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**Nutrient Reduction Progress Tracker Version 1.0 – 2017 Report
Executive Summary**

The Nutrients Working Group (“NWG”), a partnership between ACWA, EPA, and ASDWA, began work in 2014 to identify a set of measures that demonstrate progress toward nutrient reduction in the nation’s waters. States recognized that while there is a national metric tracking state adoption of numeric nitrogen and phosphorus criteria for lakes, estuaries, and flowing waters, there was an opportunity to also measure the myriad of other approaches states are taking to reduce nutrient pollution.

The NWG concluded that the best way to begin to track and demonstrate progress on nutrient reduction would be a short, easy-to-complete form of agreed upon measures that states would complete on a routine basis. The Nutrient Reduction Progress Tracker Version 1.0 – 2017 (the “Tracker”) is the culmination of that effort.

Released to states in September 2017, the Tracker seeks data and information for multiple nutrients topic areas: state strategies, monitoring, assessment, non-point sources, point sources, and drinking water. EPA contributed national data for eight (8) of the questions. Thirty-one (31) states, including the District of Columbia, submitted responses to the Tracker. The Report summarizes the data received.

This Report is the first in what will be a series of reports on state progress to reduce nutrient loads based on information from the Nutrient Reduction Progress Tracker. The NWG will continue to refine the Tracker questions and dig deeper on certain results as the project moves forward. The Tracker will build upon itself each year, allowing for better tracking and understanding of state nutrient reduction progress and trends nationwide.

Though this is the first year of this effort, the results make it clear that states are taking a variety of significant and creative actions to reduce nutrient loads in their waters. This progress is an outcome of states collaborating with their publicly owned treatment works and facilities, state drinking water partners, state agriculture departments, federal agencies, conservation offices, NGOs, the private sector, and other entities to reduce nutrient pollution.

To view the report, go to <https://www.acwa-us.org/focus-areas/nutrients-policy/nutrients-reduction-progress-tracker/>.

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