

Environmental Trend Data Needs -- Water Quality
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1. What parameters does the DEQ monitor routinely?
2. Is there a database available to the public that shows which parameters are monitored on which streams?
3. Are the data collected useful in evaluating trends? If not, can you identify additional monitoring that would be helpful in identifying trends? Is it possible to summarize in any way whether or not water quality is improving, declining or staying the same? Will it be possible in the future?
4. Is water quality monitoring on impaired streams adequate to document (to EPA or to a court) when a water body is no longer impaired? If not, will it be in the future? Do you have any recommendations to ensure that Montana can document whether or not water bodies meet water quality standards.
5. What types of benchmarks are being established for impaired streams. How are they similar to or different from water quality standards?
6. Do we have baseline data? Do we need baseline data to demonstrate compliance with federal law? Would it be beneficial to have more baseline data?
7. Are the data accurate and accepted?