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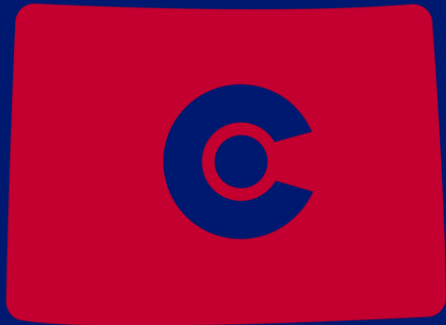
Choose Your Own Adventure: Navigating Site-Specific Criteria

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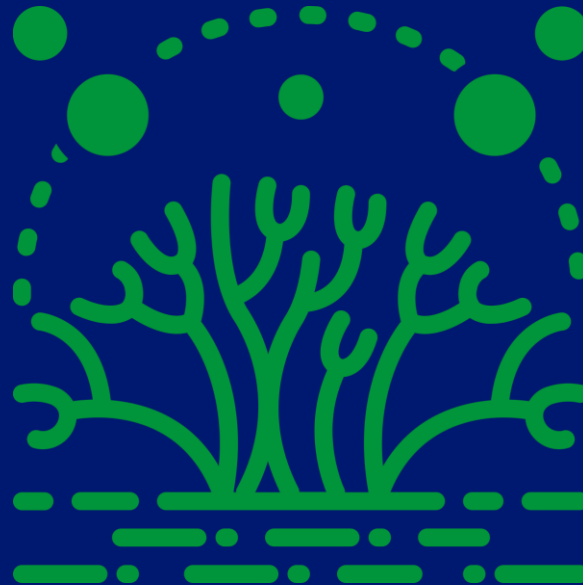
Association of Clean Water Administrators Annual Meeting
Madison, WI

