

Annual Reporting of Quality System Progress
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Note: the basic format of this report follows the report template developed by the participants of the EPA New England QA Roundtable.

Executive Summary

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection 2008 Quality Management Plan for Environmental Programs Funded by The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2008 QMP) was approved by EPA New England in December of 2008. This report represents the first annual Quality System Status Report associated with the 2008 QMP.

A digital version of the 2008 QMP is available online. A link to the plan can be found at http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2701&q=323452&depNav_GID=1651.

The 2008 QMP introduced the concept of identifying a set of annual "Quality System [QS] objectives" to be acted on each year during the anticipated five-year span of the current QMP. The major component of this report is a Status Report on the progress made in meeting each of the eight QS objectives agreed upon for this past year (State Fiscal Year 2009, same reporting period as this report). The QS Objectives Status Report starts on Page 4. Within this report, the elements for each objective labeled "Strategy...", "Assessment..." and "Issues" are taken from a previously prepared document, the QS Objectives Work Plan. As called for in the QMP, the Director of the Office of Information Management has reviewed the information in the Status Report and has determined that it is accurate.

Planning has begun for identifying the QS objectives to be worked on in FY10. In some cases these are expected to be continuations of objectives started in the first year.

In October of 2008 staff from EPA New England's Quality Assurance Unit performed an onsite, multi-day Quality System Assessment at DEP. The report documenting the results of that assessment was distributed to senior staff within DEP's Environmental Quality Branch and other interested parties.

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Part A: Status/Progress Report

1. Quality System Assessments

A. Quality System Assessments of Your Organization:

As noted, staff from EPA New England's Quality Assurance Unit performed a Quality System Assessment of DEP in October of 2008 and issued a Final Report of the assessment, which was distributed within the agency. The following specific designated programs were reviewed: WPLR – 319/Nonpoint Source, TMDL, Remediation Division Laboratory QA/QC Work Group; Air – PM2.5 PEP; MMCA – RCRA Corrective Action, LUST

The review found that "The CTDEP continues to develop an effective quality system that is integrated into the Department's operations, at the Bureau-level, and within the Programs reviewed." The review found no noncompliances. The review did include a series of observations in the form of recommendations. Some of these recommendations have been acted on in the context of the FY09 QS Objectives, but it would be useful to review them at the beginning of the second year of the 2008 QMP.

B. Quality System Assessments of Other Organizations:

None to report.

C. Technical Assessments (see discussion below)

D. Project and Data Reports Assessed (see discussion below)

As stated in the 2008 QMP, "DEP bureaus, divisions and programs conduct a variety of reviews and assessments that relate in different ways to data quality." But as is also noted in the QMP, "A mechanism for tracking and assembling this information [about assessments performed] needs to be developed. This is a possible future DEP Quality System objective."

Since such a tracking mechanism does not exist at this time, it's difficult to compile and report this information in the format set forth in the annual report template. As this is an important component of the annual report, the DEP QA Coordinator is recommending that the development of such a system be identified as a QS objective for FY10. It might also be useful to add a training component to this objective.

It should be stressed that some of these existing reviews and assessments conducted by DEP are carried out in conjunction with annual reporting requirements to EPA program offices that are in place at the present time. For example, the Long Island Sound Study Program prepares an annual Technical Progress Report for EPA. The development of such an "assessment tracking system" for quality assurance purposes must be able to take into account the work already being done by DEP staff along the lines of data quality assessment.

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2. Areas for Improvement/Recommendations to Senior Staff

A. Areas for Improvement:

DEP's Quality Assurance Coordinator recommends that the continued adoption of, and action on annual QS objectives be the primary vehicle by which areas for improvement are identified and subsequently measured. As stated, planning for FY10 objectives has begun.

The following are some initial recommendations for FY10 QS objectives offered by the QA Coordinator. Note that the final set of objectives for FY10 may differ from this initial list.

