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2024 Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Update Overview

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Requested 2024 QAPP Updates:

1. QAPP Standard from R-5 QAPP Format Update
2. BIL/IIJA Project Inclusions
3. Wastewater Default Data
4. Conowingo Updates
5. Participatory Science

QAPP Standard from R-5 Update Overview

- Quality Assurance Project Plans can ensure the accuracy of environmental data sets, including pollutants, water quality, land use, algae, fish, crabs and submerged aquatic vegetation.
- We have requested a format change from the past R-5 format to the current QAPP Standard.
- A crosswalk of the differences between these two formats has been provided to your jurisdiction but we wanted to go over that crosswalk in more depth here.

QAPP R-5 to Standard Crosswalk

This crosswalk goes between past R-5 format and the new QAPP standard format and outlines changes to those sections:

CROSSWALK BETWEEN
EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans EPA QA/R-5 (March 2001)
and Quality Assurance Project Plan Standard (July 18, 2023)

Screenshot from Crosswalk >

Highlighted sections in the “Comments” are provided to point out takeaways for each section.

Page	EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans EPA QA/R-5	Quality Assurance Project Plan Standard	Page	Comments
Title Page	US Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Information EPA/240/B-01/002 March 2001 EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans EPA QA/R-5	EPA IT/IM Directive STANDARD Quality Assurance Project Plan Standard July 18, 2023	1	No Title Page in IT/IM Directives Format. (Document title only.) Approved by OMS Deputy Assistant Administrator/Chief Information Officer (DAA/CIO) on page 33.
i	FOREWARD (includes contact information)	Contact information included in 11. CONTACTS	NA	No FOREWARD section in IT/IM Directives Format.
ii	ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	NA	NA	No ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS section in IT/IM Directives Format.
iii	TABLE OF CONTENTS	NA	NA	No TABLE OF CONTENTS in IT/IM Directives Format.
B-1	APPENDIX B: TERMS and DEFINITIONS	APPENDIX A: ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS	34	
Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION		NA	NA	No INTRODUCTION Section in IT/IM Format.
1	1.1 Background	NA	NA	No BACKGROUND Section in IT/IM Directives Format.
	No Equivalent Section.	2. SCOPE	1	Equivalent content/format to Environmental Information Quality

QAPP R-5 to Standard Crosswalk

This crosswalk goes between the sections of the QAPP and outlines changes to those sections based on the past R-5 format.

See below a few of the differences listed on the crosswalk that should be made to the 2024 QAPP Standard format:

1. No Title Page, Forward, Acknowledgements, or Table of Contents in IT/IM Directives Format.
2. No Introduction, or associated Background section within the Introduction, in IT/IM Directives Format.
3. Scope and Authority Sections stay as is.

2024 QAPP Finalization Timeline

- **September 3, 2024:** Initial updates to 2023 Approved QAPPs due for 2024 Progress.
- **December 2, 2024:** Additional refinements to 2024 QAPPs due following CBPO review.
- **Dec 3-Dec 11, 2024:** CBPO will reach out to schedule QAPP and BMP submission meeting to discuss any additional questions/comments.
- **February 10, 2025: Final QAPPs due** from jurisdictions that address all outstanding CBPO QAPP comments, please sign these QAPPs and remove track changes before submitting
- **March 7, 2025:** Finalized QAPP and associated QAPP Status Memo to be sent to jurisdictions (only approved QAPPs will be signed by EPA staff)

Please refer to the 2024 Progress Schedule located [here](#) for additional details.

Happy 7/11 day!

Be sure to go by your local 7/11 for a free slushie to help beat the heat!





Thank you!

Any questions? Contact us!

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