

EY 2001 WORKPLAN - INDIANA
GROUND WATER MONITORING REVIEW FOLLOW-UP

OBJECTIVE: During evaluation year (EY) 2000, a joint Division of Reclamation (DOR) and Indianapolis Field Office (IFO) team recommended a system and procedure to be used by the DOR inspectors to assure the timely collecting, reporting, and review of ground water monitoring information necessary for informed decision making and the utilization and maintenance of a ground water database. The objective of this review is to determine what efforts the DOR has made to implement the following recommendations made by the team:

1. Approve and implement a ground water monitoring data review procedure proposed by the team.
2. Provide a general hydrology and geology training to inspectors similar to what was proposed in 1996. Provide specific training to inspectors on implementation of the ground water monitoring data review procedure.
3. Develop a database that will identify all the required surface water monitoring stations and ground water monitoring wells and the applicable monitoring requirements. The team made recommendations on the capabilities of the database.
4. In an effort to reduce the numbers of different ground water monitoring plans, ask permittees to submit requests for revisions of pre 12/1/1996 ground water monitoring plans to correspond with the most recent regulatory requirements with regard to the parameters requiring monitoring, monitoring frequency, and the requirement for submittal of the data to the DOR.
5. Request permittees to provide the DOR with copies of ground water monitoring data not previously provided and enter this data into the ground water database.
6. Complete the backlog of ground water monitoring data entry into the database. Identify and correct data entry errors in the ground water database.

METHODOLOGY: The DOR should inform the IFO by December 1, 2000, which of the team's recommendations it will implement, with or without modification, and provide a schedule for implementation. By July 1, 2001, the DOR will provide the IFO with a written report describing the actions taken by the DOR to implement the recommendations described above. If the recommendations have not been fully implemented by then, the DOR will provide the IFO with an estimate of the time required to fully implement the recommendations and afterwards, provide the IFO with a written report describing how the recommendations were implemented.

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