



2018 Numeric Nutrient Criteria Technical Workshops

In 2018, EPA's Office of Science and Technology (OST), Health and Ecological Criteria Division will host three interactive workshops with water quality scientists and environmental experts from federal, state, and tribal governments and academia. These workshops will offer cross-regional collaboration to discuss technical advances in and challenges to numeric nutrient criteria development, to identify opportunities for program collaboration, and to target areas for technical assistance.

The goals of the workshops are to:

- communicate scientific information to state regulators that supports state numeric nutrient criteria or narrative criteria translator development;
- catalyze scientific discussions on emergent nutrient water quality issues; and
- identify future state-EPA partnerships supporting criteria development.

The workshops will focus on scientific advances relevant to numeric nutrient criteria development, examples of novel approaches that have been implemented to protect waters from nutrient pollution impairment, and topics of importance to states and tribes in each geographic location. The workshops will be co-led by staff from EPA's National Nutrient Criteria Program and the Regional Water Quality Standards Programs, with contributions from regional, state, and tribal experts.

Workshop Dates and Locations

The events will be held in three different cities:

Eastern Workshop

Atlanta, GA ● April 24–26, 2018

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Western Workshop

San Francisco, CA ● May 1–3, 2018

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Central Workshop

Dallas, TX ● September 11–13, 2018

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Next Steps

EPA is working to develop and distribute workshop agendas. Formal invitations to these workshops will be issued by EPA at least two months before each event.

Travel support will be available for one expert to attend per state and tribe (with TAS status and actively working on development of nutrient criteria) to share their experiences and challenges with deriving numeric nutrient criteria.