
The divide between Federal NPS
and State TMDL programs and
their respective water quality
objectives----NRCS

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NRCS

- Former Soil Conservation Service
- Clinton administration changed to NRCS and expanded mission to include soil, water, air, plants, and animals as natural resource concerns.

NRCS role

- NRCS role is very different from EPA and State programs.
- NRCS provides technical and (possible) financial assistance to producers at the producer's request.
- Programs and practices are based on current science and technology.

NRCS role

- Producers come to NRCS for assistance.
- Producer involvement in NRCS technical programs is voluntary.
- 75 years of developing a relationship with producers.

NRCS Barriers and GAPS

- NRCS works with producers at the producer's request.
 - NRCS does not work with other agencies at the expense of the producer.
 - NRCS is very jealous and will go out of its way to protect its relationship with the producer.

NRCS Barriers and GAPS

- NRCS cannot give to the public, or to other agencies, any farm specific information about any farm or ranch that we work with.
- Any information about that operation will need to come from the producer.

NRCS Barriers and GAPS

- NRCS has the science and technology but does not have any power to force a practice.
- “Boards and nails, but no hammer”

NRCS Barriers and GAPS

- With problems come opportunities.
 - Help get people in the door.
 - State technical advisory committees.
 - Other?



Questions?