Recommendations for continuing several objective begun in FY09:

- Continue to prepare and publish digital QAPPs on "Inside DEP." The suggestion has been made to consider including some QAPPs for completed projects where it's determined that the QAPP may be particularly helpful to those planning similar new projects.
- Continue to prepare and publish digital SOPs on "Inside DEP."
- Continue to report any significant organizational changes within DEP to EPA in a timely manner.
- Continue to use and refine the internal QAPP Table as a tool for maintaining up-to-date information on DEP's QAPP inventory. Use the table as the basis for publishing timely QAPP updates on DEP's public website and providing updates to EPA NE QA on a more frequent basis.

Initial recommendations for new objectives: for FY10:

- Establish a simple "assessment tracking system" that allows agency staff to document data quality assessment work carried out in conjunction with programs subject to the QMP. Consider sponsoring some form of assessment training in conjunction with the introduction of such a system.
- Develop a Data Quality and Application Quality Review Strategy for SIMS (Site Information Management System), DEPs primary enterprise information system.
- Republish the digital 2008 QMP with the updates discussed in Part B of this report.
- Update the two financial tables included on pages 12 and 13 of the 2008 QMP to reflect current funding levels.

B. QA System Challenges/Vulnerabilities:

The large number of recent retirements in the agency, and the associated challenges to continue the agency's work with fewer staff, and transferring institutional program and agency knowledge to those existing and new staff who will be stepping into new roles pose a significant challenge to DEP's Quality Assurance efforts.

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The Quality System objectives for the 2008-2009 period (the first year of the 2008 DEP Quality Management Plan-QMP) are as follows:

1. Update DEP's Quality Assurance Policy Directive.
2. Report any changes to the organizational structure of the Bureaus of Air Management, MMCA, or WPLR to EPA NE QA as soon as new organizational charts are published.
3. Sponsor QMP and Quality System awareness training in conjunction with approval of the 2008 DEP QMP.
4. Make sure that all environmental programs covered by this plan have relevant information included on Records Retention Schedules as required by Connecticut's Public Record Program.
5. Assemble all QAPPs expected to be active at/by the end of FY09 and post them on DEP's intranet website (and converted to electronic format if necessary).
6. Develop a strategy for supplying all necessary DEP staff with standardized statistical software adequate for their jobs.
7. Develop and maintain a status matrix of pending and active QAPPS and post it on DEP's intranet website, with updates reported to EPA NE QA on a monthly basis or whenever requested.
8. Complete a pilot project for documenting Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and posting them on DEP's intranet website.

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Objective (1 of 8): Update DEP's Quality Assurance Policy Directive.

Strategy for meeting objective: Draft minor language changes to revise current Quality Assurance Policy Directive (dated 4/15/05) to reflect existence of the 2008 DEP QMP, new EQ Bureau names, and new Bureau Contact structure.

Have draft language reviewed and approved by EQ Bureau Chiefs and EQ Deputy Commissioner.

Follow standard procedure for initiating formal agency review and approval of revised directive.

Assessment Criteria: Confirmation that updated Quality Assurance Directive has been signed by Commissioner and published on "Inside DEP" (DEP intranet site).

Issues: None anticipated at this time.

Status: *The DEP Quality Assurance Policy Directive was revised as proposed, and was reviewed and approved by the EQ Bureau Chiefs and the EQ Deputy Commissioner. It was submitted for formal agency review and sent to the Office of the Commissioner, where it awaits final signature and electronic publication.*

The text of the revised directive is included on the following page.

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Department of
Environmental Protection

DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: Quality Assurance Policy

PURPOSE: The mission of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is to preserve and enhance the environment for all of Connecticut's people. It is important to the success of our mission that staff use consistent and appropriate practices for data collection and analysis to provide a firm base for environmental program decisions. This directive informs staff of the standard of quality for environmental program data collection and use and provides guidance on appropriate actions to meet this standard.

POLICY: DEP's quality assurance policy maintains that all environmental data collected, generated and processed is scientifically valid; of known precision and accuracy; sufficiently complete and representative for the intended purpose; comparable to data collections and analyses similar in scope and purpose; and legally defensible, as may be necessary for the intended purpose. The data and information used as a basis for environmental program decisions, *i.e.*, establishing environmental quality standards, emissions limitations, permit limits and resource management plans, shall be in a form that may be clearly and understandably presented to the public.

