

# PEER REVIEW PLAN

Title: Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence (External Review Draft)

Purpose/Objective: This report provides a review and synthesis of the scientific evidence pertaining to physical, chemical, and biological connections from streams, wetlands, and open-waters to downstream waters such as rivers, lakes, estuaries, and oceans.

Product Completion Date (Projected): 09/30/2014

OMB Category: Highly Influential

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External Peer Review Mechanism: Nominated to the Science Advisory Board for Peer Review

Peer Review Expected to Begin: 1st Quarter, Fiscal Year 2014

EPA's Fiscal Years run from October to September.  
Quarters for Fiscal Year 2014:  
1st: October - December, 2013  
2nd: January - March, 2014  
3rd: April - June, 2014  
4th: July - September, 2014

Was a deferral to peer review invoked? No

Will an alternative peer review process be employed? No

Number of Peer Reviewers more than 10

Primary Disciplines needed in the review:

Biology-Fisheries,  
Chemistry-Biogeochemistry,  
Ecology-Ecosystem, Ecology-Fisheries,  
Ecology-Freshwater, Ecology-Watershed,  
Ecology-Wetland,  
Geology-Biogeochemistry,  
Geology-Estuarine Geochemistry,  
Hydrology-Hydrodynamic Modeling

Who will select the reviewers?	FACA
Will the public, including scientific or professional societies be asked to nominate peer reviewers?	Yes
Will public nominations be allowed through the Peer Review Agenda?	No
Will there be opportunity for public comment on the product?	Yes
Describe How and When	Instructions will be published in a Federal Register notice
Will the Agency provide significant and relevant public comments to the peer reviewers before they conduct their review?	Yes
Will the review be a panel, conducted in public?	Yes
Will public comments be allowed at the panel review?	Yes