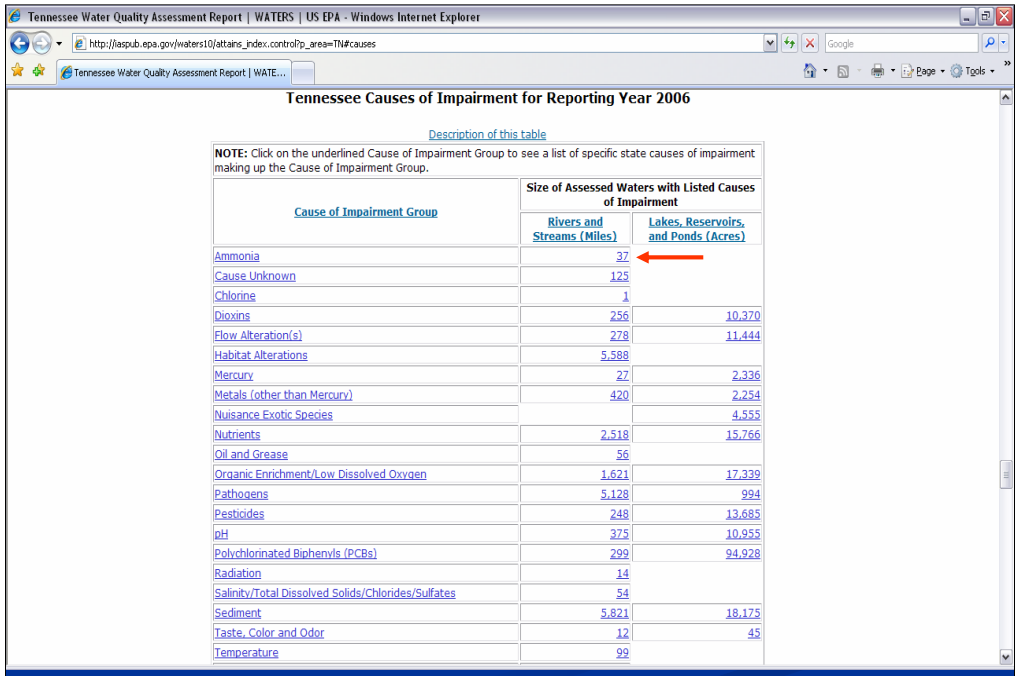

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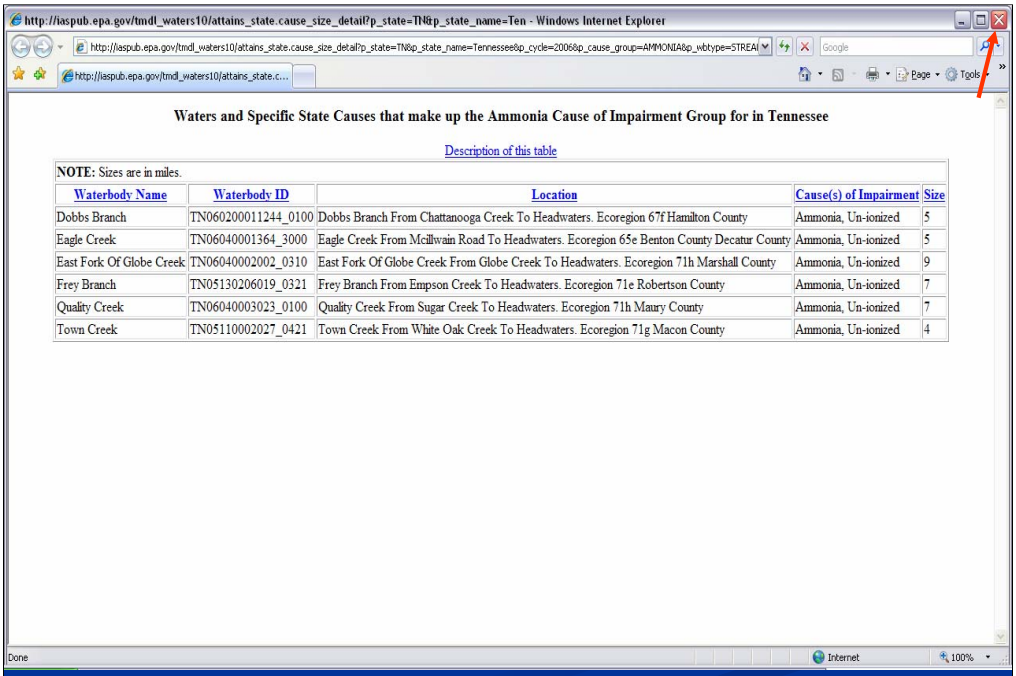
Cause of Impairment Group	Size of Assessed Waters with Listed Causes of Impairment	
	Rivers and Streams (Miles)	Lakes, Reservoirs, and Ponds (Acres)
Ammonia	37	
Cause Unknown	125	
Chlorine	1	
Dioxins	256	10,370
Flow Alteration(s)	278	11,444
Habitat Alterations	5,588	
Mercury	27	2,336
Metals (other than Mercury)	420	2,254
Nuisance Exotic Species		4,555
Nutrients	2,518	15,766
Oil and Grease	56	
Organic Enrichment/Low Dissolved Oxygen	1,621	17,339
Pathogens	5,128	994
Pesticides	248	13,685
pH	375	10,955
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	299	94,928
Radiation	14	
Salinity/Total Dissolved Solids/Chlorides/Sulfates	54	
Sediment	5,821	18,175
Taste, Color and Odor	12	45
Temperature	99	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Waters and Specific State Causes that make up the Ammonia Cause of Impairment Group for in Tennessee
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NOTE: Sizes are in miles.
Waterbody Name
Waterbody ID
Location
Cause(s) of Impairment
Size
Dobbs Branch
TN060200011244_0100
Dobbs Branch From Chattanooga Creek To Headwaters. Ecoregion 67f Hamilton County
Ammonia, Un-ionized
5
Eagle Creek
TN06040001364_3000
Eagle Creek From Mcillwain Road To Headwaters. Ecoregion 65e Benton County Decatur County
Ammonia, Un-ionized
5
East Fork Of Globe Creek
TN06040002002_0310
East Fork Of Globe Creek From Globe Creek To Headwaters. Ecoregion 71h Marshall County
Ammonia, Un-ionized
9
Frey Branch
TN05130206019_0321
Frey Branch From Empson Creek To Headwaters. Ecoregion 71e Robertson County
Ammonia, Un-ionized
7
Quality Creek
TN06040003023_0100
Quality Creek From Sugar Creek To Headwaters. Ecoregion 71h Maury County
Ammonia, Un-ionized
7
Town Creek
TN05110002027_0421
Town Creek From White Oak Creek To Headwaters. Ecoregion 71g Macon County
