

**Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska**  
**Clean Water Act Section 319: Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Program**

Nonpoint source (NPS) water pollution results from many different sources rather than a single identifiable source such as a discharge from a wastewater facility. Generally, involves polluted runoff occurring when rainfall, snowmelt or irrigation water runs over land or through the ground, picks up pollutants and transports them into surface waters or ground water.

Major sources of NPS water pollution include but not limited to: agricultural practices such as fertilizer runoff; unrestricted livestock grazing; poor siting and design of roads, highways and bridges; forestry; urban stormwater runoff; construction sites; channelization of streams and hydromodification (alteration of the natural flow of water through a landscape) such as a dam.

The NPS Water Pollution Management Program provides the Tribe an opportunity to carry on its work assessing those issues that can potentially affect the quality of the water resources on the Reservation. Information gathered can be used to identify future on-the ground projects and the implementation of best management practices.

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are devices, systems and/or procedures that reduce or eliminate NPS water pollutants from harming the environment, particularly to the water. BMPs include but not limited to: grassed waterways, planting of cover crops, no-till, retention ponds, silt fences, rain gardens, stream exclusion fences and rotational grazing.

Summary of eligibility requirements for application for NPS Water Pollution Grant:

- Be federally recognized;
- Have an approved NPS Pollution Assessment Report in accordance with CWQ Section 319(a);
- Have an approved NPS Pollution Management Program Plan in accordance with CWA Section 319(b); and
- Be approved for treatment in a similar manner as a state (TAS) in accordance with CWA Section 518(e).

The Tribe has met all the eligibility requirements for implementation of a NPS Water Pollution Program. The program is currently funded under an EPA Non-Regulatory Clean Water Act Section 319 Base Funding Grant.