

## Chapter 9. Reporting

*Element 7. Annual public reporting of implementation activities and biennial reporting of load reductions and environmental impacts associated with each management activity in targeted watersheds*

### 9.1 EPA and Gulf Hypoxia Task Force Expectations

Quoted from EPA's recommended elements:

- "A. Establish a process to annually report for each targeted/priority sub-watershed: status, challenges, and progress toward meeting N & P loading reduction goals, as well as specific activities the state has implemented to reduce N & P loads such as: reducing identified practices that result in excess N & P runoff and documenting and verifying implementation and maintenance of source-specific best management practices.
- "B. Share annual report publicly on the state's website with request for comments and feedback for an adaptive management approach to improve implementation, strengthen collaborative local, county, state, and federal partnerships, and identify additional opportunities for accelerating cost effective N & P load reductions."

### 9.2 Wisconsin's Approach

Wisconsin plans to report on implementation activities and estimated nutrient reductions. Reporting will occur through a new annual forum or summit. This new annual event will highlight key issues and activities related to the strategy, provide a review of new information regarding watershed targeting, tracking, and monitoring, and help establish priorities and actions for partner agencies and organizations for the following year.

Summary information about nutrient reduction and related activities will also be reported through websites and through the biennial Integrated Report to Congress (the 305b Report). Efforts tied to specific programs and funding sources will also be reported through those program's required reporting structures (e.g., EPA 319 accomplishment reporting).

### 9.3 Future Directions

The first annual report would take place at a summit in June 2014. Options for reporting additional nutrient information through websites are under consideration.