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EPA will not approve or disapprove your methodology. EPA will consider your methodology in its review and approval or disapproval of your next list.

§ 130.25 What is the scope of your list of impaired waterbodies?

(a) Your approvable list of impaired waterbodies includes, based on all existing and readily available water quality-related data and information using appropriate quality assurance/quality control:

(1) Waterbodies that are impaired by individual pollutants, multiple pollutants, or pollution from any source, including point sources, nonpoint sources, storm water sources for which a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is not required, ground water, and atmospheric deposition.

(2) Waterbodies for which biological information indicates that they do not attain and maintain water quality standards.

(3) Waterbodies that are impaired by point sources only, nonpoint sources only, or by a combination of point and nonpoint sources.

(b) Your list may include, at your option, waterbodies that are not impaired, but which, based on expected changes in loadings or conditions, you anticipate will become impaired in the next four years.

§ 130.26 How do you apply your water quality standards antidegradation policy to the listing of impaired waterbodies?

(a) Water quality standards as defined at 40 CFR part 131 include several requirements, including one for a State antidegradation policy. Your list must include waterbodies consistent with your antidegradation policy as described below.

(1) Any waterbody is impaired if it is not maintaining a designated use or more protective existing use that was attained on or after November 28, 1975.

(2) Any Tier 3 waterbody is impaired when the level of water quality that existed at the time the waterbody was designated as Tier 3 has declined. Tier 3 waters are waters you have designated as outstanding national resource waters.

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(b) [Reserved]

§ 130.27 How must you format your list of impaired waterbodies?

(a) Your list of impaired waterbodies must include the following four parts:

(1) *Part 1.* Waterbodies impaired by one or more pollutant(s) as defined by § 130.2(d), unless listed in Part 3 or 4. Waterbodies identified as impaired through biological information must be listed on Part 1 unless you know that the impairment is not caused by one or more pollutants, in which case you may place the waterbody on Part 2 of the list. Where the waterbody is listed due to biological information, the first step in establishing the TMDL is identifying the pollutant(s) causing the impairment. Waterbodies must also be included on Part 1 where you or EPA have determined, in accordance with §§ 130.32(c)(1)(v), (2)(vii), and (3)(i), that a TMDL needs to be revised. Waterbodies that you chose to list pursuant to § 130.25(b), because you anticipate that they will become impaired by one or more pollutant(s), must be included on Part 1 of your list. A TMDL is required for waterbodies on Part 1 of the list.

(2) *Part 2.* Waterbodies impaired by pollution as defined by § 130.2(c) but not impaired by one or more pollutants. A TMDL is not required for waterbodies on Part 2 of the list.

(3) *Part 3.* Waterbodies for which EPA has approved or established a TMDL and water quality standards have not yet been attained. The waterbody must be placed on Part 1 of the list and scheduled for establishment of a new TMDL if you or EPA determine that substantial progress towards attaining the water quality standard is not occurring.

(4) *Part 4.* Waterbodies that are impaired, for which the State, Territory, or authorized Tribe demonstrates that water quality standards will be attained by the date of submission of the next list as a result of implementation of technology-based effluent limitations required by sections 301(b), 306, or 307 of the Clean Water Act or other controls enforceable by State, Territorial or authorized Tribal or Federal law or regulation (including more stringent water quality-based effluent