

State/EPA Workshop on Interim Measure of Progress

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Overview

- Recap Charge of Workshop
- Recap Basic Elements of Effective Performance Measures
- Recap Timeframe for FY11 National Water Program Guidance



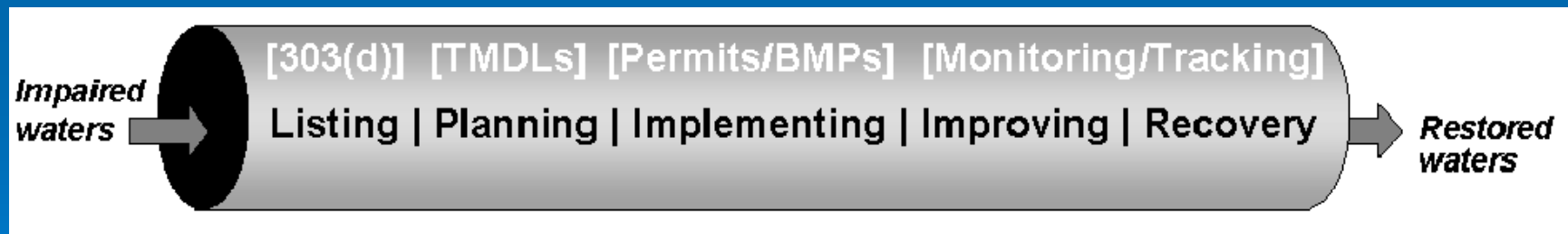
Recap Charge of Workshop

- Develop or revise national incremental measures of water quality to fully capture the environmental improvements made by states and EPA towards full attainment
- Incremental measures supplement SP10 and WQ 10
 - Indicator measures to supplement SP11 and WQ9

Clean Water Act impaired waters program pipeline*

Charge of Workshop is to:

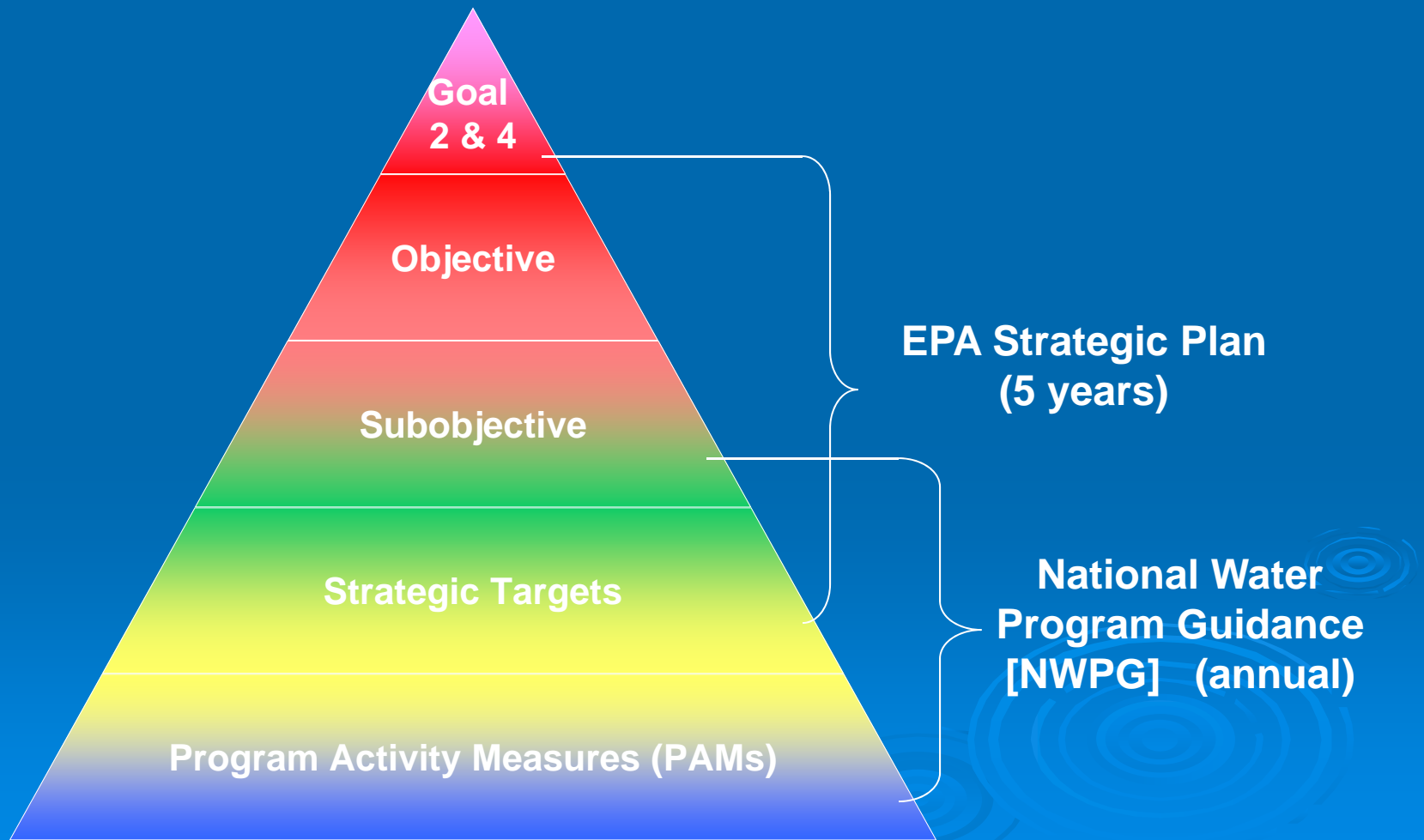
Develop incremental measures to capture implementation of permits or BMPs and/or improvements in water quality that can be demonstrated through monitoring or other tracking mechanisms



* Courtesy of the TMDL Program Results Analysis Project led by Doug Norton

Recap

National Water Program's Performance Measure Architecture



Recap


Basic Elements for Effective and Meaningful Performance Measures

- Measures should track incremental progress towards full attainment
- Measures and units should be understandable, clearly defined, and stable over time
- Measures should have an identified data source and make use of existing data systems where applicable
- Data should meet EPA requirements for quality

Basic Elements for Effective and Meaningful Performance Measures (cont'd)

- Reporting on results should be relatively easy to execute within appropriate timeframes
- Measures should have appropriate and ambitious targets within a reasonable timeframe, whenever possible
- Measure target and results should be cumulative or annual

Basic Elements for Effective and Meaningful Performance Measures (cont'd)

- Programs should establish baselines and universes
 - Measures should be as quantitative as much as possible
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Recap

General Timeframe for National Water Program Guidance (NWPG)

- Nov 2009 – Agency initiates planning
 - Feb 2010 – Publish draft NWPG
 - Mar 2010 – Public comment
 - Apr 2010 – Publish final NWPG
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