

## **MIXING ZONES - REVIEWING OUR POLICY**

**WHAT IS IT** - A EXAMINATION OF OUR MIXING ZONE REGULATION, POLICY AND PRACTICES

**WHY** - WHAT IS THE BIOLOGICAL IMPACT OF MIXING ZONES (reduction of beneficial uses)

- WHAT IS INCREASE IN LOADING AS A RESULT OF AUTHORIZING MIXING ZONES

### **PROCESS**

- REVIEW NATIONAL DATA ON BIOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF MIXING ZONES - COMPLETED (TetraTech 2007)
- DEVELOP STUDY PLAN FOR QUANTIFYING BIOLOGICAL IMPACT (in progress)

### **NEXT STEP**

- **CONDUCT BIOLOGICAL IMPACT STUDY PRIOR TO DISCUSSING POLICY OR**
- **PROCEED WITH POLICY DISCUSSION ABSENT IMPACT DATA (as a process for reducing loading for mixing zone pollutants)**