



# Nonpoint Source Community Newsletter

Regulation #85  
Nutrient  
Management Control

## What is Regulation 85? Some Background Information...

In June of 2012, the Water Quality Control Commission (the commission) adopted a new section (31.17) in the Basic Standards and Methodologies for Surface Water, Regulation #31, which established interim numeric values for phosphorus, nitrogen and chlorophyll a. The commission also adopted the Nutrients Management Control Regulation, Regulation #85.

This new control regulation establishes numerical effluent limitations for many domestic wastewater treatment plants and industrial wastewater dischargers, describes requirements for other point source dischargers and also describes the voluntary steps for nonpoint sources to address nutrients. It also establishes monitoring requirements for point source dischargers and a program aimed at monitoring of surface waters for nutrients and related parameters. This effort is geared toward better characterizing nutrient sources and current nutrient conditions, to help inform future regulatory decisions regarding nutrients.

## Upcoming Events:

### Stakeholders Meeting #2

January 26, 2015

CDPHE, Bldg A, Sabin-Cleere  
Room

1:30-4:30 pm

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To Listen in on the Meeting:

(Dial): 1-857-216-6700

(Input): Conference Code  
425132

## Links For More Information:

[More Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Information & Previous  
Meetings](#)

[Regulation 85 Document](#)

## How Does Regulation 85 Relate to the Nonpoint Source Community?

This regulation encourages voluntary controls of nonpoint sources of pollution. Entities are encouraged to adopt and implement or install Best Management Practices to the maximum extent practicable, to reduce nutrient loads from such sources.

Agricultural operations that apply supplemental nutrients as part of crop production activities are encouraged to develop and implement nutrient management plans to the maximum extent practicable to reduce nutrient loads from such sources.

To better understand current water quality conditions, the regulation also encourages voluntary water quality monitoring of nonpoint sources. The implementation of BMPs, public education measures and nutrient management plans are encouraged as ways to control nonpoint sources.

The NPS program would like to encourage the NPS community to take a pro-active approach to this regulation. First, be involved in the meetings the division is organizing and get informed. Also, entities should develop and implement a monitoring strategy and start collecting water quality data. Nonpoint Source staff is available to provide information and guidance on this regulation and on any other nonpoint source questions.

There are a few options for interacting with the NPS community: you can simply continue using the website as a source of information, you can choose to participate in the NPS Alliance or you can [sign up here](#) to continue receiving this newsletter.

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