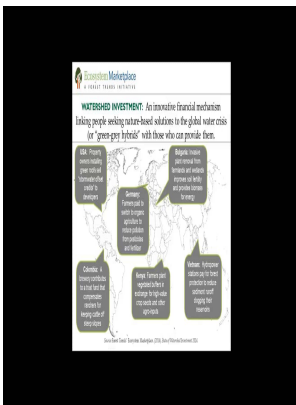


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Governor Hoeven, please accept my apologies.

## Dual Lawsuits Threaten Innovative Water Quality Programs Across the US

Depending on the specific problem, nonpoint source pollution is generally controlled through the design, construction and maintenance of best management practices. Many NPDES permitted wastewater treatment systems include a sewer system the pipes delivering sewage to the treatment center. What people want to see is less paperwork and more actual cleanup work and something being done besides pushing paper.

## Water Quality Trading: What Works? What Doesn't? And Why Don't We Know This Already?

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a valid Office of Management and Budget OMB control number. I would like to ask a couple quick questions. There are also state cost sharing dollars which may be available through the SWCD or through a local watershed council.

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A number of interviewees commented that agriculture could do a much better job of conserving water that could then be shifted to other areas of

need, especially in growing population centers in Central and Eastern Oregon. But first, I'd like to mention several themes that run through all of Oregon's activities relating to the Clean Water Act.

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. Under this interpretation, presumably the MPCA may consider offsets based on discharge reductions from the distant past and unknown future as well as from geographically distant locales, which would largely circumvent any mandate to improve water quality and reduce pollution.

**Water Quality Trading**

One urgent challenge is availability of sufficient high quality water. As a result, the state also conducts tests on fish and shellfish tissue to determine if there is a risk to the public from consuming fish caught in state waters. Does current law hinder a State's ability to do that? Moreover, we conclude that, when dealing with a situation like the one presented in this case two aging wastewater treatment facilities with expired NPDES permits, which are at or near capacity in a region of the state that is experiencing significant growth it was not unreasonable for the MPCA to allow a 2,200-pound per year at capacity increase in phosphorus discharge from a new wastewater treatment facility to be offset by a contemporaneous 53,500-pound per year decrease in a nearby facility that is located in the same watershed.

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Standards set for chemicals in drinking or habitat water may be outdated, and levels set for TMDLs may not reflect the characteristics of specific sites.

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