Ammonia, Un-ionized
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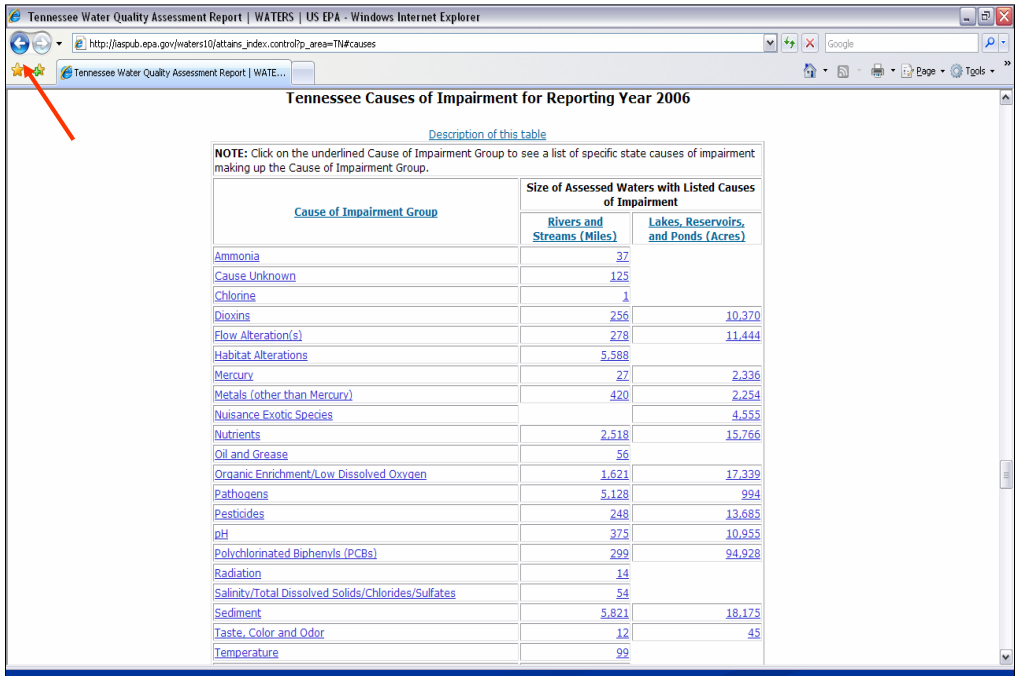

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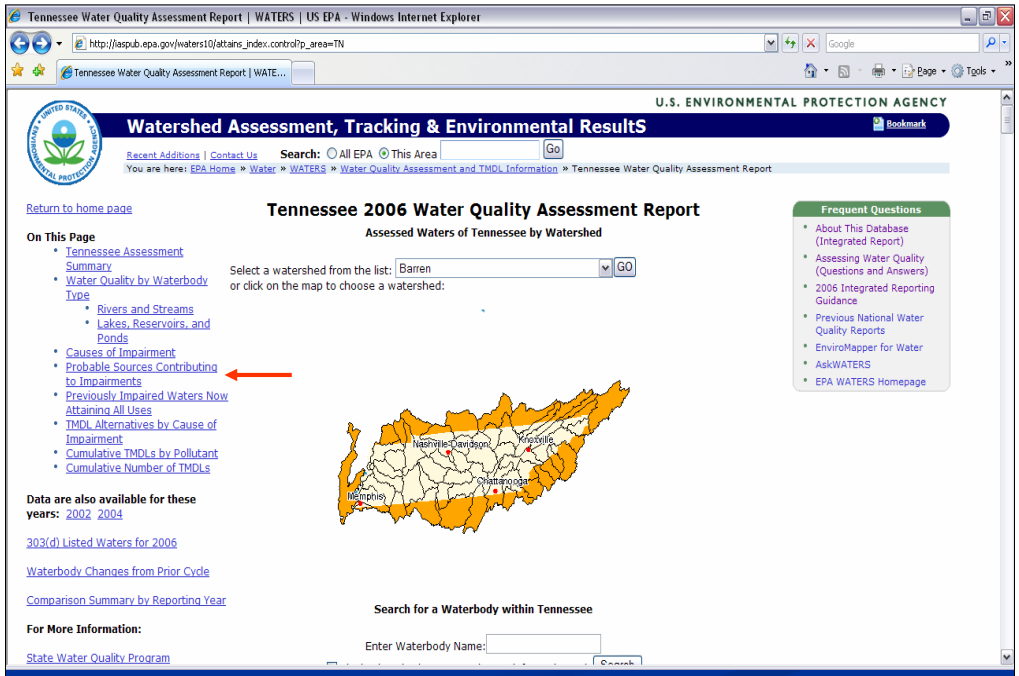
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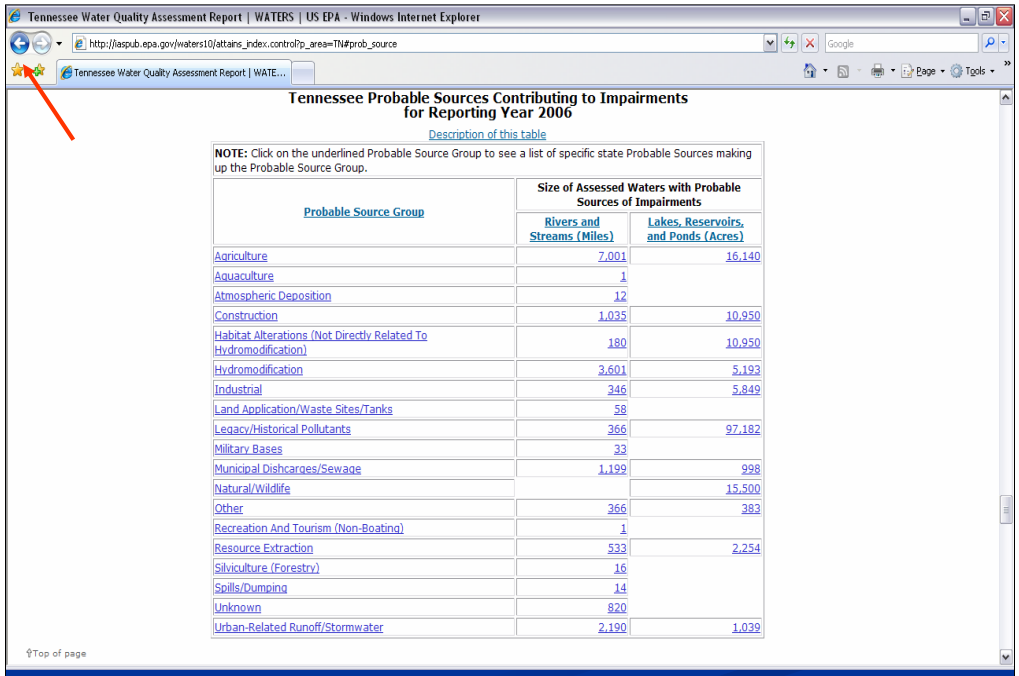

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Probable Source Group	Size of Assessed Waters with Probable Sources of Impairments	
	Rivers and Streams (Miles)	Lakes, Reservoirs, and Ponds (Acres)
Agriculture	7,001	16,140
Aquaculture	1	
Atmospheric Deposition	12	
Construction	1,035	10,950
Habitat Alterations (Not Directly Related To Hydromodification)	180	10,950
Hydromodification	3,601	5,193
Industrial	346	5,849
Land Application/Waste Sites/Tanks	58	
Legacy/Historical Pollutants	366	97,182
Military Bases	33	
Municipal Dischcarges/Sewage	1,199	998
Natural/Wildlife		15,500
Other	366	383
Recreation And Tourism (Non-Boating)	1	
Resource Extraction	533	2,254
Silviculture (Forestry)	16	
Spills/Dumping	14	
Unknown	820	
Urban-Related Runoff/Stormwater	2,190	1,039

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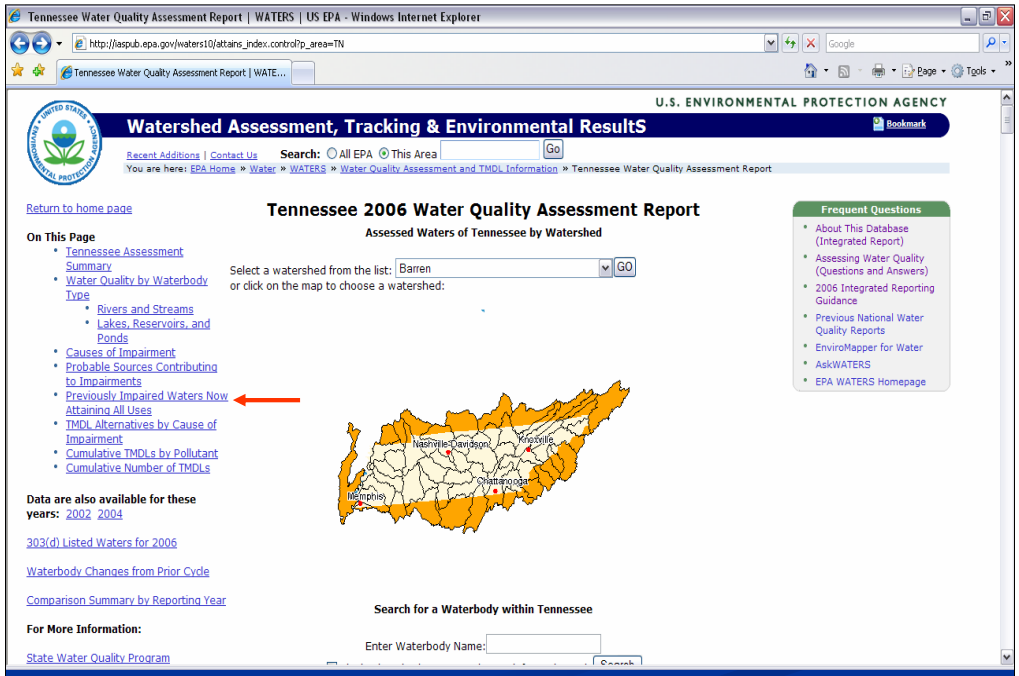
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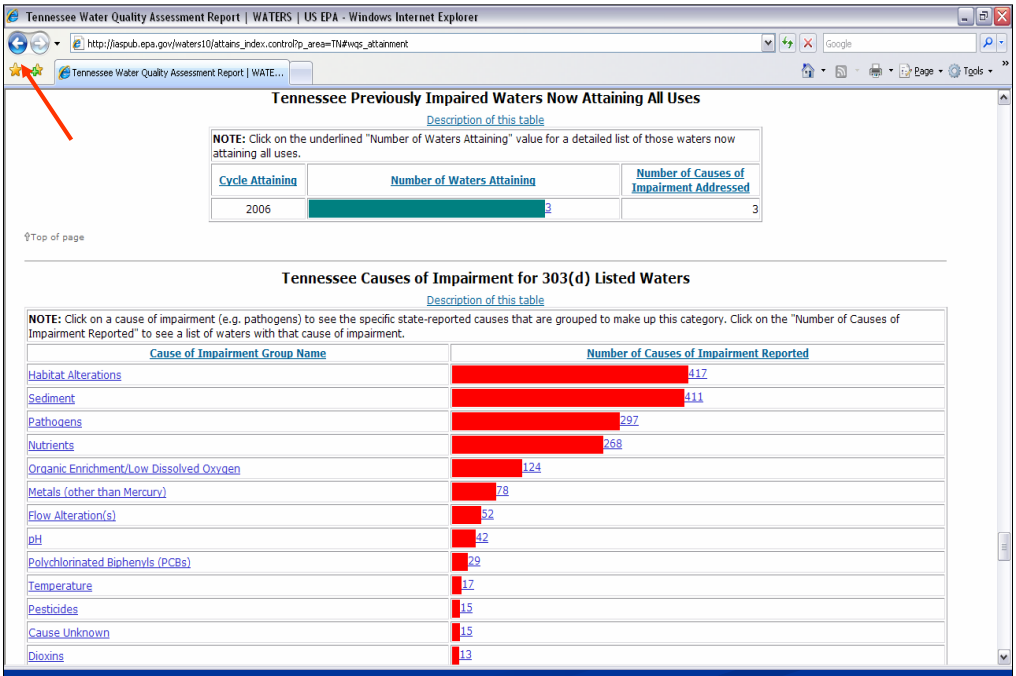
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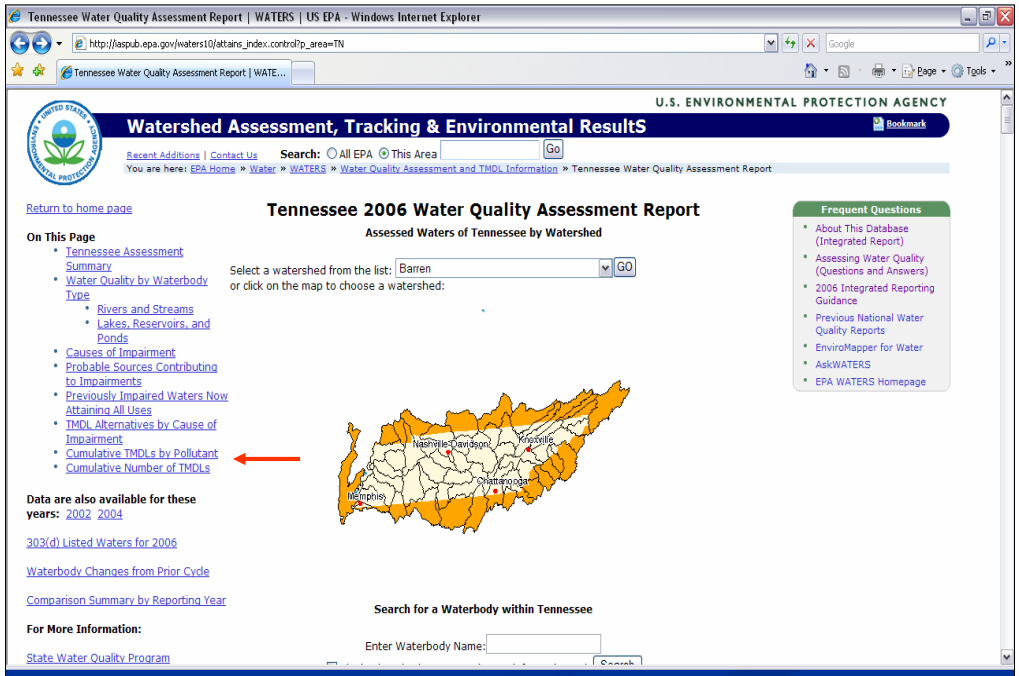
Cause of Impairment Group Name
Number of Causes of Impairment Reported
Habitat Alterations 417
Sediment 411
Pathogens 297
Nutrients 268
Organic Enrichment/Low Dissolved Oxygen 124
Metals (other than Mercury) 78
Flow Alteration(s) 52
pH 42
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) 29
Temperature 17
Pesticides 15
Cause Unknown 15
Dioxins 13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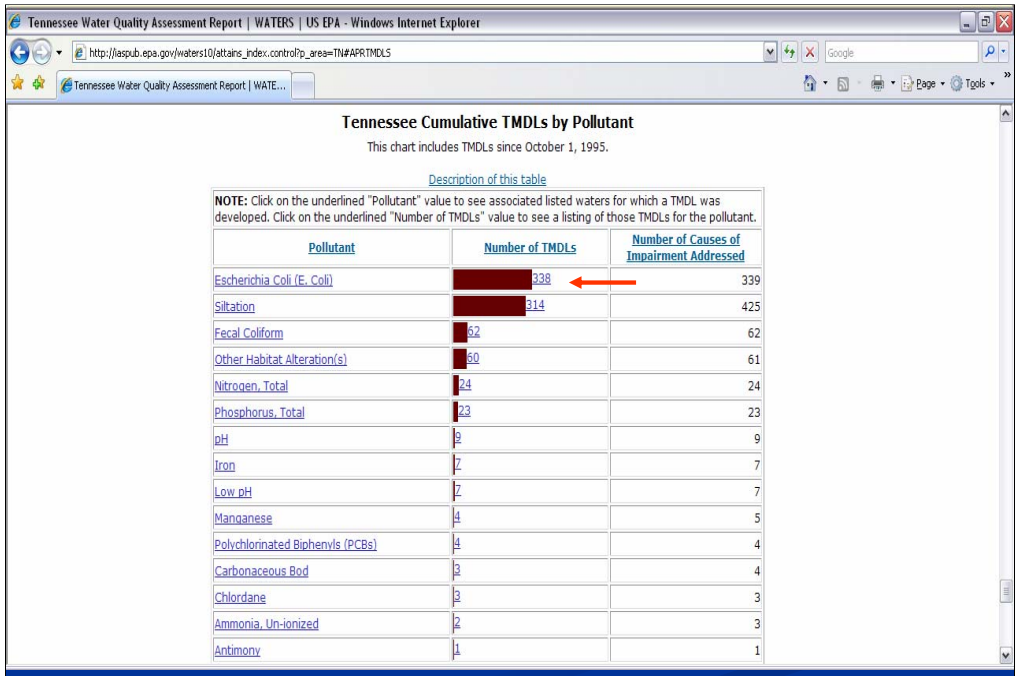

Tennessee Cumulative TMDLs by Pollutant

This chart includes TMDLs since October 1, 1995.