PROCEDURE:

1. Quality Management Plan.

In 2008, DEP adopted the current *Quality Management Plan (QMP)* to provide guidance to agency staff when establishing and maintaining consistent and appropriate quality assurance, quality control and quality improvement for environmental data collection and analysis. DEP developed the QMP as a means of documenting how it will plan, implement and assess the effectiveness of quality assurance and quality control operations as applied to environmental programs funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Staff involved with environmental data operations for EPA-funded programs shall be familiar with and consult the QMP and conform their activities to its guidance. The [QMP](#) is available on DEP's website.

2. Bureau Quality Assurance Management Lead.

The Air Management, Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, and Water Protection and Land Reuse Bureaus have each assigned Quality Assurance Bureau Contacts to address QMP compliance efforts for their respective bureaus. DEP's Quality Assurance Coordinator will coordinate the Bureau efforts to maintain consistent practices among programs and Bureaus.

3. Written Plans and Guidance.

DEP's data quality management efforts will follow written plans and guidance, which each EPA-funded program must generate. All staff data operations shall conform to the appropriate plan and guidance documents.

4. State and Federal Laws and Requirements.

The DEP quality assurance system will be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and rules, standards, guidance, contractual requirements, and sound management practices.

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Special Instructions: Replaces directive 3130 D.1 dated 4/15/05.

Distribution: Electronic

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Objective (2 of 8): Report any changes to the organizational structure of the Bureaus of Air Management, Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, or Water Protection and Land Reuse to EPA NE QA as soon as new organizational charts are published

Strategy for meeting objective: In a timely manner, forward or provide a summary of any official announcements of DEP organizational changes that impact the three DEP Bureaus listed above, plus the Commissioner's Office and the Bureau of Financial and Support Services, to the EPA NE QA Unit liaison for Connecticut. Such changes would include any announced branch, bureau, division, or program restructuring, and any personnel changes at or above the Division Director level.

When any of the above such changes are reflected in revised published DEP organizational charts, electronic copies of the charts will be sent to the EPA QA liaison. These updated charts will serve as the equivalent of a continually updated Appendix D. in 2008 DEP QMP.

Assessment Criteria: Confirmation that EPA has been notified of all DEP organizational changes as described above. OIM Director will be copied on all relevant emails sent to EPA.

Issues: A significant lag time can occur between the announcement of an organizational change and the posting of an updated organizational chart.

The EPA QA Liaison will be encouraged to ask DEP for clarification or additional documentation at any time to resolve any questions about DEP's organizational structure as it relates to programs covered by the QMP.

Status: *A memo noting recent organizational changes within DEP plus a set of updated DEP organizational charts were emailed to DEP's EPA QA contact in March of '09. The memo included the news that then Commissioner McCarthy had been nominated for a position within EPA and was awaiting confirmation.*

No significant changes within DEP's bureaus were announced or published from the end of March until after July 1st, when the changes resulting from a retirement incentive program for state employees were documented with an extensive set of newly published organizational charts. These updated organizational charts are being sent to EPA as part of the annual report for FY09 [see separate attachment to the digital copy of the report].

It should be noted that numerous additional organizational changes are anticipated in the coming months, as DEP continues to address the impact of these recent retirements. In all, 45 DEP employees from the three EQ bureaus (Air Management, Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, Water Protection and Land Reuse), Bureau of Financial and Support Services, plus the Commissioner's Office, retired as part of the incentive program.

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Objective (3 of 8): Sponsor QMP and Quality System awareness training in conjunction with approval of the 2008 DEP QMP.

Strategy for meeting objective: Discuss options for providing awareness training with QA Bureau Contacts, EQ Bureau Chiefs, and EQ Deputy Commissioner (initial discussions have already taken place).

Follow up with memo to Bureau Chiefs with request to attend bureau or division staff meetings and similar functions (such as any upcoming internal training related to some aspect of quality assurance) and provide an overview of the 2008 DEP QMP and EPA QS basics (initial method of outreach preferred by Bureau Chiefs and EQ Deputy Commissioner).

Based on responses to memo, work with appropriate QA Bureau Contacts and other staff as necessary to prepare QMP/QS overview material to present at bureau staff meetings.

