

Draft Workgroup Strategic Plan

(Updated October 2001)

Workgroup Name: Tributary Network

Objectives/Tasks	Responsibility	Timeline	Status	Products	Notes
1. Determine overall monitoring goals for the basin.				[link all products when completed]	
1.1 Establish set of major monitoring goals	Full workgroup	November 2001	In progress	List of basinwide tributary monitoring goals	
2. Establish coordinated monitoring network for Lake Michigan Tributaries.					
2.1 Approve prioritized list of tributary indicators (biological, chemical, and physical) and associated metrics	Full workgroup	November 2001	LaMP and SOLEC lists exist. Sublist not yet generated.	Detailed list of tributary indicators.	List should include metrics or parameters and be prioritized by importance to basinwide management.
2.2 Compile list of participating agencies and individuals	Participating individuals	Initial list suggested; ongoing updates	Prospective list generated. Details and confirmation needed.	Membership contact list.	Should ultimately include individuals with knowledge of monitoring procedures and authority to change them.
2.3					
3. Determine comparable data collection protocols					
3.1 Establish methodological standards	Indicator teams	Variable; first standards by 1/02	Several QA/QC protocols are available. Need for review.	Minimum methodology standards for indicators	
3.2 Implement metadata standards	Metadata team	Initial standards by 1/02	Several metadata standards exist. Need to be examined for applicability.	Approved basinwide metadata standards	Network member organizations need to agree to adopt standards
3.3 Establish site selection procedures and data collection timetables	Indicator teams	Procedures for initial indicator by 3/02	No coordinated procedures established	Coordinated data collection plans for each indicator	Site selection should be flexible to meet member organization goals
3.4 Establish minimum quality assurance (QA) requirements	Indicator teams	Included with 3.3 above	Variable across agencies	Set of QA requirements for each indicator	
3.5					
4. Establish data sharing protocols					
4.1 Incorporate standard metadata into relevant data sets.	Network members	Spring/Summer 02 field season	No assessment of metadata compliance	Data sets with greater sharability	

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4.2 Link databases containing monitoring data	Contractor?	2003	Several smaller efforts underway.	A shared, virtual database of monitoring data.	
4.3					
5. Develop a coordinated funding plan					