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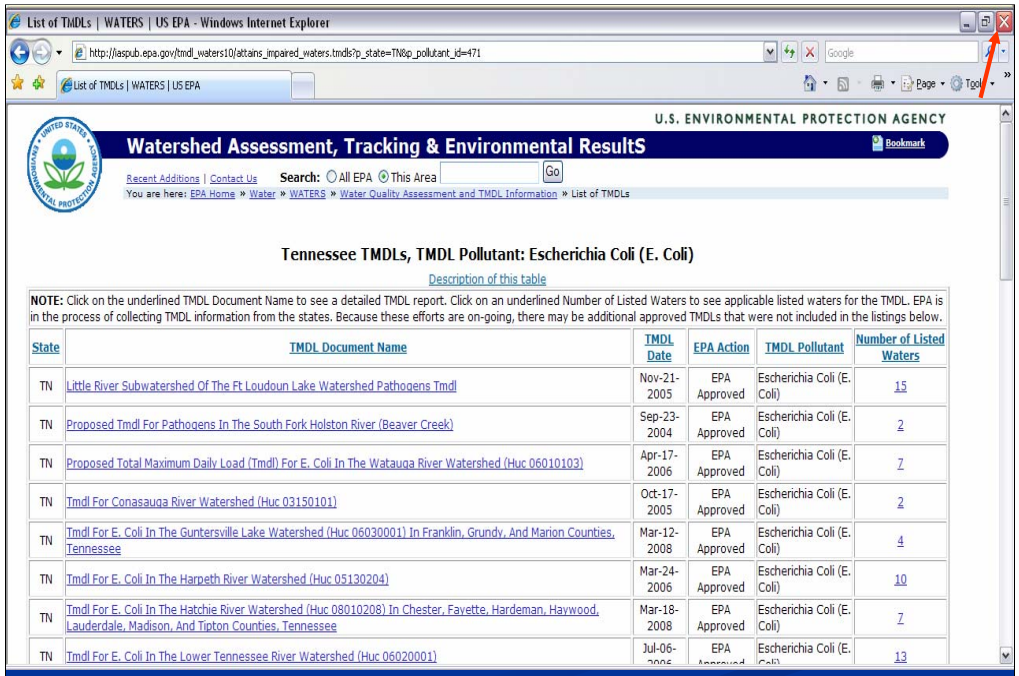
NOTE: Click on the underlined "Pollutant" value to see associated listed waters for which a TMDL was developed. Click on the underlined "Number of TMDLs" value to see a listing of those TMDLs for the pollutant.

Pollutant	Number of TMDLs	Number of Causes of Impairment Addressed
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli)	338	339
Siltation	314	425
Fecal Coliform	62	62
Other Habitat Alteration(s)	60	61
Nitrogen, Total	24	24
Phosphorus, Total	23	23
pH	9	9
Iron	7	7
Low pH	7	7
Manganese	4	5
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	4	4
Carbonaceous Bod	3	4
Chlordane	3	3
Ammonia, Un-ionized	2	3
Antimony	1	1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State
TMDL Document Name
TMDL Date
EPA Action
TMDL Pollutant
Number of Listed Waters
TN
Little River Subwatershed Of The Ft Loudoun Lake Watershed Pathogens Tmdl
Nov-21-2005
EPA Approved
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli)
15
TN
Proposed Tmdl For Pathogens In The South Fork Holston River (Beaver Creek)
Sep-23-2004
EPA Approved
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli)
2
TN
Proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (Tmdl) For E. Coli In The Watauga River Watershed (Huc 06010103)
Apr-17-2006
EPA Approved
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli)
7
TN
Tmdl For Conasauga River Watershed (Huc 03150101)
Oct-17-2005
EPA Approved
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli)
2
TN
Tmdl For E. Coli In The Guntersville Lake Watershed (Huc 06030001) In Franklin, Grundy, And Marion Counties, Tennessee
Mar-12-2008
EPA Approved
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli)
4
TN
Tmdl For E. Coli In The Harpeth River Watershed (Huc 05130204)
Mar-24-2006
EPA Approved
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli)
10
TN
Tmdl For E. Coli In The Hatchie River Watershed (Huc 08010208) In Chester, Fayette, Hardeman, Haywood, Lauderdale, Madison, And Tipton Counties, Tennessee
Mar-18-2008
EPA Approved
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli)
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Tmdl For E. Coli In The Lower Tennessee River Watershed (Huc 06020001)
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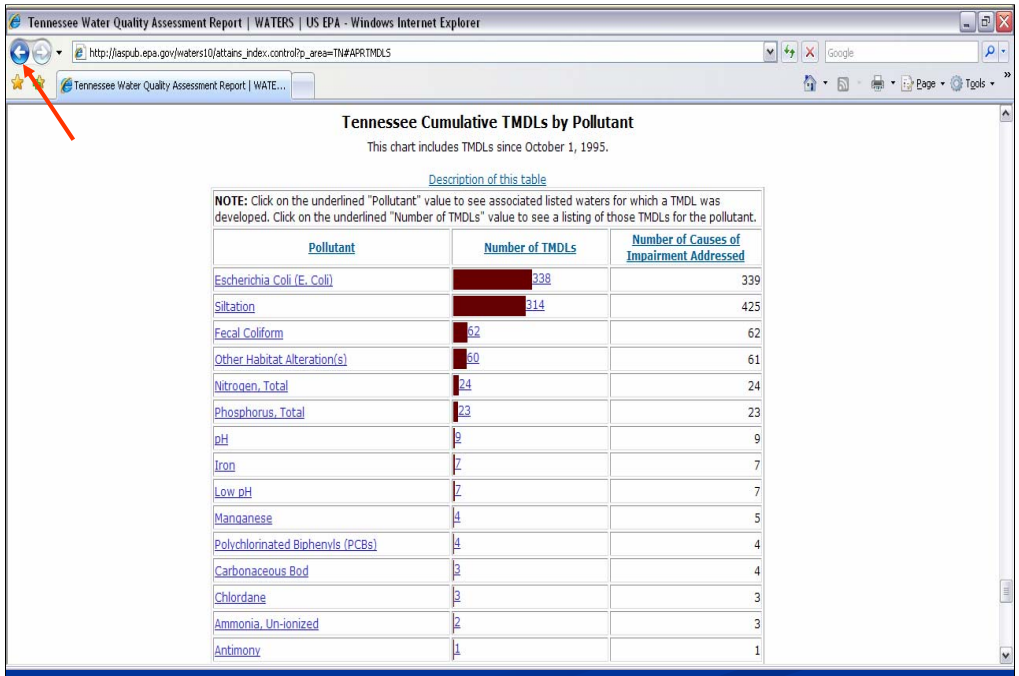

Tennessee Cumulative TMDLs by Pollutant

This chart includes TMDLs since October 1, 1995.

