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# Choose Your Own Adventure: Navigating Site-Specific Criteria

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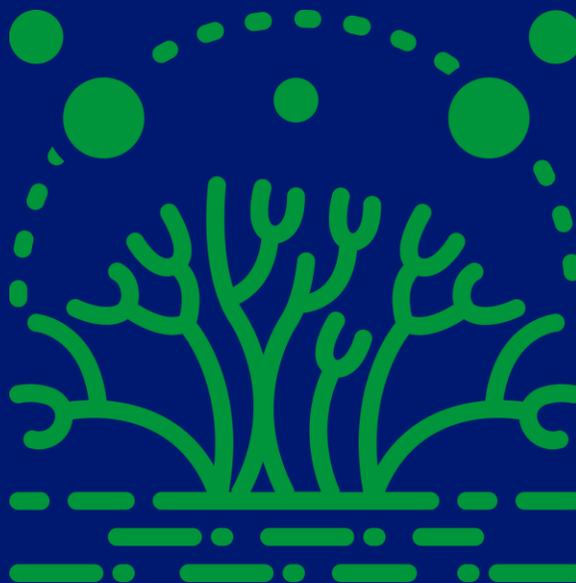
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# Overview

Site-specific approaches in Colorado



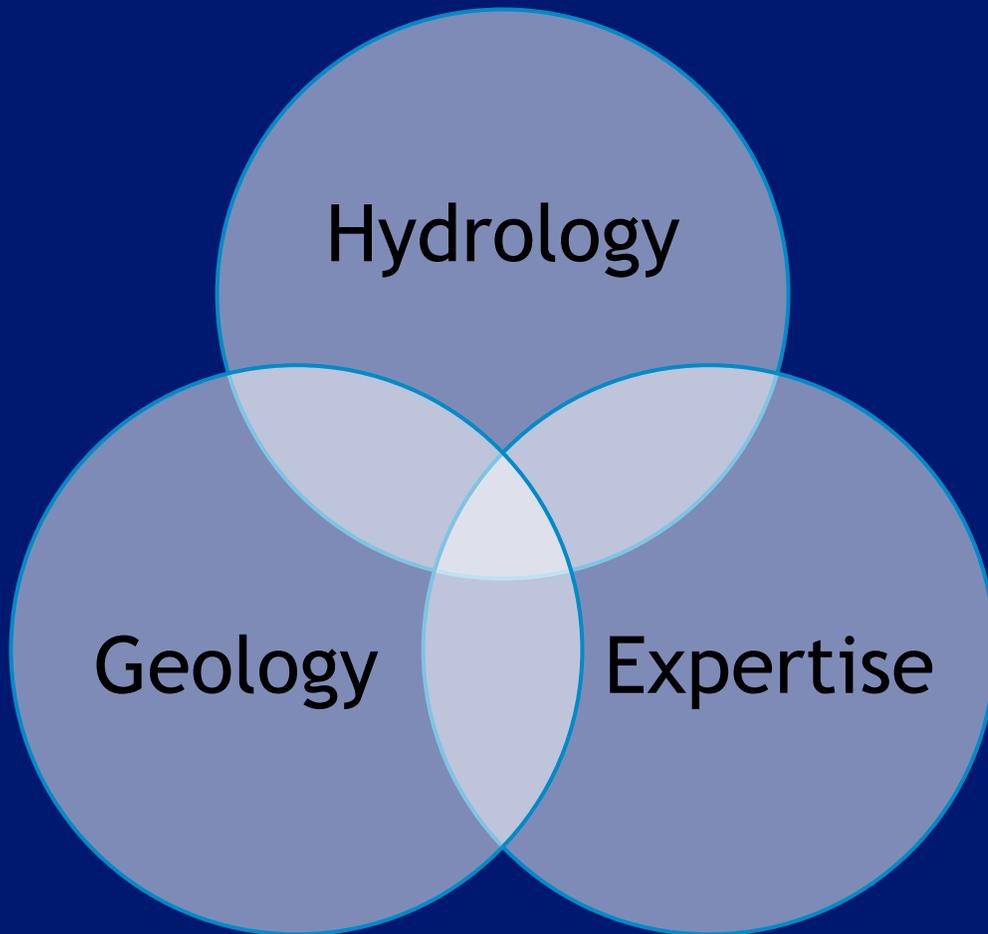
Colorado approach to nutrients



Considerations and questions



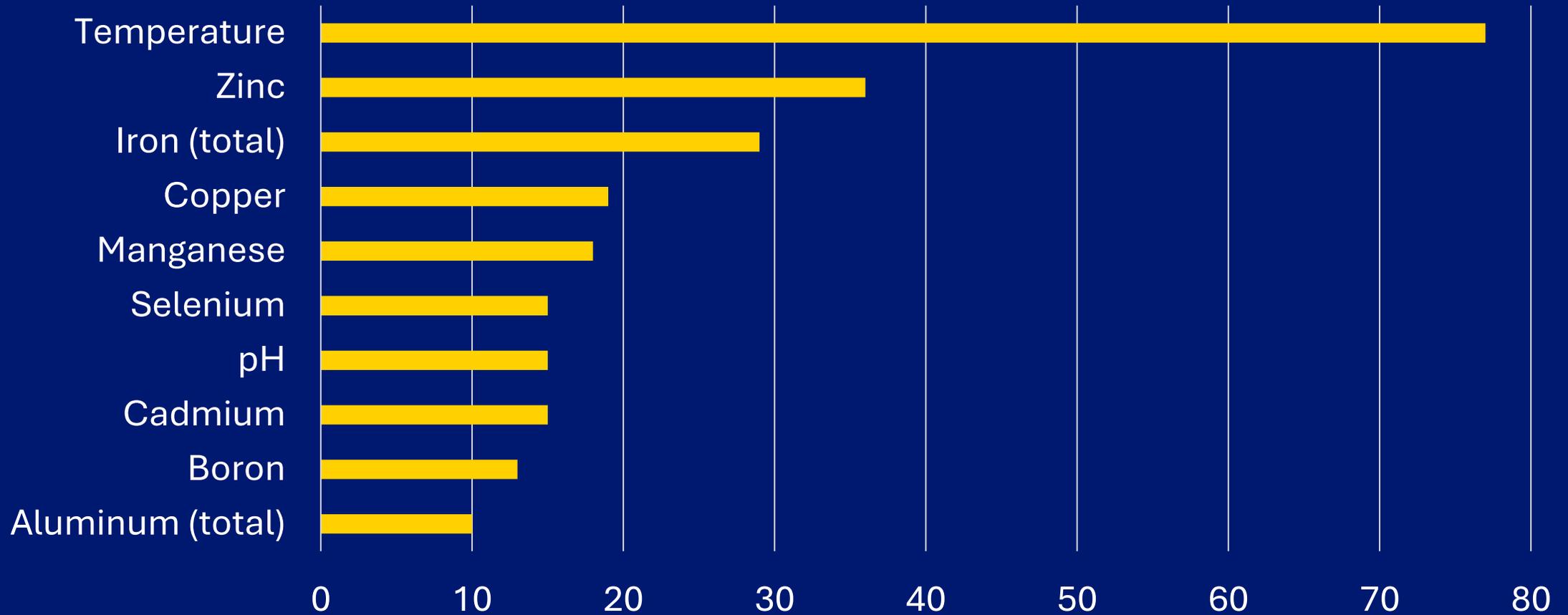
# Why site-specific standards?