Overview

Site-specific
approaches in
Colorado



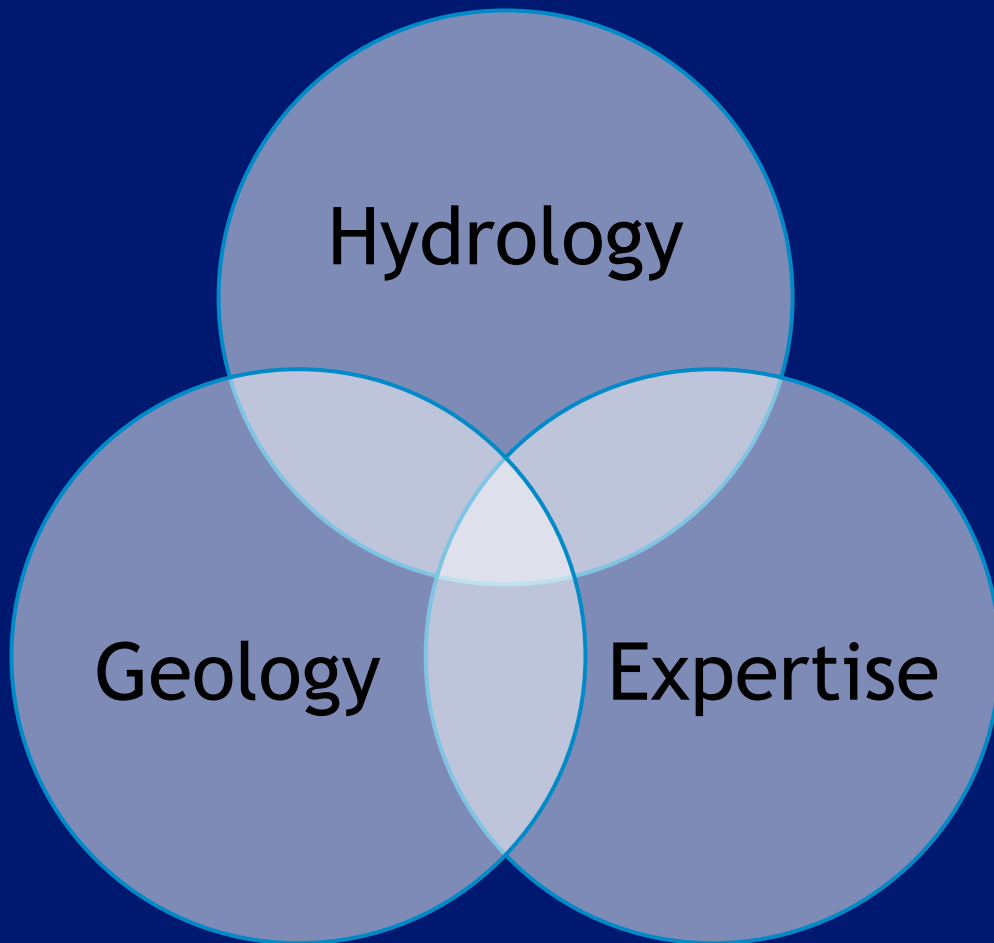
Colorado
approach to
nutrients



Considerations
and questions

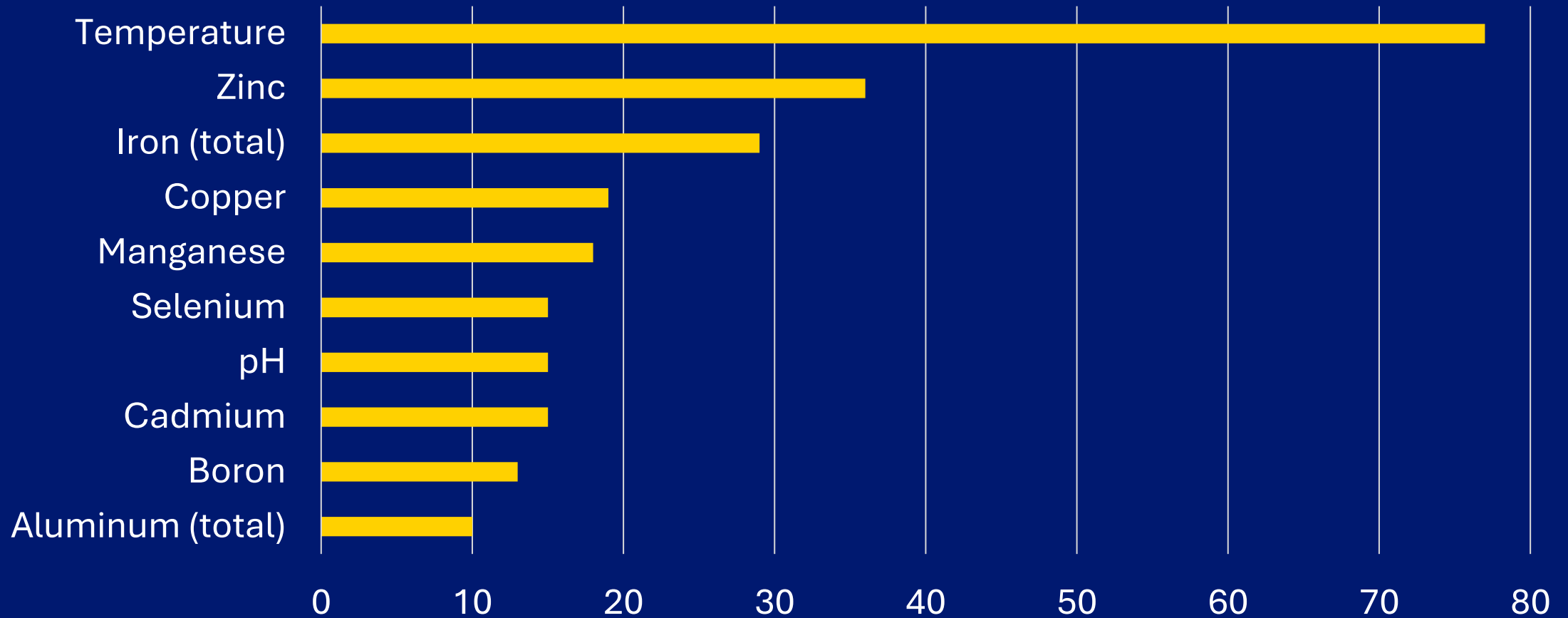


Why site-specific standards?