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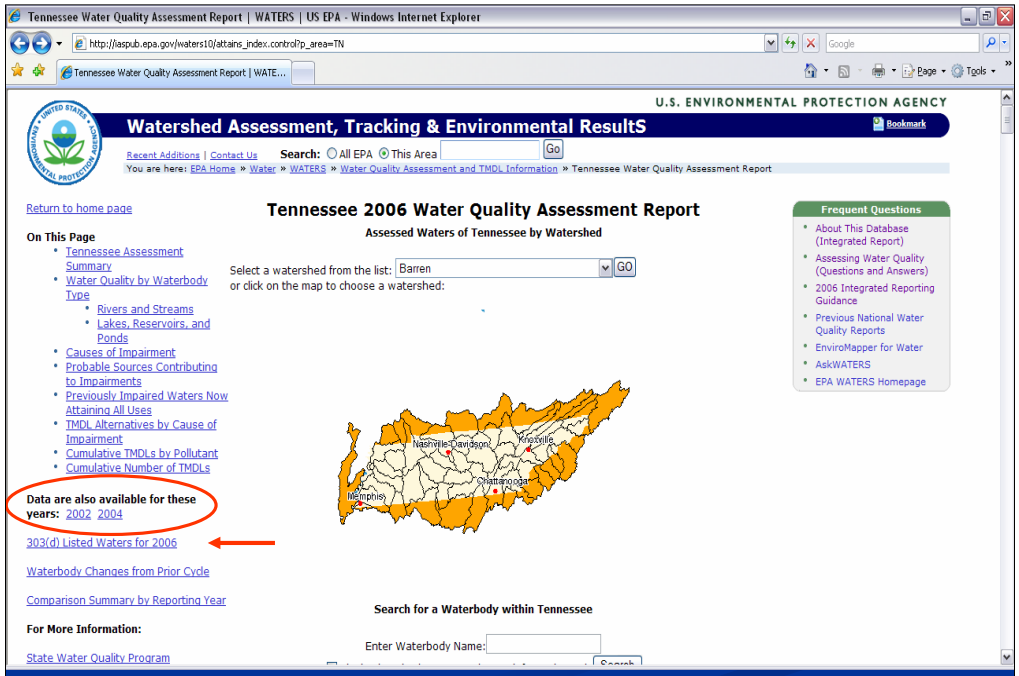
Pollutant	Number of TMDLs	Number of Causes of Impairment Addressed
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli)	338	339
Siltation	314	425
Fecal Coliform	62	62
Other Habitat Alteration(s)	60	61
Nitrogen, Total	24	24
Phosphorus, Total	23	23
pH	9	9
Iron	7	7
Low pH	7	7
Manganese	4	5
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	4	4
Carbonaceous Bod	3	4
Chlordane	3	3
Ammonia, Un-ionized	2	3
Antimony	1	1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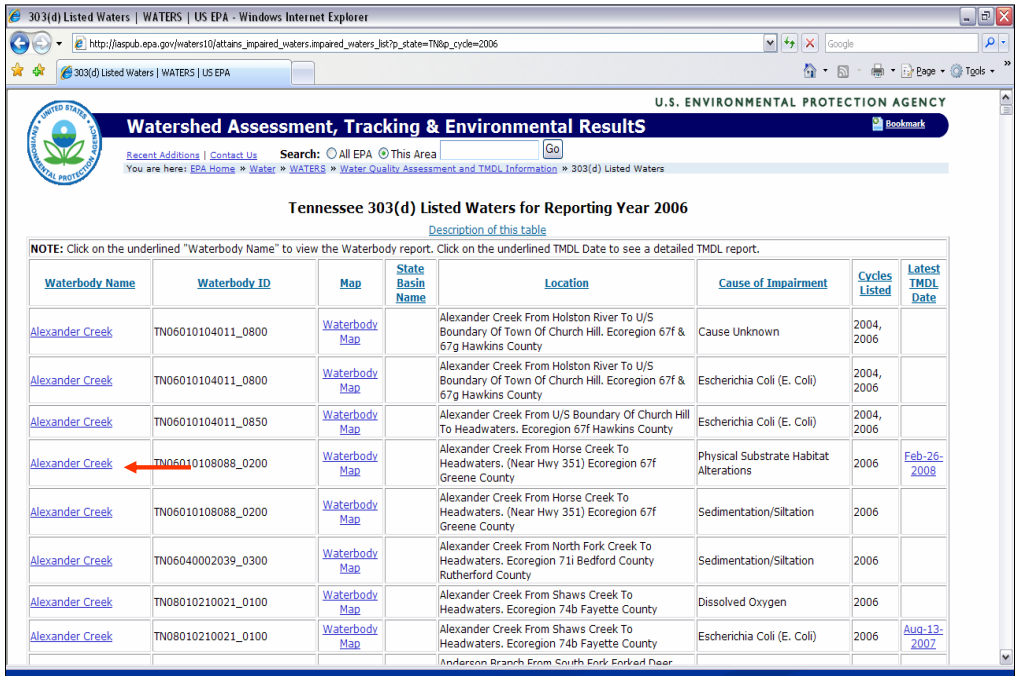
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Waterbody Name
Waterbody ID
Map
State Basin Name
Location
Cause of Impairment
Cycles Listed
Latest TMDL Date
Alexander Creek
TN06010104011_0800
Waterbody Map
Alexander Creek From Holston River To U/S Boundary Of Town Of Church Hill. Ecoregion 67f & 67g Hawkins County
Cause Unknown
2004, 2006
Alexander Creek
TN06010104011_0800
Waterbody Map
Alexander Creek From Holston River To U/S Boundary Of Town Of Church Hill. Ecoregion 67f & 67g Hawkins County
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli)
2004, 2006
Alexander Creek
TN06010104011_0850
Waterbody Map
Alexander Creek From U/S Boundary Of Church Hill To Headwaters. Ecoregion 67f Hawkins County
Escherichia Coli (E. Coli)
2004, 2006
Alexander Creek
TN06010108088_0200
Waterbody Map
Alexander Creek From Horse Creek To Headwaters. (Near Hwy 351) Ecoregion 67f Greene County
Physical Substrate Habitat Alterations
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TN06010108088_0200
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Sedimentation/Siltation
2006
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TN06040002039_0300
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Sedimentation/Siltation
2006
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TN08010210021_0100
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Dissolved Oxygen
2006
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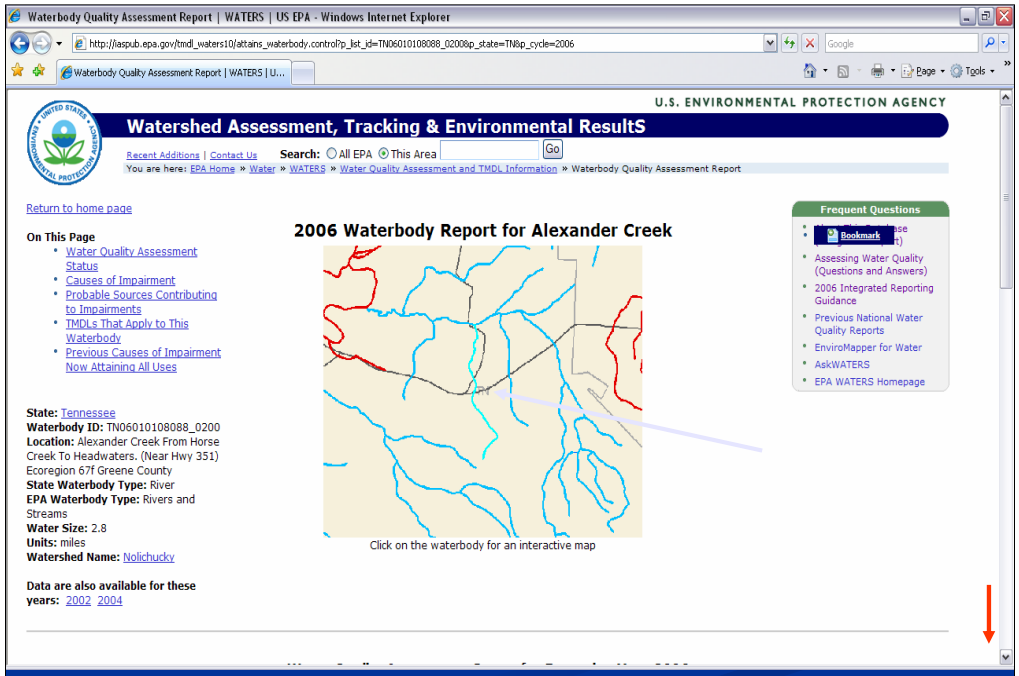
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Location: Alexander Creek From Horse Creek To Headwaters. (Near Hwy 351) Ecoregion 67f Greene County
State Waterbody Type: River
EPA Waterbody Type: Rivers and Streams
Water Size: 2.8
Units: miles
Watershed Name: Nolichucky
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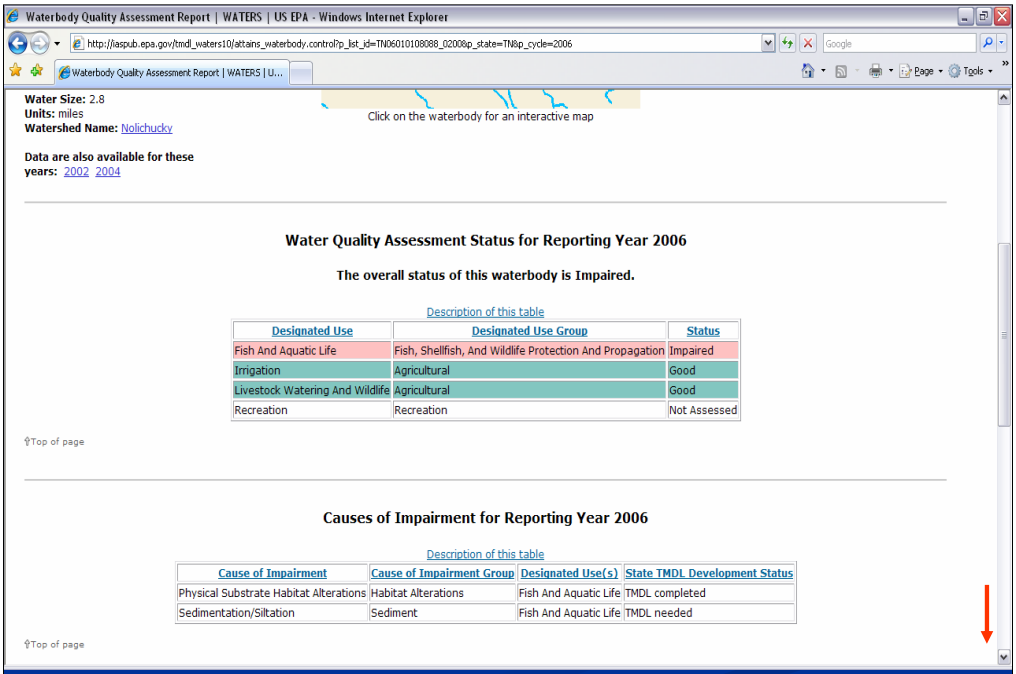
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The overall status of this waterbody is Impaired.