Request feedback (at bureau staff meetings, from EQ Bureau Chiefs and QA Bureau Contacts, etc.) as to what additional QMP/QS training, outreach, etc. would be beneficial in order to provide DEP management and staff with the knowledge and expertise necessary to follow the requirements of the QMP and begin to prepare for future EPA Quality System Assessments. Use as a basis for proposing one or more training-related QS objectives for FY10.

As an associated task, publish 2008 DEP QMP on "Inside DEP."

Assessment Criteria: Confirmation that at least one presentation has been given to each of the three EQ bureaus (management or staff representing an entire bureau or some part of the bureau, such as a division). 2008 DEP QMP published on "Inside DEP."

Issues: May have to follow up with QA Bureau Contacts and EQ Bureau Chiefs to identify presentation opportunities.

Status: *The 2008 DEP QMP was published electronically in June of '09. Although the task as written called for publishing the QMP on "Inside DEP," DEP's intranet website, it was subsequently recognized that the appropriate place to publish the document and some supporting content was on DEP's public website: <http://www.ct.gov/dep/>. DEP employees can access the QMP easily through a link on the "Inside DEP" QA webpage (see the status write-up for Objective 5 for more information).*

The "Quality Assurance" page on DEP's public website can be found at the following link:

http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2701&q=323452&depNav_GID=1511.

This page contains links to the QMP itself, the table of active QAPPs, and EPA's Quality System homepage.

An initial round of awareness training for the three EQ bureaus has begun but has not yet been completed. The first presentation was given to a bureau-wide staff meeting for the Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse (WPLR). Additional presentations for staff of individual WPLR programs are planned, and requests to give presentations to the Air Management Bureau and Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance have been made.

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Objective (4 of 8): Make sure that all environmental programs covered by the 2008 DEP QMP have relevant information included on Records Retention Schedules as required by Connecticut's Public Record Program.

Strategy for meeting objective: Schedule one or more meetings for Bureau QA Contacts, DEP QA Coordinator, DEP RMLO (Records Management Liaison Officer), and DEP sub-RMLO's and other staff as required, to review the EPA Program Grant Tables included in the 2008 DEP QMP, link them to existing, approved Records Retention Schedules, and identify gaps, inconsistencies, etc.

Develop a written summary of the above assessment that includes listing any additional steps necessary to produce complete Records Retention Schedules, and any recommendations to improve how information is documented. Distribute report among all participants, EQ Bureau Chiefs, and EQ Deputy Commissioner.

Assessment Criteria: Confirmation that the written report has been distributed.

Issues: There have been a few discussions between the QA Coordinator and the RMLO about the extent and utility of standardization between different program Records Retention Schedules in terms of how record series are presented. This assessment may identify certain record subject areas where future revisions can be made or supporting documentation developed in such a way that common types of record series are described more consistently across programs.

Status: *Work remains to be done on this objective. The DEP RMLO continues to publish useful information about the Records Retention Schedules prepared by DEP's various Divisions and Offices. This information is available online for DEP employees on "Inside DEP" (this webpage is not available to the general public).*

Link: http://www.ct.gov/insidedep/cwp/view.asp?a=3642&q=427102&insidedepNav_GID=1914.

The decision was made to try to make this objective more useful by identifying one or more common types of records used by multiple environmental programs covered by the DEP QMP (see "Issues" above), reviewing how information about the record type is included in existing retention schedules, and making recommendations for how programs might simplify and standardize such information in future schedule revisions. "Field Notes" were chosen as the first common record type to look at, and a review has been conducted of all existing schedules to identify where Field Notes are referenced. The next step is to determine whether there are some standard descriptions, retention periods, etc., relating to some similar types of Field Notes that can be shared with the agency.

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Objective (5 of 8): Assemble all QAPPs expected to be active at/by the end of FY09 and post them on DEP's intranet website (and converted to electronic format if necessary).

Strategy for meeting objective: Request copies of active QAPPs from QA Bureau Contacts. Convert all received QAPPs to PDF format as required.

Develop any supporting documentation to be published on "Inside DEP" along with QAPPs.

Have initial set of QAPPs and any supporting documentation published on "Inside DEP."

Assessment Criteria: Confirmation that an initial set of QAPPs have been published on "Inside DEP."