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



# Site-specific standards for what?

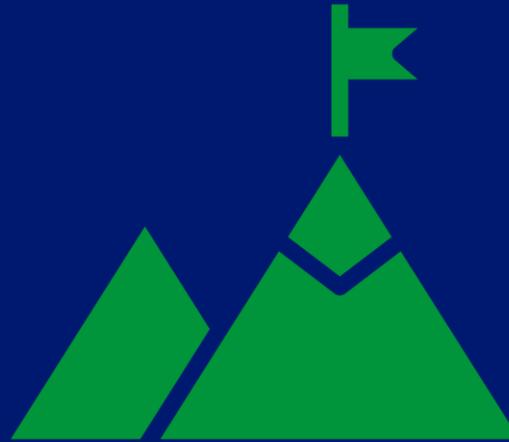


# Site-specific standards how?

EPA approaches



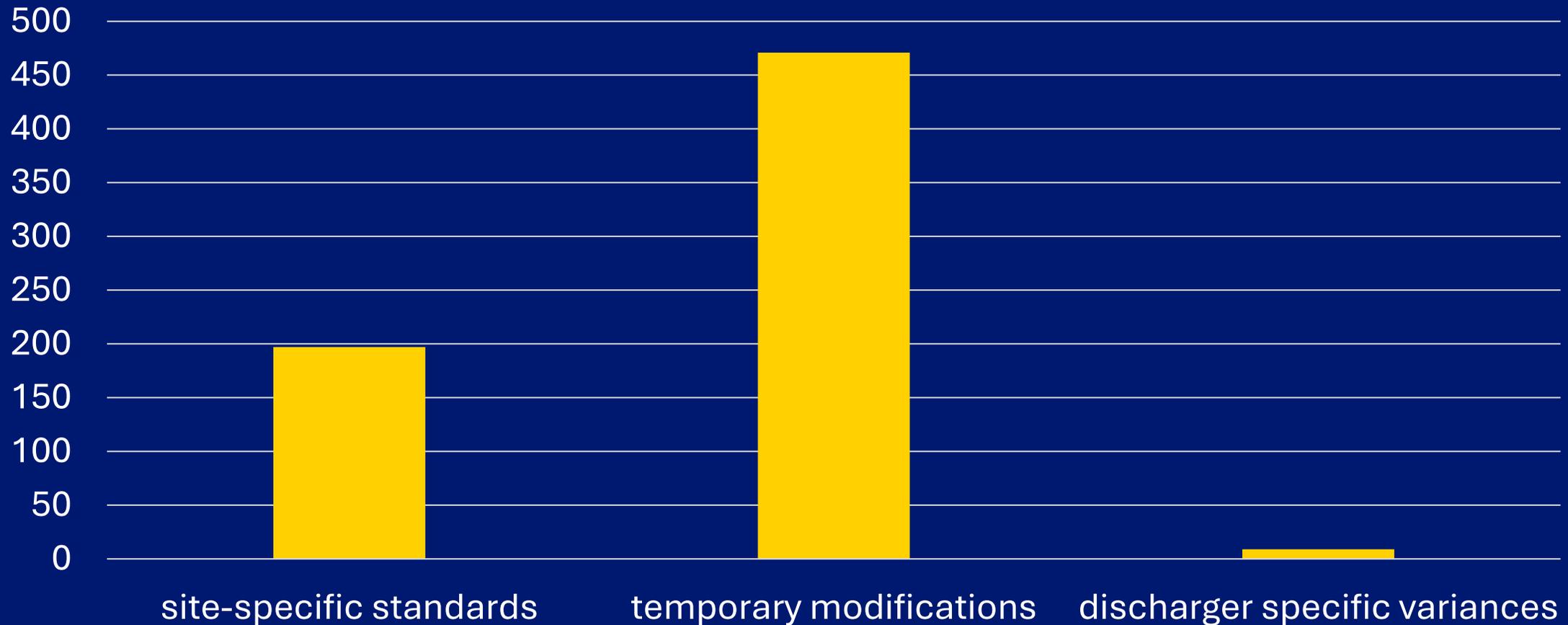
Ambient conditions



Narrative



# There's more...



# 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

