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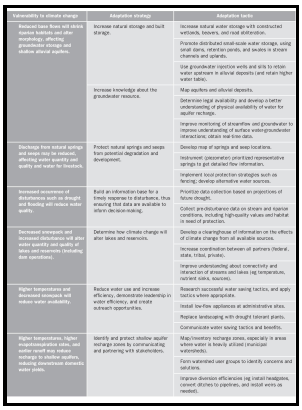

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In terms of personnel, one full-time person will be responsible for QA on the headquarters staff, and one person per regional NAWQA team will be assigned to oversee QA on all the projects within that region D.

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I determined the biomass of periphyton diatoms collected every few weeks as well as the relative number of Cymbella diatoms in that biomass. These protocols use a battery of macroinvertebrate community descriptors, or metrics, as indicators of biotic health; the metrics are based upon tenets of ecological theory and field observations and remained largely untested for sensitivity to the effects of human activities. The committee is most concerned, however, with the relatively narrow scope of the retrospective studies.

2 NAWQA Design Evaluation

Indicator sites, which are more homogeneous in land use and geology than the integrator sites, were located on minor tributaries with important environmental settings—Soda Butte Creek in a mineral resource area 1 site , the Tongue River in a forested area 1 site , and the Little Powder River in a rangeland area 1 site. Different relations between flow-weighted mean suspended-sediment concentrations and drainage area were observed for the tributary and mainstem sites. The assessments thereby build local knowledge about water-quality issues and trends in a particular stream or aquifer while providing an understanding of how and why water quality varies regionally and nationally.

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