

Comparability



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Comparability Fact Sheet

What is it?

The SWAMP Comparability Fact Sheet is intended to help program participants understand the concept of “SWAMP comparability”. More importantly, it provides guidelines and tools for those seeking to become SWAMP-comparable. For convenience, it is divided into three components:

- **Frequently Asked Questions:** to address the most common inquiries from those seeking to be SWAMP-comparable;
- **Comparability Tools:** to identify solutions specifically designed to simplify SWAMP comparability; and
- **Online Resources:** to consolidate and briefly describe web URLs referenced in the above sections.

Why is it important to the State?

Guidance documents such as the Comparability Fact Sheet allow for monitoring programs with different scales and goals to be shared and combined providing for a more efficient use of limited resources. Additionally, this approach makes more data available to agency scientists for use in water quality assessments and design of programs to correct water quality problems.

Why is it important to me?

SWAMP develops guidance for monitoring design, environmental indicators, assessment methods, quality assurance, and data management so that data from many sources can be shared, compared, and used effectively in integrated assessments that get the most out of the data gathered. SWAMP encourages partnerships with local agencies, particularly stormwater agencies and waste treatment programs, as well as citizen monitoring groups, to leverage resources, coordinate programs, and avoid duplication of effort.



How will it be used?

The Comparability Fact Sheet is used to assist program participants. It is updated as needed.

To learn more about the Comparability Fact Sheet click [here](#).

