

Recommendations Resulting from U.S. Water Quality Presentations:

1. Monitoring must be increased, particularly up/downstream of the WWTPs, to accurately measure improvements in the water quality.
2. The U.S. and MX must develop comprehensive, binational water restoration plans.
3. There must be an effort to reduce contaminants in urban and agricultural runoff so that it meets water quality standards.
4. **Harmonized water quality standards are necessary to achieve a common water quality objective.
 - a. It's a binational river, but we should have the same standards, parameters, etc., regardless of the country.
5. **We need to have more collaboration between entities working on issues of the Rio Grande (federal, state, local, stakeholders, etc).
 - a. Collaboration should be made simple and easy.
6. *Create a consortium/group that will focus solely on working on issues related to the binational watershed, such as compiling, analyzing, and distributing data, issues seen, impairments, etc.
 - a. The group should be comprised of water quality experts from both countries.
7. More support for binational projects.
8. Binational access, both private and public, to all water quality data.
9. Change of regulations during the construction phase of a WWTP.
 - a. More stringent regulations to control the maximum loads of contaminants to water bodies.
 - b. Promote a scheme to achieve effluent quality based on modeling.
 - c. Promote agreements between Municipal governments and water utilities to develop and enforce pretreatment programs.
10. The need to have properly trained and certified WWTP operators and workers.
11. Identify what stakeholders think are water quality problems in their area, and work with them to see what they are willing to do to improve water quality.
 - a. Then develop watershed management plans based on those planned actions discussed with the stakeholders.
 - b. Voluntary steps to resolve local water quality issues.
 - c. Harmonization of water quality standards is unnecessary and will take time and delay projects.