



# Report of the ORSANCO Monitoring Strategy Subcommittee

Conference Call  
June 4, 2012, 2PM

# Objectives

- Subcommittee hasn't met in several years.
- Overview ORSANCO monitoring programs.
- Initiate review of Monitoring Strategy
- Agenda
  - Overview Monitoring Progs
  - Introduce Monitoring Strategy document
  - Compile states' positions on use of outside monitoring data.

# Participants

- IL – Gregg Good
- IN – Jody Arthur
- KY – Randy Payne
- OH – Cathy Alexander
- PA – Tony Shaw
- VA – Allen Newman
- Corps – Erich Emery
- USGS – Bill Guertal (for Marty Risch)

# ORSANCO Monitoring Programs Overview

- Biological, physical & chemical water quality, fish tissue, sediment.
- Long-term ambient monitoring
  - Status (305b assessments), TMDLs - aquatic life, contact recreation, public water supply, fish consumption.
  - Trends – temporal, longitudinal.
- Monitoring for protection of water intakes - ODS.
- Monitoring to advise the public – fish tissue & bacteria.
- Special surveys to address a specific issue.
  - Wabash River, Mercury FGD & bioaccumulation study, TDS Project.
- Monitoring for criteria & biological index development
  - Nutrients, macroinvertebrates, periphyton.
- Monitoring to support special events.
  - Paddlefest, triathalons.
- Volunteer monitoring program.

# Future Agenda

- In-Person meeting the first week of October.
  - Revision of ORSANCO's monitoring strategy.
  - Draft policy on use of outside monitoring data.
    - Most states have guidelines in place.