

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
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Q: Why do we need to update our project list by September 27, 2024?

A: Each lead entity in a nutrient-related BMAP must have a project list that demonstrates how they will reach the next milestone for their assigned responsibilities, based on Section 403.067(7)(a)6, Florida Statutes (F.S.). A compliant project list is required.

Q: How do I know what my entity's milestone(s) are?

A: Your DEP basin coordinator can provide you with your reduction requirements and the next milestone date. This information may have been provided to your organization in a recent meeting about your organization's allocations and milestones. If you do not know your basin coordinator, email BMAPPprogram@FloridaDEP.gov for more information.

Q: Does my entity have just one milestone or two milestones?

A: It depends on the BMAP areas and the impairments. Some BMAPs or specific basins have total nitrogen (TN) milestones, some have total phosphorus (TP) milestones, and some have both. Check with your basin coordinator if you are unsure what impairments you need to address.

Q: What if I do not have enough projects/reductions to meet our next milestone?

A: Section 403.067(7)(a)6, F.S. requires BMAP entities to demonstrate how they will achieve the necessary reductions of their loads. If your project list is incomplete to meet the next milestone, your organization will be out of compliance with the updated BMAP. An exception is if you have projects planned that require more time to plan and implement, so you have projects to meet both the next milestone and the subsequent milestone, in which case your projects and their completion dates will provide a compliance schedule for meeting your milestones. Note that not all BMAPs have more than one upcoming milestone because their final milestone is also the next milestone.

Q: Do the milestone requirements apply only to local governments or the entities that were required to submit OSTDS Remediation Plans or Wastewater Remediation Plans?

A: No, the milestone requirements apply to all lead entities in nutrient BMAPs, including entities that are not local governments or received exemptions from one or both remediation plans.

Q: What if our BMAP has qualitative allocations and our organization does not have a specific load reduction assigned to us? How do we comply?

A: Some organizations or BMAP areas are assigned qualitative responsibilities and do not currently need to meet a specific reduction amount. If you have questions about your entity's qualitative responsibilities, please contact your basin coordinator.