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Designated Use | Designated Use Group | Status
Fish And Aquatic Life | Fish, Shellfish, And Wildlife Protection And Propagation | Impaired
Irrigation | Agricultural | Good
Livestock Watering And Wildlife | Agricultural | Good
Recreation | Recreation | Not Assessed
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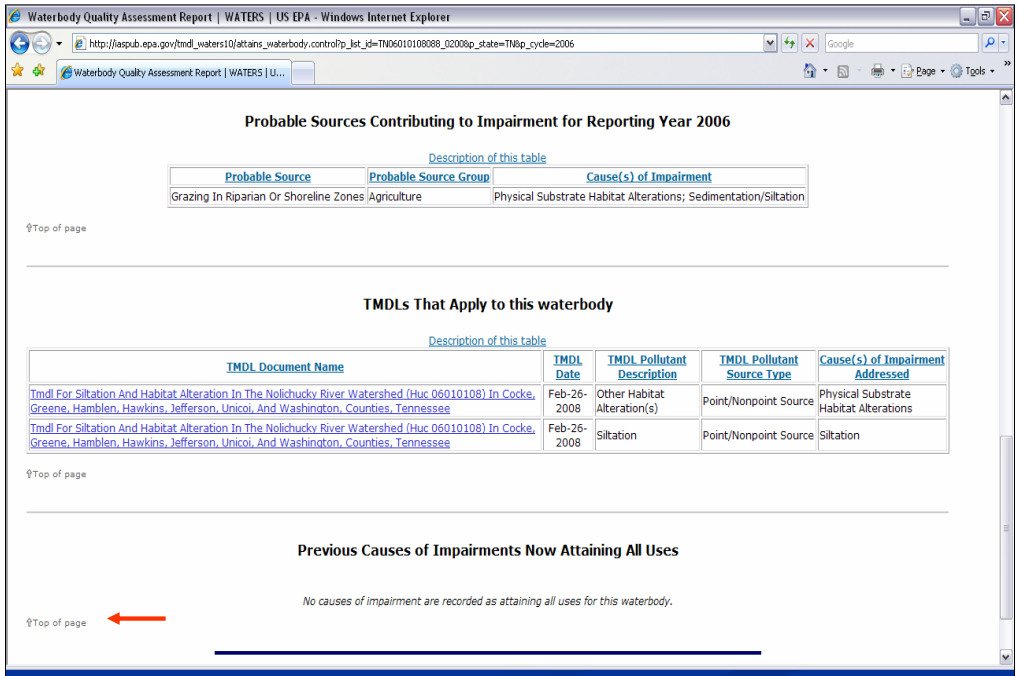
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Other Habitat Alteration(s)
Point/Nonpoint Source
Physical Substrate Habitat Alterations
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Siltation
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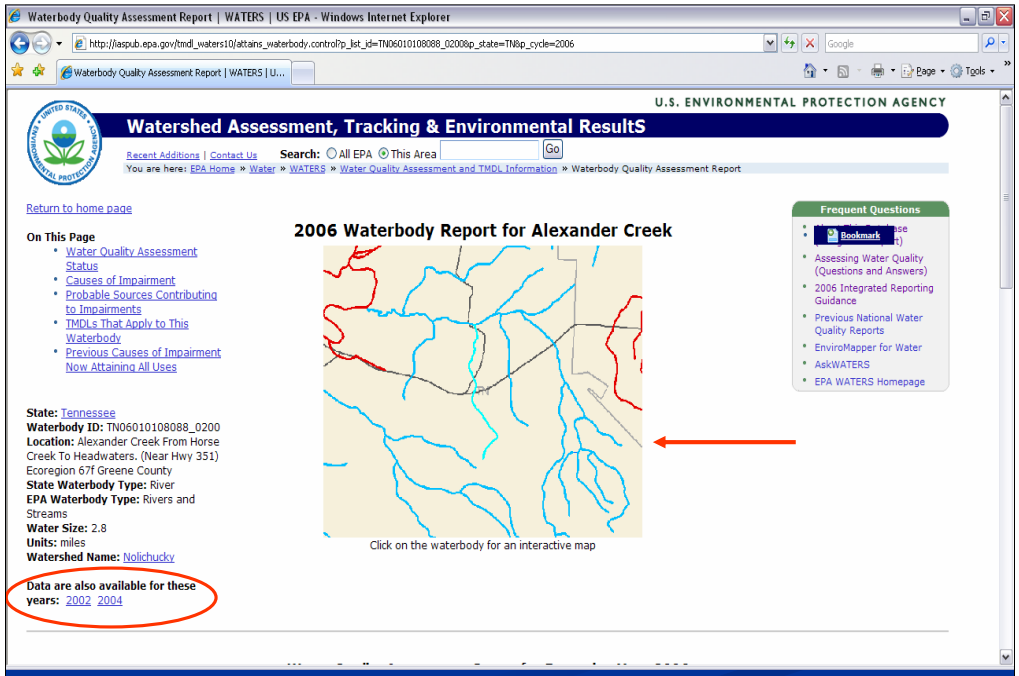
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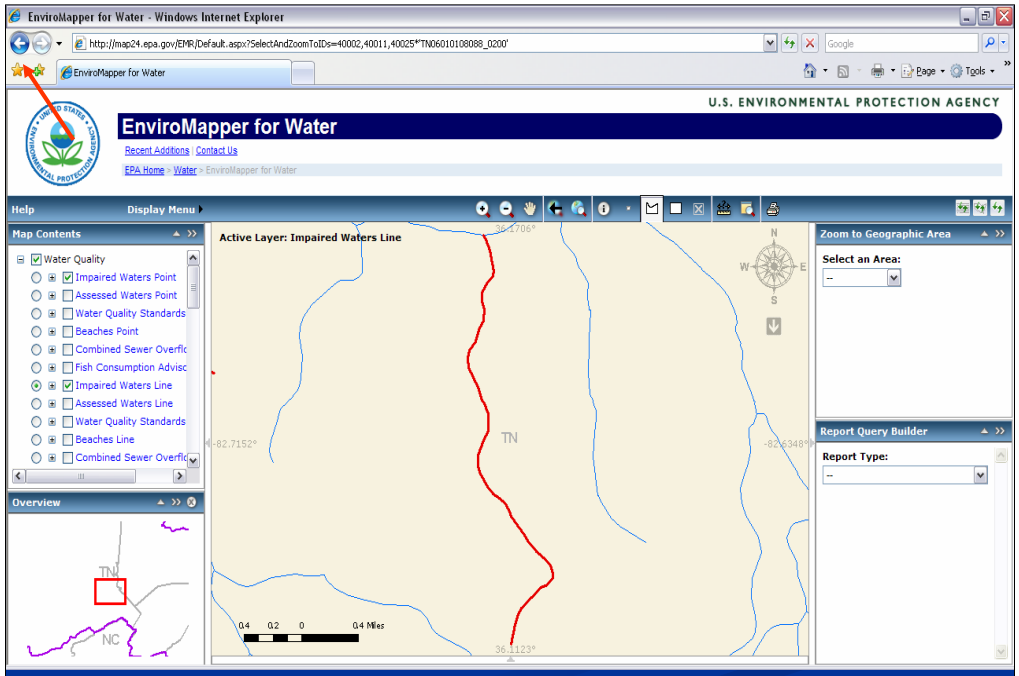
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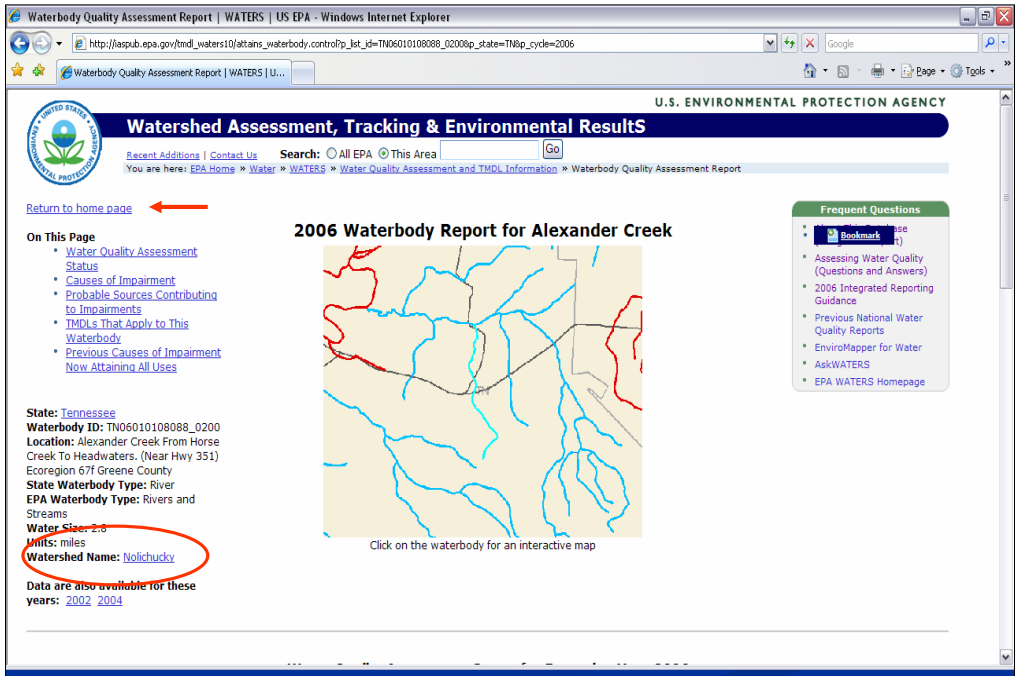
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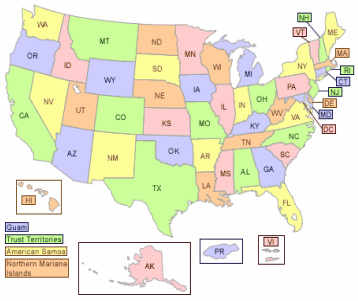

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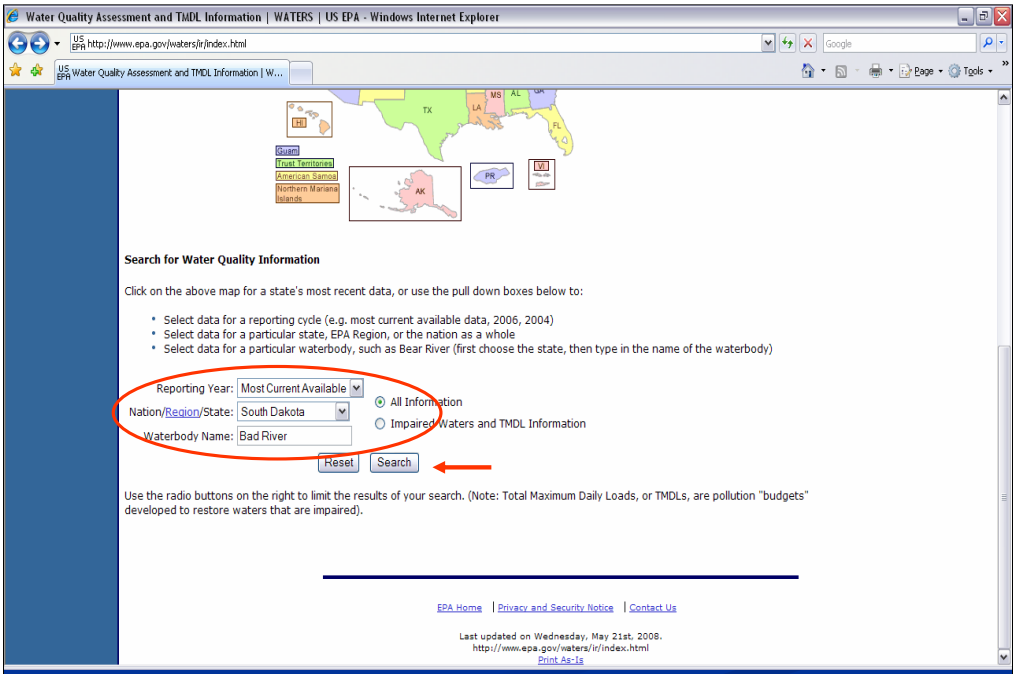
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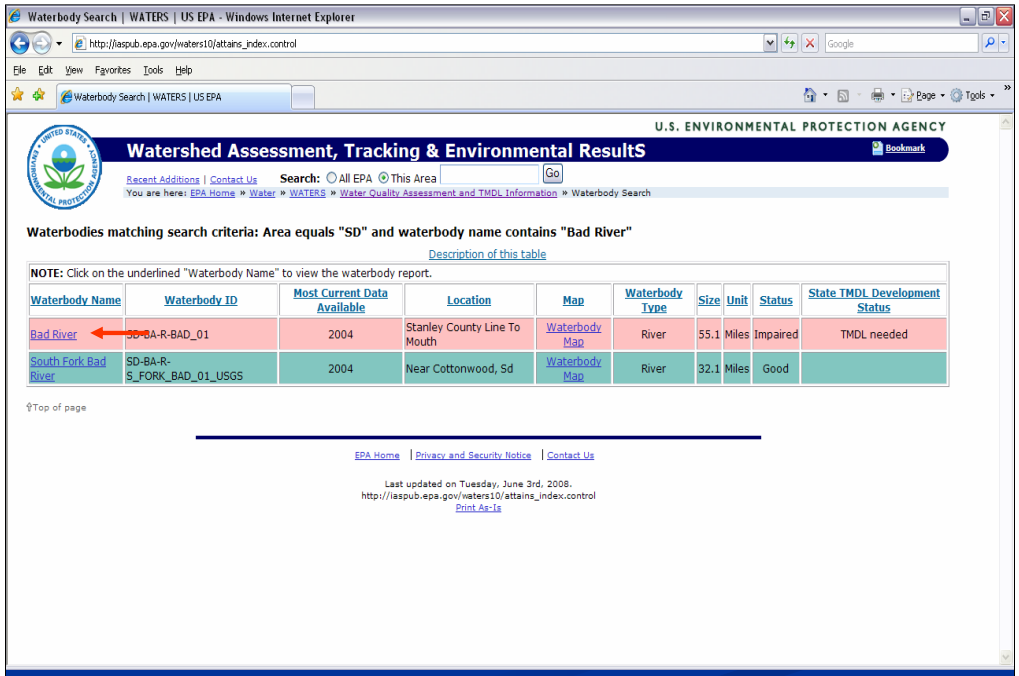
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Bad River | SD-BA-R-BAD_01 | 2004 | Stanley County Line To Mouth | Waterbody Map | River | 55.1 | Miles | Impaired | TMDL needed
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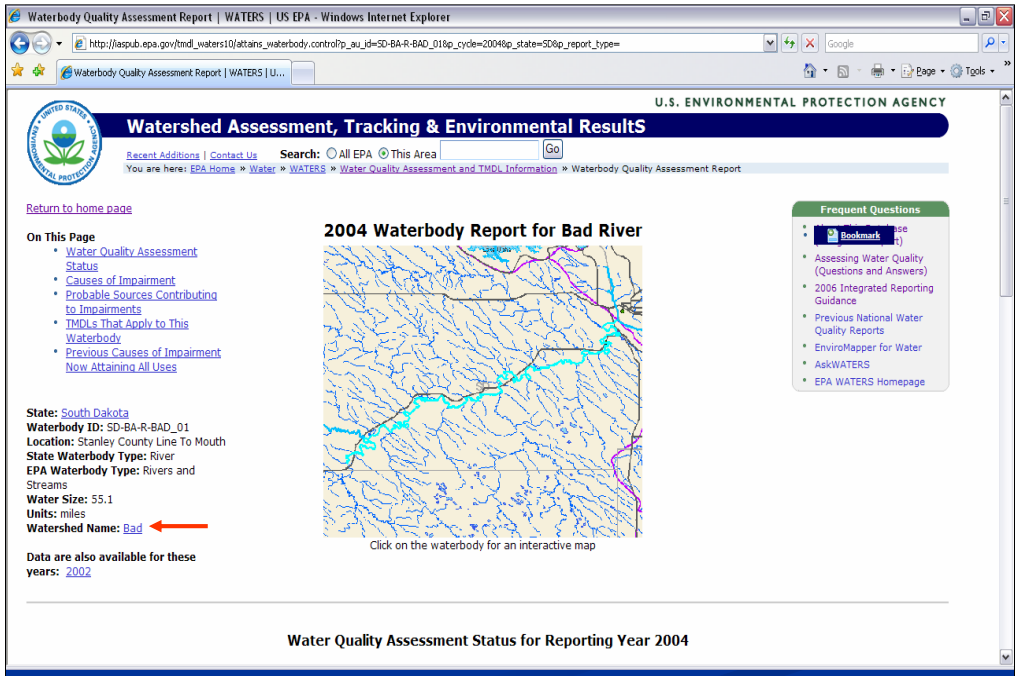
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Location: Stanley County Line To Mouth
