

Hypoxia Task Force



Mississippi River
Gulf of Mexico
Watershed Nutrient
Task Force



EPA Tools to Help You Get Involved

Hypoxia Task Force States continue to develop [state nutrient reduction strategies](#) that serve as the detailed plans for nutrient load reductions both in-state and in the Gulf of Mexico. Some states have already completed their strategies, while others continue to work on completing draft and final documents.

As states move into the stage of implementing their strategies, they will need help from external partners. The effort needed to tackle the nutrient problems in the Mississippi River Basin and the Gulf will only be successful if many organizations step up to help. The more groups that join the effort, the better chance we will succeed! Contact your HTF state agency to ask how you can get involved in implementing the state nutrient reduction strategies.

Below is a list of [EPA tools](#) available to states and interested stakeholders working to reduce nutrient pollution.

[How's My Waterway](#)

watersgeo.epa.gov/mywaterway

How's My Waterway is a website or app that can be downloaded onto your phone that allows you to learn about the condition of local streams, lakes and other waters anywhere in the US. You can see if your local waterway was checked for pollution, what was found, and what is being done.

[Discharge Monitoring Report \(DMR\) Pollutant Loading Tool](#)

cfpub.epa.gov/dmr

Focused on point source discharges, the loading tool is designed to help you determine who is discharging, what pollutants they are discharging, and how much, and where they are discharging. The tool calculates pollutant loadings from NPDES permit and discharge monitoring report data.

[Nitrogen and Phosphorus Pollution Data Access Tool](#)

www2.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/nitrogen-and-phosphorus-pollution-data-access-tool

Designed to help states develop strategies to address nitrogen and phosphorus pollution. The tool provides a geospatial viewer and data downloads.

[Water Quality Data Portal](#)

www.waterqualitydata.us

A cooperative service sponsored by the US Geological Survey (USGS), EPA, and the National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC). It serves data collected by over 400 state, federal, tribal, and local agencies. It provides an easy way to access data stored in various large water quality databases.

[Community Outreach Toolkit](#)

owpubauthor.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/outreach/upload/EPA-Community-Outreach-Toolkit-508-Compliant.pdf

The goal of this toolkit is to assist state and local agencies, watershed groups, nongovernmental organizations and others in developing effective communications materials related to nitrogen and phosphorus pollution.

[Adopt Your Watershed](#)

water.epa.gov/action/adopt

This website is designed to show people how they can take part in activities to protect and restore their local watersheds. It has an online database of more than 2,600 watershed groups and includes information about opportunities to get involved in activities such as volunteer water monitoring, stream cleanups, and storm drain marking.