



# Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Update

## What is the Water Quality Management Plan?

Ohio EPA oversees the State Water Quality Management Plan (Plan), also sometimes called the 208 Plan. The Plan is a requirement of Section 208 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and is an encyclopedia of information used to plot and direct actions that abate pollution and preserve clean water. A wide variety of issues are addressed and are framed within the context of applicable law and regulations. For some issues and locales, information about local communities may be covered in the plan. Other issues are covered only at a statewide level. Many of the topics or issues overlap with planning requirements of CWA Section 208. The Plan includes, through references to separate documents, all 208 plans in Ohio.

## What process will Ohio EPA use when updating the Plan?

Updates to the Plan will be done in phases. The process that Ohio EPA will follow for each phase includes several opportunities for public comment and is summarized in the table below.

### Water Quality Management Plan Update Process

Step	Process
Step One	Outreach to interested stakeholders and local governments. Phone calls followed by a letter.
Step Two	Public notice technical information that will be used to update the plan.
Step Three	Meet with stakeholders who provided comments and local governments to discuss updates.
Step Four	Draft revisions to the existing Plan.
Step Five	Public notice the draft revised Plan along with a public hearing.
Step Six	Consider and respond to comments. Update the Plan based on comments.
Step Seven	Public notice the proposed final Plan.
Step Eight	Send the Plan to the Governor to certify.

## What are the phases?

Ohio EPA will update the Plan in phases. The first four phases are detailed below, and Figure 1 displays a map of the counties with the different phases in different colors.

- 1) Chapters 1-6, Delaware County, Licking County, and generic prescription updates for 22 southeast counties
- 2) Appendix 9-3, Union County, Madison County, and Franklin County
- 3) Morrow County and Logan County
- 4) Pickaway County and Fairfield County

## Areawide Planning Agencies

There are six areawide planning agencies in Ohio that maintain the 208 plans for 24 counties. Figure 1 displays a map that shows the counties for which each areawide is responsible. Updates to the 208 plans for those 24 counties are incorporated into the statewide Plan.

## Additional Information

For additional information, please see our website: [Water Quality Management Plans](#).

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