Issues: It may be overly ambitious to try to publish all QAPPs by June 30. Suggest preparing and publishing QAPPs in several phases, based on some logical criteria, such as readiness of QAPPs to be published (start with documents already in electronic format, no reformatting necessary).

Status: *An introductory QA webpage for presenting electronic QAPPs and SOPs (Objective 8) has been published for DEP employees on "Inside DEP" (this webpage is not available to the general public).*

Link: http://www.ct.gov/insidedep/cwp/view.asp?a=3771&Q=444804&insidedepNav_GID=1848.

The page, which carries the heading "Quality Assurance (QA) Coordination Information," can be accessed from the "Quality Assurance" link accessible through the "Tools" shortcut that appears on all "Inside DEP" webpages. A copy of the webpage is included in this report. [see separate attachment to the digital copy of the report].

The webpage currently contains two QAPPs from WPLR's Long Island Sound Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Program. Now that the publishing structure and mechanism have been established, additional QAPPs in electronic format can be published with a minimum of effort.

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Objective (6 of 8): Develop a strategy for supplying all necessary DEP staff with standardized statistical software adequate for their jobs.

Strategy for meeting objective: Carry out the research and analysis necessary to produce a brief "options paper" that documents at least several different scenarios for providing standard statistical software on an agency-wide basis. Focus on elements such as statistical software currently in use within DEP (such as Minitab and SAS), basic user needs, software functionality, direct software costs, projected training needs, and other support requirements.

Present the options paper to the DEP Information Management Strategy Board (IMSB) and other agency decision makers as necessary. Request the IMSB to endorse one of the options as the preferred strategy.

Assessment Criteria: Confirmation that the options paper has been presented to the IMSB, and that the IMSB has endorsed a preferred strategy.

Issues: The current financial crisis clearly precludes the possibility of spending large sums of money on any ambitious "enterprise solution" for statistical software at this time. The options paper must clearly document all known costs associated with each option discussed, and should present one or more options that come as close as possible to "no cost" solutions.

Status: *An options paper that presents several strategies for supplying DEP staff with statistical software has been completed. It is scheduled to be presented to the IMSB at its September meeting. At that time the IMSB will have the opportunity to discuss the paper and endorse a preferred strategy.*

As anticipated in the original work plan, the two primary choices outlined in the review are Minitab and several different versions of SAS.

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Objective (7 of 8): Develop and maintain a status matrix of pending and active QAPPS and post it on DEP's intranet website, with updates reported to EPA NE QA on a monthly basis or whenever requested.

Strategy for meeting objective: Use the existing QAPP Excel spreadsheet produced for the 2008 DEP QMP (Appendix G) as the basis for the status matrix. Post a version on the DEP internal computer network.

Develop and test a protocol to allow QA Bureau Contacts or other designated staff contacts to enter QAPP status updates directly into the spreadsheet.

Develop supporting documentation to be published on "Inside DEP" along with spreadsheet.

Develop and distribute a schedule for periodically updating the spreadsheet, publishing the most current version on "Inside DEP," and sending a copy to the EPA QA liaison (see "Issues" below).

Publish updated spreadsheet on "Inside DEP" and send copy to EPA by June 30.

Assessment Criteria: Confirmation that an initial updated version of the spreadsheet has been published on "Inside DEP" and a copy sent to EPA.

Issues: Several DEP managers and staff have recommended that we not attempt to follow a monthly update schedule for the QAPP status matrix (as described in the original objective). Suggest scheduling updates (including reporting to EPA) on a quarterly basis for the first year (starting in second quarter of '09), determine if that's a reasonable schedule.

Status: *As with the basic QMP, the decision was made to publish a copy of DEP's QAPP table on DEP's public website (see Objective 3). Links to the table are available through The "Quality Assurance" page on DEP's public website and the introductory "Inside DEP" webpage described under Objective 5.*

At the present time the electronically published version of the QAPP table is the same version that appeared as Appendix G in the QMP. The table has now been updated and a copy is being submitted to EPA as part of this report [see separate attachment to the digital copy of the report]. A schedule for periodically updating the QAPP table in the future has yet to be developed, and needs to be discussed with QA Bureau Contacts (see below).