State Waterbody Type: River
EPA Waterbody Type: Rivers and Streams
Water Size: 55.1
Units: miles
Watershed Name: Bad
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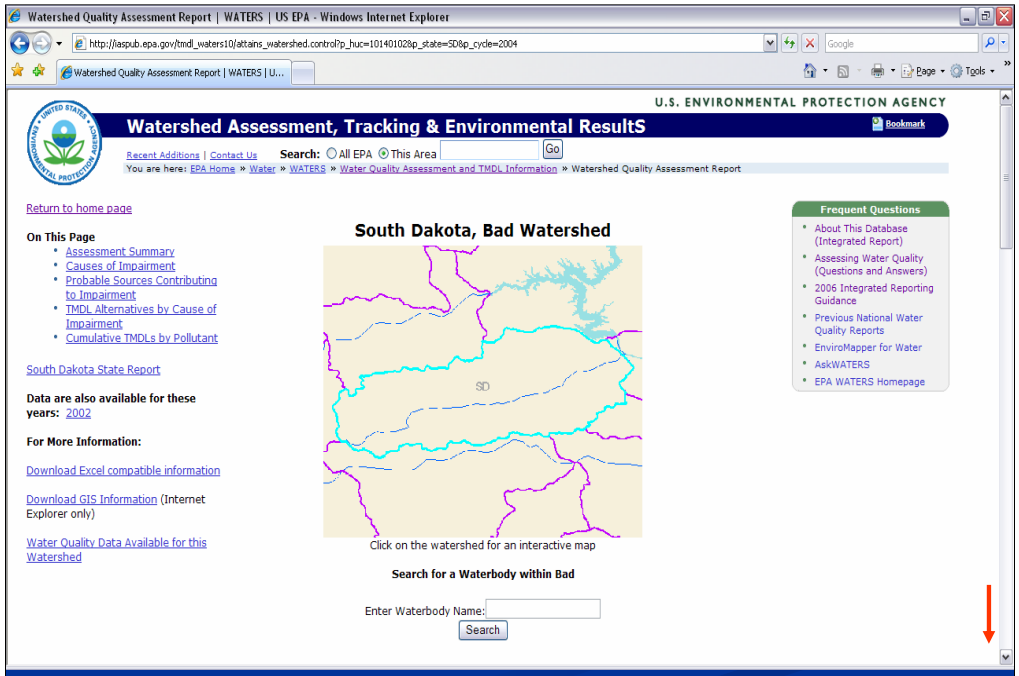
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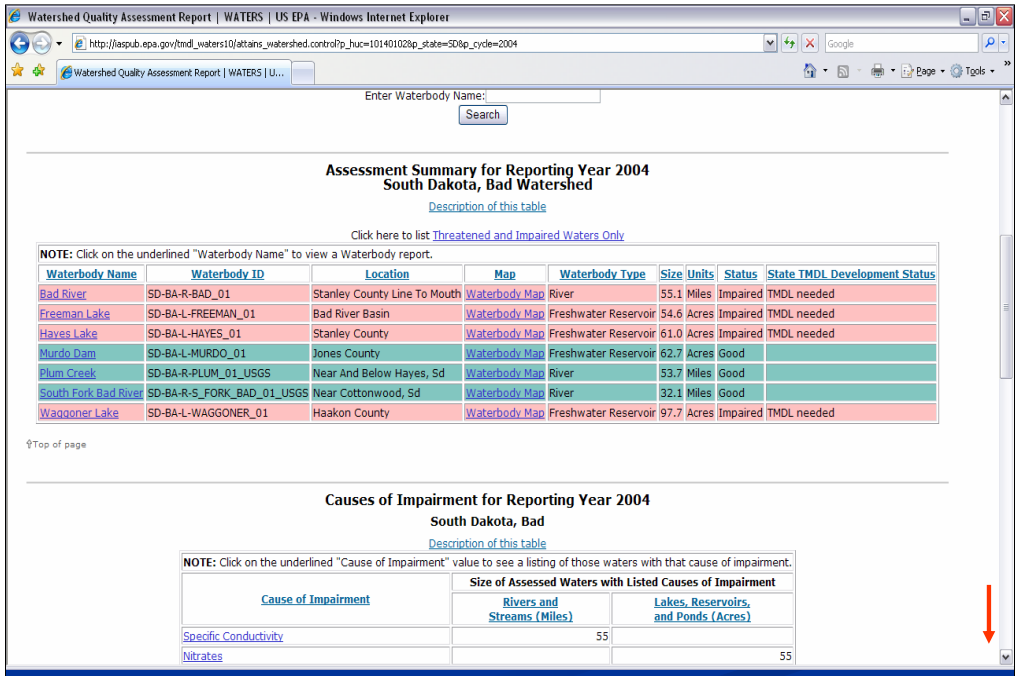
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Waterbody Name | Waterbody ID | Location | Map | Waterbody Type | Size | Units | Status | State TMDL Development Status
Bad River | SD-BA-R-BAD_01 | Stanley County Line To Mouth | Waterbody Map | River | 55.1 | Miles | Impaired | TMDL needed
Freeman Lake | SD-BA-L-FREEMAN_01 | Bad River Basin | Waterbody Map | Freshwater Reservoir | 54.6 | Acres | Impaired | TMDL needed
Hayes Lake | SD-BA-L-HAYES_01 | Stanley County | Waterbody Map | Freshwater Reservoir | 61.0 | Acres | Impaired | TMDL needed
Murdo Dam | SD-BA-L-MURDO_01 | Jones County | Waterbody Map | Freshwater Reservoir | 62.7 | Acres | Good
Plum Creek | SD-BA-R-PLUM_01_USGS | Near And Below Hayes, Sd | Waterbody Map | River | 53.7 | Miles | Good
South Fork Bad River | SD-BA-R-S_FORK_BAD_01_USGS | Near Cottonwood, Sd | Waterbody Map | River | 32.1 | Miles | Good
Waggoner Lake | SD-BA-L-WAGGONER_01 | Haakon County | Waterbody Map | Freshwater Reservoir | 97.7 | Acres | Impaired | TMDL needed
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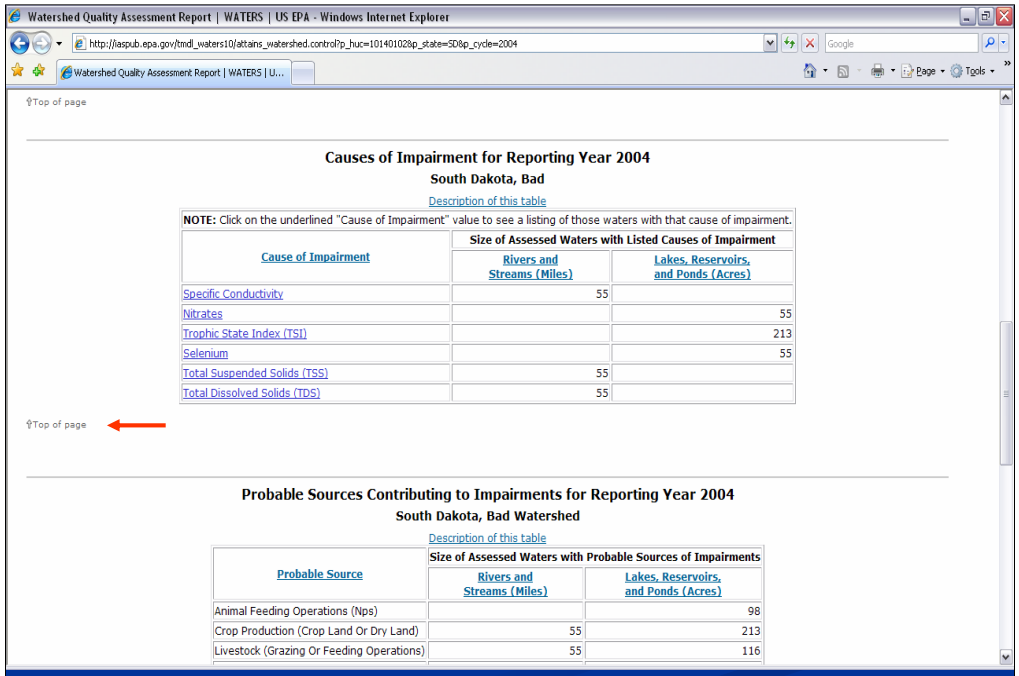
NOTE: Click on the underlined "Cause of Impairment" value to see a listing of those waters with that cause of impairment.
