

TIER 2: TARGETED EVALUATION MONITORING

Site-specific monitoring of targeted areas

Tier 2 provides a more comprehensive, short-term evaluation of individual waterbodies, often requiring cross-program collaboration. Waterbodies identified under Tier 1 as falling below designated minimum levels for the core indicators are prioritized and monitored more intensively under Tier 2. Under this tier, confirmation of the problem is made, along with documentation of the causes. This targeted monitoring may lead to the development of comprehensive management plans (e.g. TMDLs, etc.) for specific waterbodies. It also provides the pre-data for determining the resource's response to management measures that have been implemented (Tier 3). Monitoring in response to episodic events (e.g., fish kills), where the cause and extent of the problem must be determined, also falls under this tier, as do short-term, one-time Special Projects.