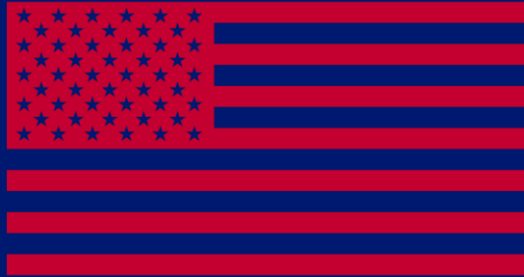
**80% of our water
is in the west.
90% of our people
are in the east.**

Site-specific standards for what?



Site-specific standards how?

EPA approaches



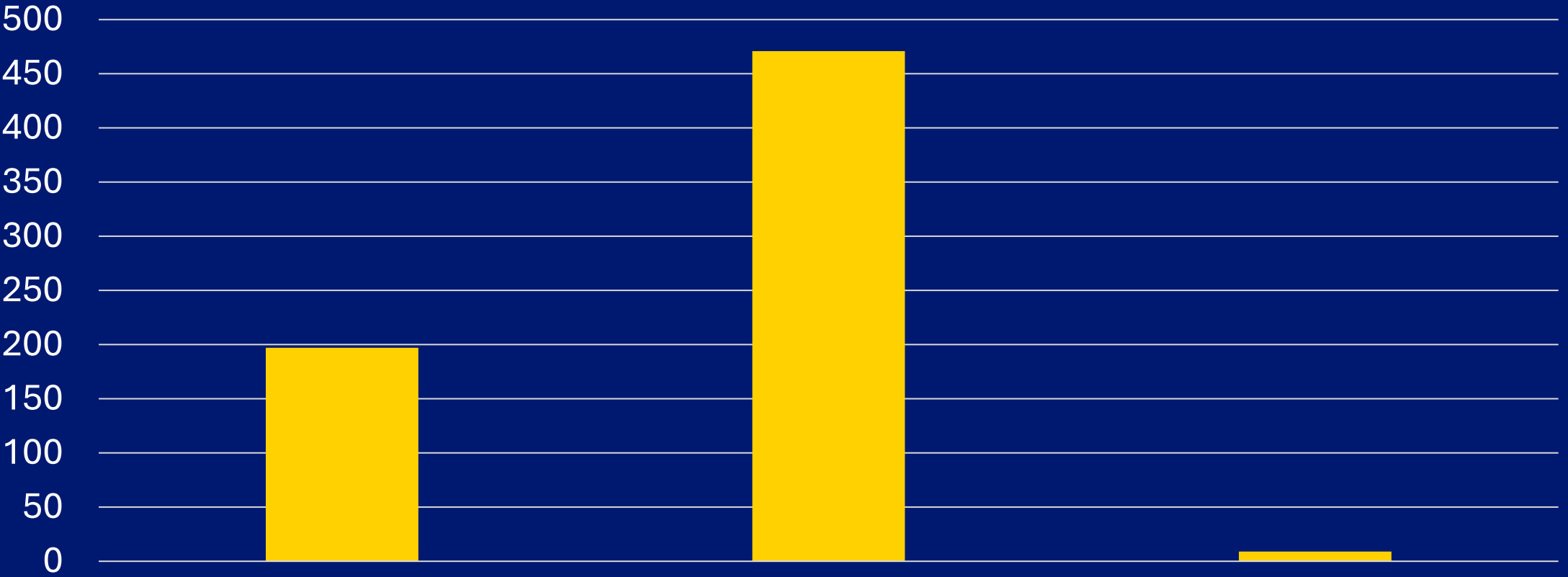
Ambient
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Narrative



There's more...



site-specific standards temporary modifications discharger specific variances

Colorado approach to nutrients

Nutrients Management Control Regulation

- Technology based treatment requirements
- Enhanced controls for stormwater dischargers
- Voluntary controls of nonpoint sources
- Monitoring requirements
- Voluntary Incentive Program

Traditional WQBEL Approach

- Focused on protection of classified uses
- Applied to streams and lakes above dischargers
- Applied to protect municipal water supplies

Considerations and questions