Cause of Impairment | Size of Assessed Waters with Listed Causes of Impairment
Rivers and Streams (Miles) | Lakes, Reservoirs, and Ponds (Acres)
Specific Conductivity | 55
Nitrates | 55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Specific Conductivity 55
Nitrates 55
Trophic State Index (TSI) 213
Selenium 55
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) 55
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) 55
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Probable Sources Contributing to Impairments for Reporting Year 2004
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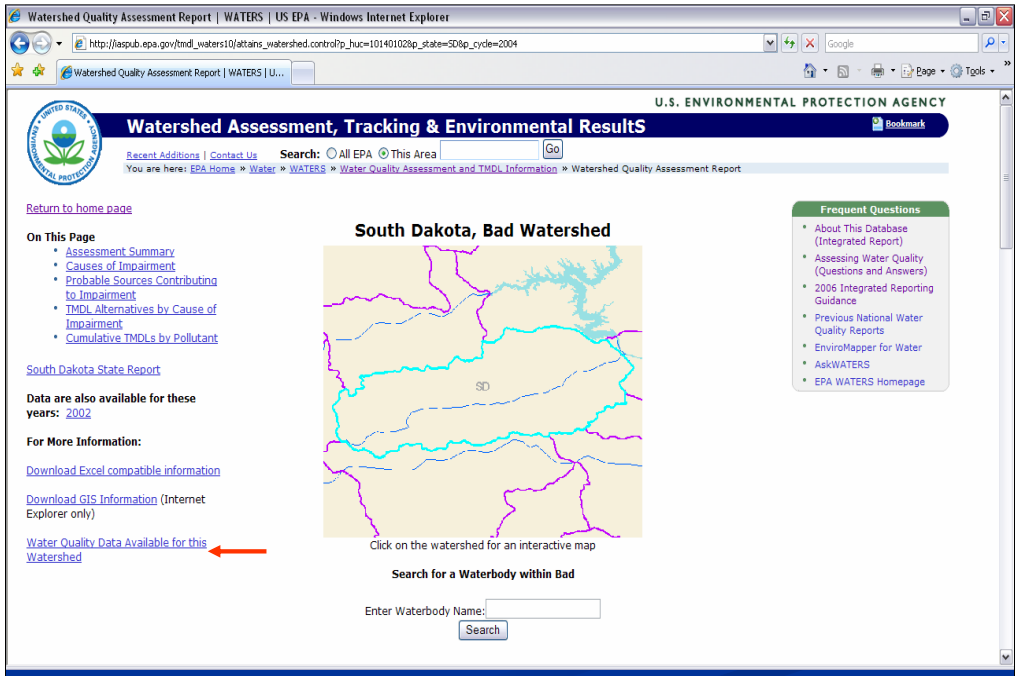
Probable Source
Size of Assessed Waters with Probable Sources of Impairments
Rivers and Streams (Miles)
Lakes, Reservoirs, and Ponds (Acres)
Animal Feeding Operations (Nps) 98
Crop Production (Crop Land Or Dry Land) 55 213
Livestock (Grazing Or Feeding Operations) 55 116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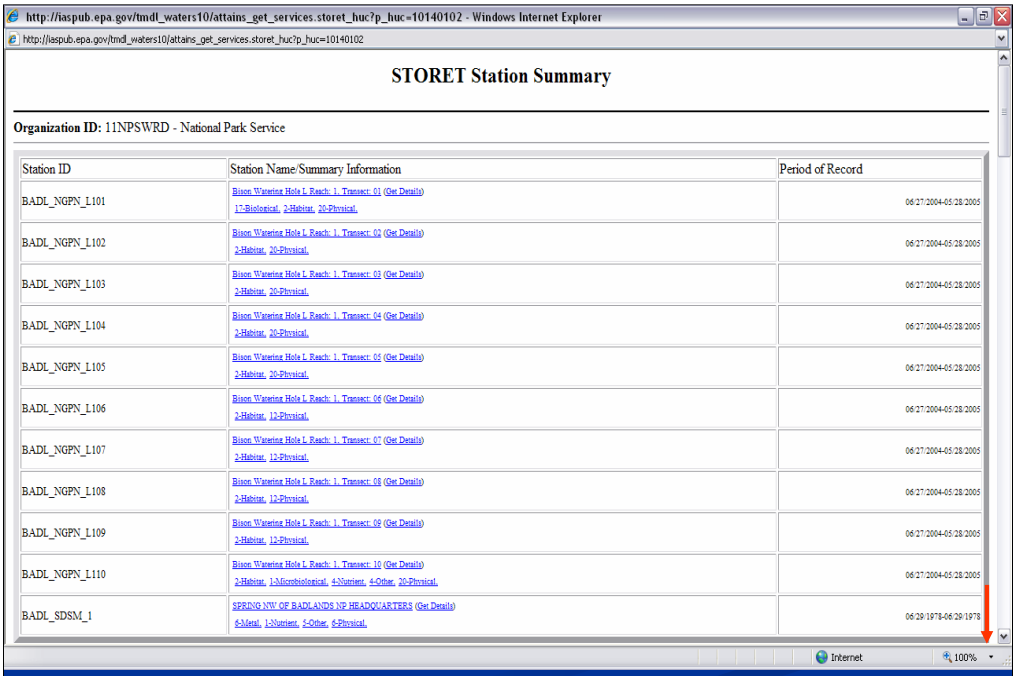
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Organization ID: 11NPSWRD - National Park Service
Station ID
Station Name/Summary Information
Period of Record
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Bison Watering Hole L Reach: 1, Transect: 01 (Get Details)
17-Biological, 2-Habitat, 20-Physical.
06/27/2004-05/28/2005
BADL_NGPN_L102
Bison Watering Hole L Reach: 1, Transect: 02 (Get Details)
2-Habitat, 20-Physical.
06/27/2004-05/28/2005
BADL_NGPN_L103
Bison Watering Hole L Reach: 1, Transect: 03 (Get Details)
2-Habitat, 20-Physical.
06/27/2004-05/28/2005
BADL_NGPN_L104
Bison Watering Hole L Reach: 1, Transect: 04 (Get Details)
2-Habitat, 20-Physical.
06/27/2004-05/28/2005
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Bison Watering Hole L Reach: 1, Transect: 05 (Get Details)
2-Habitat, 20-Physical.
06/27/2004-05/28/2005
BADL_NGPN_L106
Bison Watering Hole L Reach: 1, Transect: 06 (Get Details)
2-Habitat, 12-Physical.
06/27/2004-05/28/2005
BADL_NGPN_L107
Bison Watering Hole L Reach: 1, Transect: 07 (Get Details)
2-Habitat, 12-Physical.
06/27/2004-05/28/2005
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2-Habitat, 12-Physical.
06/27/2004-05/28/2005
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2-Habitat, 12-Physical.
06/27/2004-05/28/2005
BADL_NGPN_L110
Bison Watering Hole L Reach: 1, Transect: 10 (Get Details)
2-Habitat, 1-Microbiological, 4-Nutrient, 4-Other, 20-Physical.
06/27/2004-05/28/2005
BADL_SDSM_1
SPRING NW OF BADLANDS NP HEADQUARTERS (Get Details)
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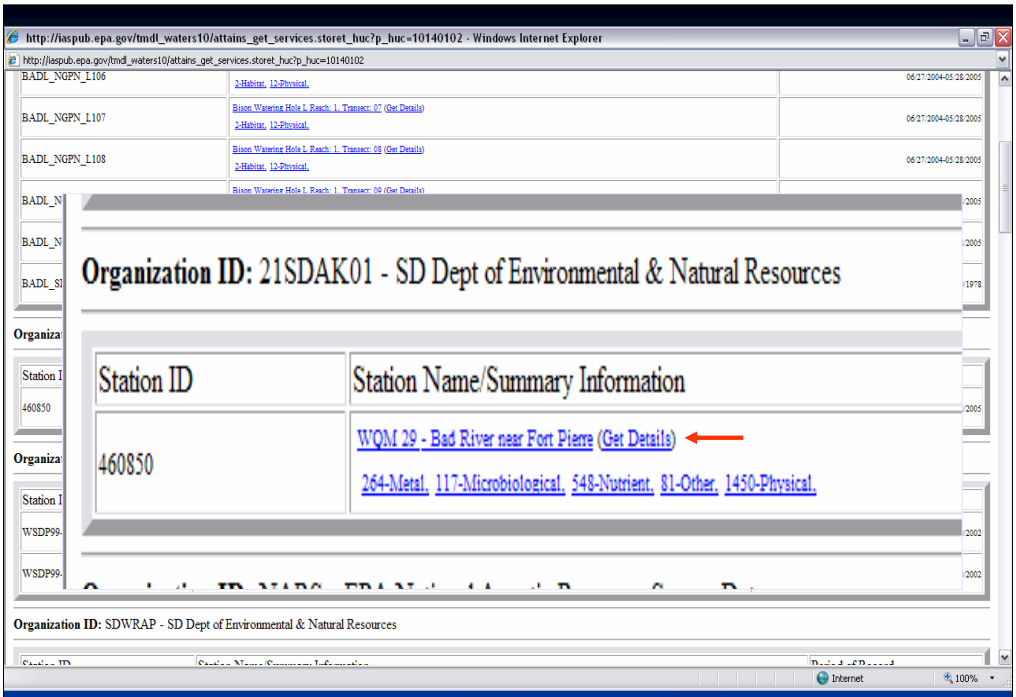
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460850
WQM 29 - Bad River near Fort Pierre (Get Details)
264-Metal, 117-Microbiological, 548-Nutrient, 81-Other, 1450-Physical.