A working copy of the QAPP table has been published on a shared drive on DEP's internal computer network with the goal of making it available for updating by QA Bureau Contacts or other designated staff on an as-needed basis. One of the QA Bureau Contacts for WPLR has used this version of the table to update information for a set of bureau QAPPs, and has developed an associated "change log" to show when and what changes were made to the table. This update procedure will now be introduced to the other QA Bureau Contacts.

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Objective (8 of 8): Complete a pilot project for documenting Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and posting them on "Inside DEP."

Strategy for meeting objective: Request volunteer from among QA Bureau Contacts to lead pilot project. (SOPs developed in conjunction with Long Island Sound monitoring have already been tentatively identified as the ones to use in the pilot.)

Identify specific SOPs to be included in pilot. Convert SOPs to PDF format as required.

Develop any supporting documentation to be published on "Inside DEP" along with SOPs.

Have SOPs and supporting documentation reviewed and approved as appropriate.

Have SOPs and supporting documentation published on "Inside DEP."

Assessment Criteria: Confirmation that a set of pilot SOPs and supporting documentation has been published on "Inside DEP."

Issues: It may be useful to undertake some modest research that looks at how some other states and organizations have documented, organized, and shared their SOPs in order to initiate ideas for how DEP might best present such information.

Status: See the status write-up for Objective 5 (Post QAPPs on DEP's intranet website). As mentioned, the same webpage developed for presenting QAPPs is being used for presenting SOPs.

The webpage currently contains one SOP from WPLR's Long Island Sound Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Program. This is an extensive SOP that has introduced a variety of challenges connected to taking a conventional standalone document and converting it to web-based content. It is expected that this SOP will be reviewed in the coming months in order to explore other ways to improve its structure (example, replace static associated content with dynamic links to websites containing the appropriate information).

Now that the publishing structure and mechanism have been established, additional SOPs in electronic format can be published with reduced effort.

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Part B: Annual Quality Management Plan Update

A review of the *Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection 2008 Quality Management Plan for Environmental Programs Funded by The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* was completed in August, 2009 by DEP's Quality Assurance Coordinator, and it was determined that no revisions to the core document are necessary at this time, with the qualifications discussed below.

All formal agency and state policies and procedures referenced in the above Quality Management Plan (QMP) are still in effect as referenced or documented.

As stated in the QMP, annual Quality System (QS) objectives are considered part of the plan itself. And multiple references to "DEP Quality System Objectives[s] for FY09" are included in various parts of the plan. As such, a version of the Status Report for the first year's objectives (included in this Annual Report) will be posted online on DEP's public website (<http://www.ct.gov/dep>) in conjunction with the digital version of the QMP. A final determination has not been made as to how to present this information, but one strategy would be to imbed the status information within (a new digital version of) the plan in the same locations as where the above references currently appear. So each reference in the QMP to "DEP [QS] Objective for FY09" would be followed by a brief update. EPA will be notified when the status information has been published. The DEP QA Coordinator is recommending this as a QS objective for FY10.

Additional elements of the DEP 08 QMP to be modified in the first half of FY10:

- Once approved, a list of QS Objectives for FY10 should be published.
- Once the revised Quality Assurance Policy Directive is published, the new directive text should replace the old directive text that now appears in the QMP. (DEP employees will be able to view the directive directly from "Inside DEP.")
- The organizational chart of DEP's basic structure that appears on Page 8 of the QMP should be replaced with the most current published version of the chart. Note, however, that the digital version of the QMP contains a link to the current online version of the chart, and EPA will continue to receive organizational updates as part of the QS objective begun in FY09.
- The two tables included on pages 12 and 13 of the QMP, titled "EPA program grants to CT DEP combined under the Performance Partnership Grant (PPG)" and "Additional EPA Program grants to CT DEP that contain specific language related to Quality Assurance," should be updated to reflect current funding levels. The DEP QA Coordinator is recommending this as a QS objective for FY10.
- An initial updated version of the "table of Active DEP QAPPs" is included in this Annual Report [see separate attachment to the digital copy of the report]. The same information will be published on DEP's public website, replacing the current version. And a note will be added to the digital QMP, under the reference to Appendix G (which is the QAPP Table), indicating the new QAPP Table publication date.