

**ACWA NPDES Permit Writers' Workshop
September 17, 2019**

WQS Variances and NPDES Permits: Coordination Across Programs

Questions for Group Discussion

1) If the WQS program in your state was in the process of developing, submitting or implementing a WQS variance, do you think that your permitting program should be engaged? If so, at what stage of the WQS variance process?

2) What value would/does the permit program bring to the table when your state is planning/drafting WQS variances?

**3)a. How do you collaborate with your WQS counterpart(s)/program on other WQS/NPDES issues?
b. Would that kind of collaboration would be beneficial when developing and/or implementing a WQS variance?**

4) What kind of resources or support would be useful to enhance the collaboration between the WQS and NPDES permitting programs during the WQS variance process? (e.g. additional training on WQS variances; information on opportunities for coordination, etc.)