

ROTATING STATION MONITORING RESULTS & DISCUSSION

The goal of the rotating portion of the program is to provide short-term assessments on priority waters as identified by a state agency or other party. Two over-arching objectives were identified to aid in the determination of what would qualify as a rotating site. First of all, it was determined that data collection at a particular site should be short-term in nature and not extend past one sampling year. Data collected within that year should allow water quality managers to make the appropriate decisions regarding the segment being monitored. For instance, if a stream reach is listed as impaired due to pH on the 303(d) list, measuring pH throughout one year should allow the requesting agency or entity to either de-list the segment or determine what other monitoring efforts are necessary. Secondly, the monitoring should fall within the framework of the USAP. Since the inception of the program, the staff of the OWRB has met individually with representatives of other state agencies to identify their priority short-term monitoring needs. Once the OWRB receives a list of waters for monitoring from the interested agencies, staff evaluates the nominations and notifies the nominating agency of which waters would be monitored (all of the waters requested for monitoring have been accommodated since program inception). In all, over two hundred (200) monitoring stations have been or are currently being monitored. In most instances, the segments were listed for one or more variables in the state's 303d list. For a comprehensive list of historic rotational monitoring stations, **please contact the Oklahoma Water Resources Board/Water Quality Programs Division at (405) 530-8800.**