

Regional Council Initiative

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- Confirm leads
 - Some contacts have been identified for each region
 - Based on local knowledge, establish contacts monitoring agencies within your region – fed, state, local, volunteer, universities, others.
- Formulate agenda topics based on regional monitoring – we can help based on past topics of interest

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- Set up poll for first meeting – the kickoff meeting can be brief – webinar option
- Start with overview of the FWRMC and initiatives
 - Provide overview your program; invite speakers/groups to give presentations about their program
 - Look for commonalities and opportunities to coordinate monitoring to avoid duplication/overlap

Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council

Charges to the Council 2 of 4:

- Coordinate Florida's ongoing fresh water monitoring with new coastal monitoring network.
- Coordinate Florida's state monitoring efforts with local and federal monitoring programs.

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Data Challenges:

- Provide data/information that can be shared with others.
- Collect data that can be combined with that from other programs.
- Adopt means to distinguish data that is appropriate for the users purposes (metadata)

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Suggestions for outcomes:

RAMP examples and successes

- Overview of state/local programs
Who, what, when, why
- Initiation of RAMP Intercalibration
core parameters
evaluate field/lab methods

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- RAMP examples and successes, con't
 - Establish Core Parameters (Analytes)
 - Standardize Monitoring Activities
 - Evaluate/Standardize Methodologies
 - Minimize Duplication and Economize

RAMP Mission (2005)

- To foster cooperative participation of regional monitoring program staffs to improve comparability of surface water sample collection, in situ field measurements, and laboratory methods used by surface water quality monitoring programs in southwest Florida marine and freshwater systems.

Current Goals (2005)

- Goal 1: To provide enhanced communication and dissemination of information about surface water quality monitoring and associated analytical analyses of samples.

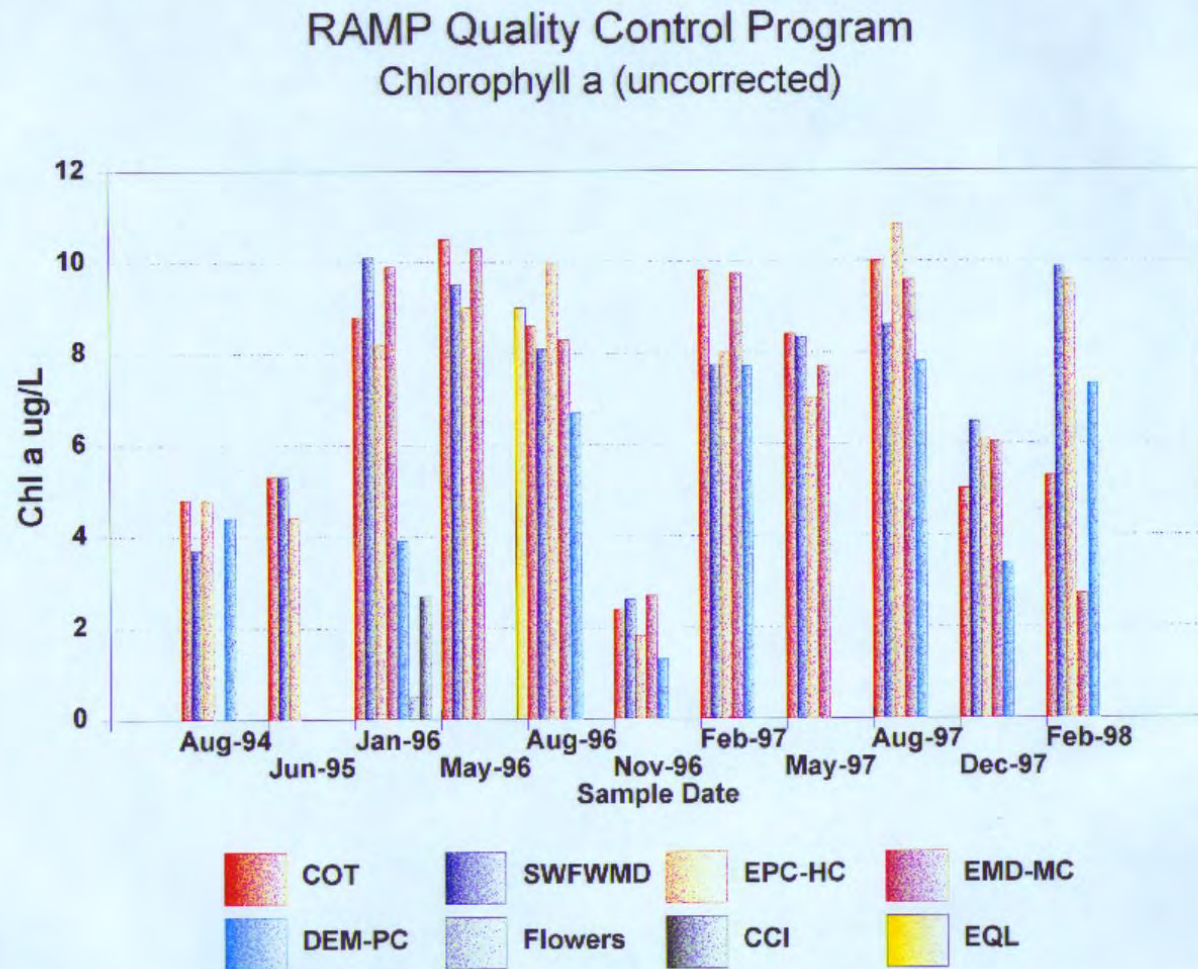
Current Goals (2005)

- Goal 2: To promote partnerships with federal, state, regional, local, and private agencies to improve the effectiveness, cost efficiency, and technical quality of surface water quality monitoring programs in Southwest Florida.

Current Goals (2005)

- Goal 3: To improve comparability of laboratory analytical methods.

Interlaboratory Comparisons



Current Goals (2005)

- Goal 4: To provide a forum for the exchange of surface water monitoring program related information and issues among SWF RAMP participants.

Current Goals (2005)

- Goal 5: To provide and share information to SWF RAMP participants about new sampling and analytical methods to improve water quality assessment capabilities.

Conclusion

- Comparable Data among agencies
- 18 years of success and cost savings
- Unified position on policies and procedures
- Influential on environmental restoration efforts

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