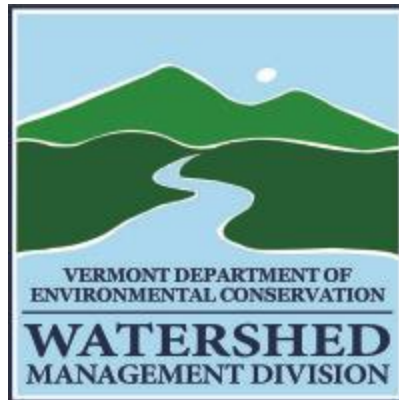


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consistent with applicable state and federal law, for how various sources of pollution within each basin will be managed in order to achieve compliance with these rules. The Secretary is required by state law to revise all 15 tactical basin plans on a five-year rotating basis.

- (2) As part of the tactical basin planning process, public participation shall be sought to identify and inventory problems, solutions, high quality waters, existing uses and the quality of such uses, and significant resources of high public interest.
- (3) In preparing tactical basin plans, the Secretary shall, to the extent required by applicable law, consider all relevant aspects of approved municipal plans and regional plans adopted under 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117 and coordinate and cooperate with the Secretary of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets as provided for in 6 V.S.A. Chapter 215.
- (4) Each tactical basin plan shall identify strategies, where necessary, by which to allocate levels of pollution between various sources as well as between individual discharges. Tactical basin plans shall, to the extent appropriate, contain specific recommendations by the Secretary that include the identification of all known existing uses, any recommended changes in classification and designation of waters, including reclassifying waters' uses from Class B(2) to a higher classification level and designating waters as Outstanding Resource Waters, schedules and funding for remediation, stormwater management, riparian zone management, and other measures or strategies pertaining to the enhancement and maintenance of the quality of waters within the basin.
- (5) Upon adoption of a tactical basin plan, the Secretary shall promptly initiate rulemaking and shall give due consideration to the recommendations contained in the tactical basin plan.

(f) Hydrology Policy.

- (1) The proper management of water resources now and for the future requires careful consideration of the interruption of the natural flow regime and the fluctuation of water levels resulting from the construction of new, and the operation of existing, dams, diversions, and other control structures. These rules, in conjunction with other applicable law, provide a means for determining conditions which preserve, to the extent practicable, the natural flow regime of waters.
- (2) When determining necessary streamflows or conditions necessary to further the goals of this policy through application of the applicable Agency of Natural Resources procedures or regulations, the Secretary, as provided for in 10 V.S.A. § 1003, may cooperate with appropriate federal, state, municipal, and private interests in achieving voluntary agreements relating to artificial streamflow regulation that assure consistency with these rules.