**Section 319(h) Example Score Questions**
**(Subject to Change)**

**Project Title** _____

**Project Applicant** _____

**1) General Criteria** **Score**

a. Is this application proposing one of the following?

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| i. | Implement a complete Nine-Element Watershed-Based Plan or an "Alternative" Plan compiled from multiple documents | 40 pts. | |
| iii. | Implement a project-specific Supplement | 30 pts. | |
| iv. | None of the above | 0 pts. | |

b. For implementing a project-specific Supplement, is the incomplete/partial plan as well as the Supplement document included with the application?

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| Yes - 10 pts. | |
| No - 0 pts. | |

c. Does the application clearly and concisely describe what the project proposes to accomplish, including how and why? 0 - 50 pts. _____

d. Does information contained in the application fulfill grant criteria and requirements as well as convey an understanding of the 319(h) program goals and priorities as described and defined in the General Guidelines? 0 - 25 pts. _____

e. IF APPLICABLE, has this applicant demonstrated an **inability** to properly administer and manage prior grant-funded projects? Up to -200 pts. _____

**2) Complete Watershed-Based Plan (WBP) or "Alternative" Plan (AP) Compiled from Multiple Documents or Project-Specific Supplement**

a. Has the applicant identified sections and summarized content specific to each of the Nine Elements in the WBP or AP or Supplement to be implemented? 0 - 30 pts. _____

b. Score the WBP or AP or Supplement submitted by the applicant for each of the Nine Elements below:

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| 1 | Identify the contributing sources | 0 - 40 pts. | _____ |
| 2 | Estimate of load reductions expected | 0 - 10 pts. | _____ |
| 3 | Describe the NPS management measures | 0 - 40 pts. | _____ |
| 4 | Estimate sources of funding needed | 0 - 20 pts. | _____ |
| 5 | Information/education component to be used | 0 - 20 pts. | _____ |
| 6 | Schedule for implementing management measures | 0 - 30 pts. | _____ |
| 7 | Description of measurable milestones | 0 - 30 pts. | _____ |
| 8 | Criteria to determine substantial BMP progress/success | 0 - 30 pts. | _____ |
| 9 | Tracking component to evaluate plan implementation | 0 - 30 pts. | _____ |
| | | Total Plan Points / 250 | _____ |

c. *Was the complete WBP (single document that meets Nine Elements) to be implemented developed with grant funds? *20 pts. _____

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**3) Project Activities – Implementation of a WBP or an AP or a Supplement Submitted by Applicant**

a. For implementing a WPB or an AP or a Supplement

i. Do the proposed activities correspond appropriately to the overall project objectives as described in the application? 0 - 130 pts. [ ]

ii. Do project activities described in the application directly link to the WBP or AP or Supplement and its priorities relative to water quality? 0 - 150 pts. [ ]

iii. Do the project activities in the application address impervious surfaces related to causes of water quality impairment and/or improvement? Yes - 25 pts. [ ]
No - 0 pts. [ ]

iv. *Do the project activities described in the application implement management measures of the Coastal NPS Program under CZARA? *50 pts. [ ]

b. Are the criteria to evaluate project success (What and How to measure) appropriate, clearly articulated, and showing numeric value? 0 - 60 pts. [ ]

**4) Relevant Partners**

a. How many partners provided letters of commitment describing activities or resources they will be contributing to the project and the dollar values of their donations?

i. Six (6) or more 30 pts. [ ]
ii. Four (4) – Five (5) 20 pts. [ ]
iii. Two (2) – Three (3) 10 pts. [ ]
iv. Only one (1) 0 pts. [ ]

**5) Project Location**

a. How does the proposal describe the watershed or jurisdictional scale of the project?

i. One HUC 10 or smaller watershed boundary 100 pts. [ ]
ii. Targeted watershed the size of one or more connected HUC 12s 75 pts. [ ]
iii. Restricted to local political or jurisdictional boundary (city or county) 50 pts. [ ]
iv. Does not apply 0 pts. [ ]

b. Will the project area be located in a priority watershed? Yes - 100 pts. [ ]
No - 0 pts. [ ]

**6) Water Quality/Monitoring**

a. Does the project directly address the following impairments? *(Select up to four)*

i. Pathogens 25 pts. [ ]
ii. Low Dissolved Oxygen 25 pts. [ ]
iii. Sediment 25 pts. [ ]
iv. Nutrients 25 pts. [ ]

b. Are the impairments listed as the following: *(Must correlate to 6) a. above)?*

i. Category 4a *(25 pts. per impairment)* 25 pts. x 1 = [ ]
ii. Category 5 *(15 pts. per impairment)* 15 pts. x 2 = [ ]
iii. Not listed, but there is documented evidence of water quality conditions, issues or concerns that pose a problem or have the potential to cause impairment *(10 pts. per concern)* 10 pts. x = [ ]

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c. If applicable, evaluate the monitoring component based on the Monitoring Plan submitted with the application:

i. Is monitoring proposed for an appropriate parameter and purpose? 0 - 20 pts. [ ]

ii. Does the applicant show an understanding of the appropriate monitoring methodology for the identified parameter and purpose? 0 - 20 pts. [ ]

**7) Budget / Cost Effectiveness**

a. Do the budget and justification contain sufficient detail to determine how the funds will be spent? 0 - 20 pts. [ ]

b. Do the Federal Dollars for each line item seem to be reasonable as they relate to the project activities and objectives? 0 - 50 pts. [ ]

c. Are the Match Dollar sources appropriate and reasonable, and include sufficient support documentation? 0 - 50 pts. [ ]

d. What percentage of Federal Dollars pays for Direct Costs? 1 - 100 pts. [ ]

e. Do the budget and justification convey an efficient use of funds? 0 - 50 pts. [ ]

f. *Does the applicant commit to Match beyond 50%? *1 - 40 pts. [ ]

**8) Value Added**

a. Could the project activities achieve results beyond water quality improvements and /or protection? 0 - 40 pts. [ ]

b. * Water First Communities:

i. Is the applicant a Water First Community? *20 pts. [ ]

-OR—

ii. Is the project taking place in a Water First Community that is not the applicant, but an active partner? *10 pts. [ ]

c. Does the project propose leveraging existing water quality efforts within the project area? (Up to 7 at 5 pts. each) 0 - 35 pts. [ ]

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| Base Score: (1575) | 0 |
| *Bonus Points: (130) | 0 |
| Total Score: (1705) | 0 |

Overall Comments: _____

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