

What Words and Phrases Should be Included in the SNMP Glossary?

Draft definitions will be discussed in October and finalized in November.

Spatial Terms

Groundwater basin or sub-basin
Groundwater Production Zone
Groundwater Upper Zone
Management Zone
First Encountered Groundwater
Area-of-Influence (aka Zone-of-Contribution) for discharge(s) on receiving water(s)

Concentration Terms

Assimilative capacity
Current water quality
Average concentration
"Naturally-occurring background concentration" (*method for calculating*)
"Imperceptible improvement in water quality"

Use Impairment Terms

"Pollution or nuisance"
"Water quality objectives are being or are threatening to be exceeded"
"Will not unreasonably affect present and anticipated beneficial uses"
Water quality standard is "in attainment" vs. "non-attainment" (restoration threshold)

Implementation Terms

"Best Practicable Treatment or Control (BPTC)"
"Best Efforts"
"Best Management Practices (BMP)"
Not reasonably feasible or practicable (infeasible, impracticable, unreasonable)
"Reasonable progress toward attainment"

Antidegradation Terms

"Maximum benefit to the people of California"
"Necessary to accommodate important social and economic growth in the region"
"Substantial and widespread social and economic impact"

Programmatic Terms

Alternative Compliance Program/Project
Offset
Exception
Variance
Early Action Plan
Trigger(s)