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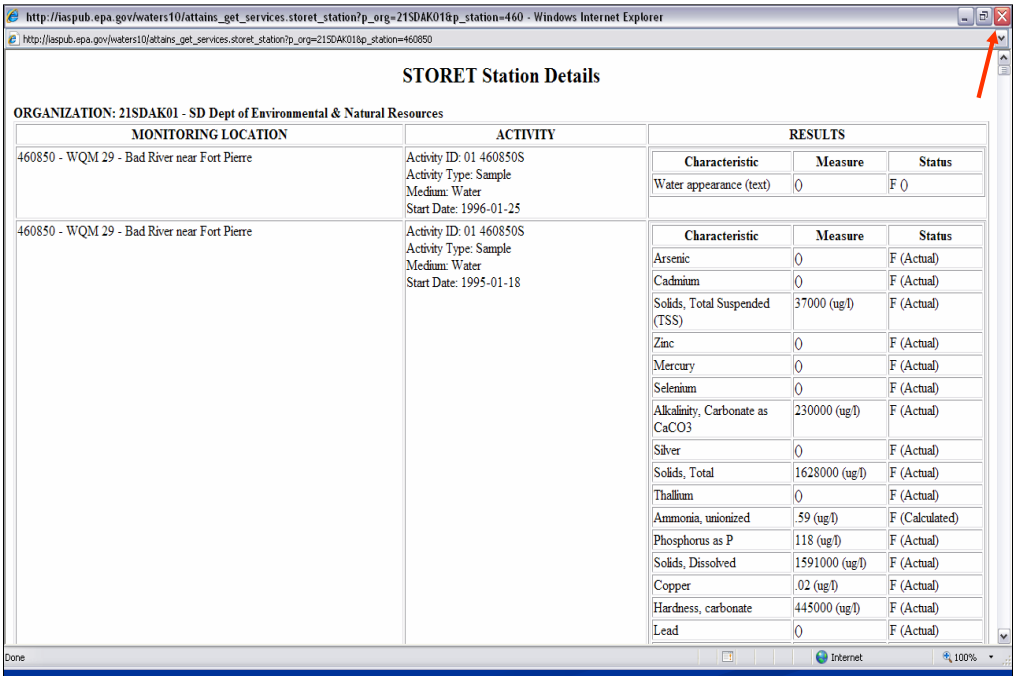
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MONITORING LOCATION
ACTIVITY
RESULTS
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Activity ID: 01 460850S
Activity Type: Sample
Medium: Water
Start Date: 1996-01-25
Characteristic
Measure
Status
Water appearance (text)
()
F ()
460850 - WQM 29 - Bad River near Fort Pierre
Activity ID: 01 460850S
Activity Type: Sample
Medium: Water
Start Date: 1995-01-18
Characteristic
Measure
Status
Arsenic
()
F (Actual)
Cadmium
()
F (Actual)
Solids, Total Suspended (TSS)
37000 (ug/l)
F (Actual)
Zinc
()
F (Actual)
Mercury
()
F (Actual)
Selenium
()
F (Actual)
Alkalinity, Carbonate as CaCO3
230000 (ug/l)
F (Actual)
Silver
()
F (Actual)
Solids, Total
1628000 (ug/l)
F (Actual)
Thallium
()
F (Actual)
Ammonia, unionized
.59 (ug/l)
F (Calculated)
Phosphorus as P
118 (ug/l)
F (Actual)
Solids, Dissolved
1591000 (ug/l)
F (Actual)
Copper
.02 (ug/l)
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Hardness, carbonate
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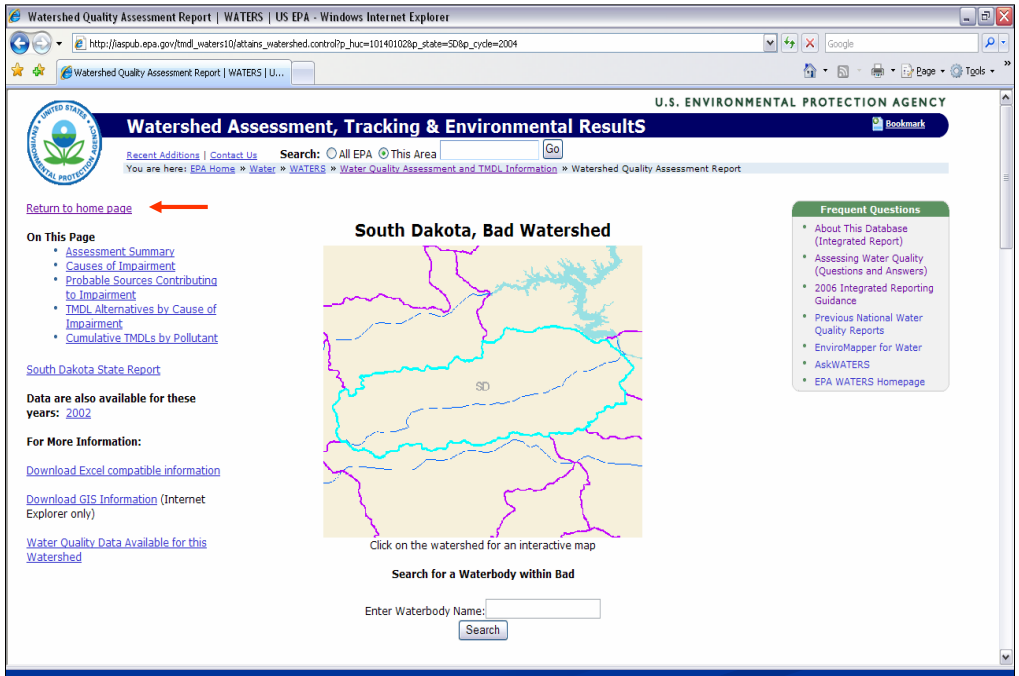
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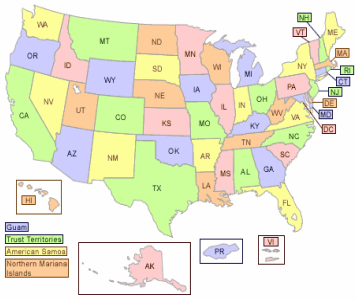

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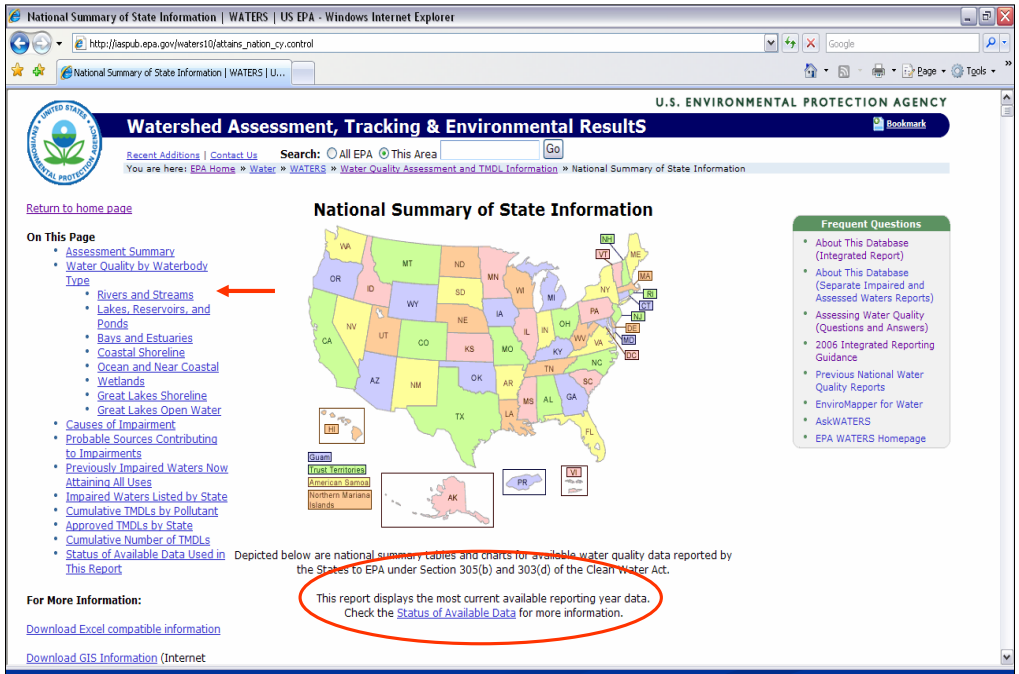
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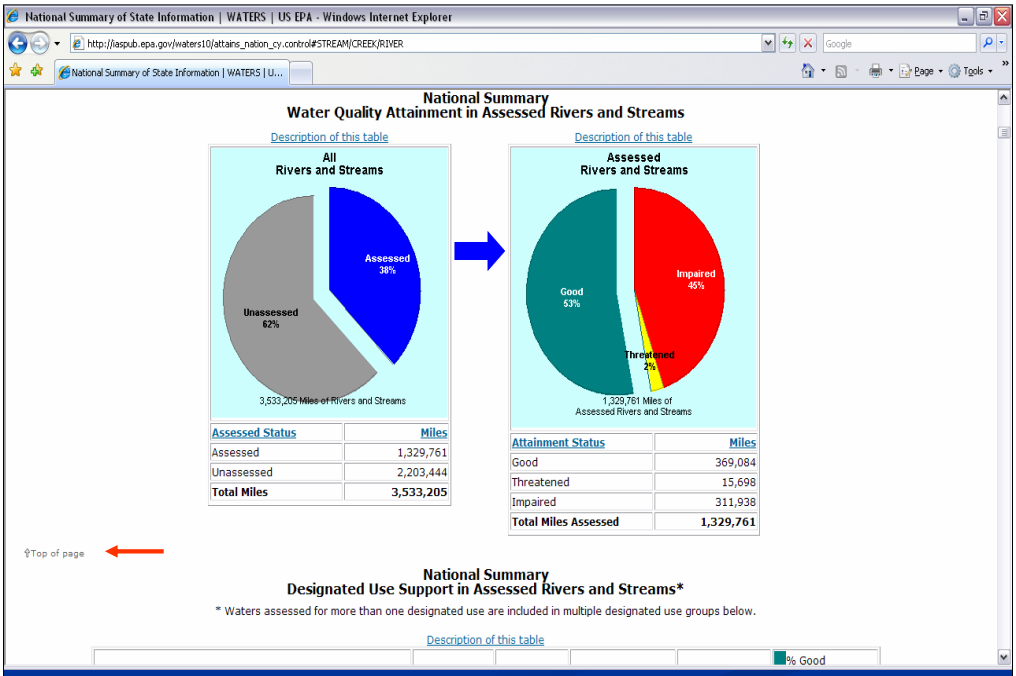
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All
Rivers and Streams
Assessed
38%
Unassessed
62%
3,533,205 Miles of Rivers and Streams
Assessed Status | Miles
Assessed | 1,329,761
Unassessed | 2,203,444
Total Miles | 3,533,205
Description of this table
Assessed
Rivers and Streams
Impaired
45%
Good
53%
Threatened
2%
1,329,761 Miles of
Assessed Rivers and Streams
Attainment Status | Miles
Good | 369,084
Threatened | 15,698
Impaired | 311,938
Total Miles Assessed | 1,329,761
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* Waters assessed for more than one designated use are included in multiple designated use groups below.
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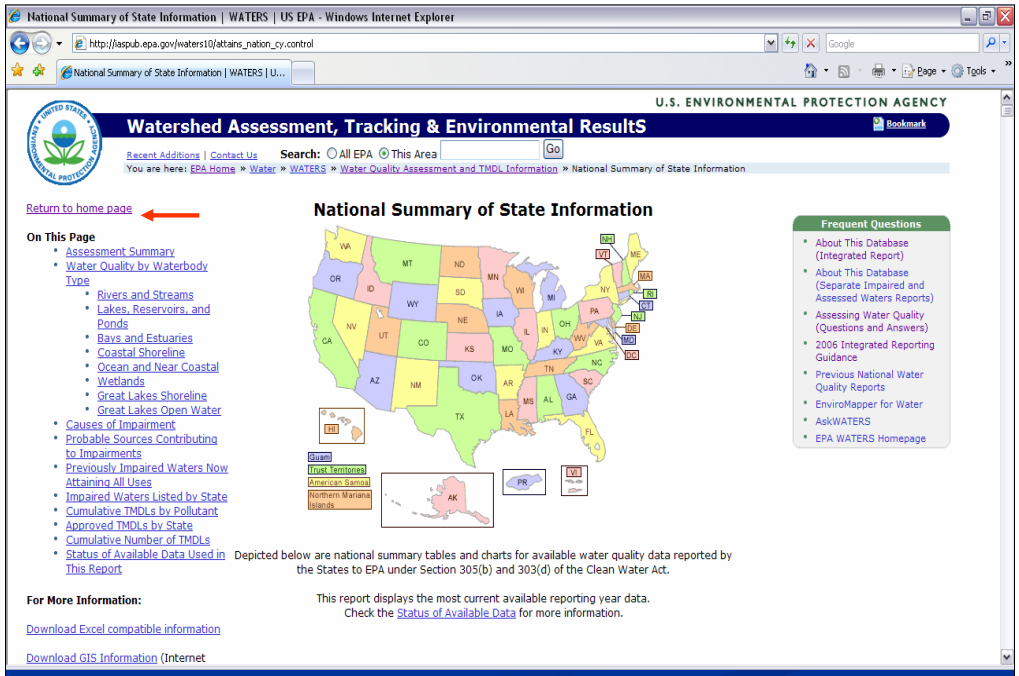
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