

Updated 2013-2036 Timeline for Completing the Vermont Lake Champlain Restoration Plan - [Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)]

Steps	Timeframe
State releases Draft Proposal	November 21, 2013
EPA and State hold 6 public meetings on Draft Proposal	December 2-11, 2013
State and regional planning and development agencies hold 13 additional public meetings	December 18- January 16, 2014
State receives public comments on Draft Proposal	By January 17, 2014
State submits final Phase I Implementation Plan to meet the TMDL's Reasonable Assurance provision based on Draft Proposal and public comments	May 29, 2014
Governor signs letter of commitment, supporting policy commitments contained in the Phase 1 Plan	May 29, 2014
EPA and State hold 4 public meetings to discuss technical elements of the TMDL	November, 2014
State submits legislative report on funding needs and strategy to EPA	December 30, 2014
State passes Act 64 – Vermont Clean Water Act – to support TMDL implementation	June 17, 2015
EPA issues Draft TMDL and opens 60-day public comment period	August 14, 2015
EPA and State hold 3 public meetings to discuss draft TMDL	August, 2015
EPA issues final TMDL; State continues implementation	June 17, 2016
State prepares final draft Phase I Implementation Plan to reflect final TMDL; hold a 30-day public period	July-August, 2016
State releases final Phase I Implementation Plan	September 15, 2016
State develops and implements 5-year Tactical Basin Plans/Phase II Implementation Plans for each of the Basin's watersheds	2016-2036
State submits to EPA an interim report on the Accountability Framework to ensure commitments are on target	December 2016
State submits to EPA an updated spending plan for TMDL implementation based on available federal and state funds	December, 2016
EPA issues interim report card to assess Vermont's success in meeting the 2016 Accountability Framework milestones	First Quarter 2017
EPA issues final report card to assess Vermont's success in meeting the 2017 Accountability Framework milestones	First Quarter 2018
EPA issues an interim report card on progress for each Tactical Basin Plan (Phase 2 Implementation Plan)	Every 2.5 years
EPA issues a final report card on progress and degree of implementation of priority actions for each Tactical Basin Plan (Phase 2 Implementation Plan)	Every 5 years

* When a TMDL depends on some pollution reduction from nonpoint sources, there must be "reasonable assurance" that the nonpoint source load reductions will be achieved.