

How does a stream/river/lake get on the impaired waters list?

1. gather & summarize all existing & readily available [*& credible*] data

2. Use EPA & state WQ assessment guidelines to compare data to Iowa WQ Standards

3. Decisions on support of uses; identify causes & sources of impairment if possible

Fully Supporting

Potentially impaired

Impaired

Placed on Section 303(d) list (IR Category 5, need a TMDL) or IR Category 4