

Supplement 5. Nutrient Ecoregions and EPA's nutrient criteria.

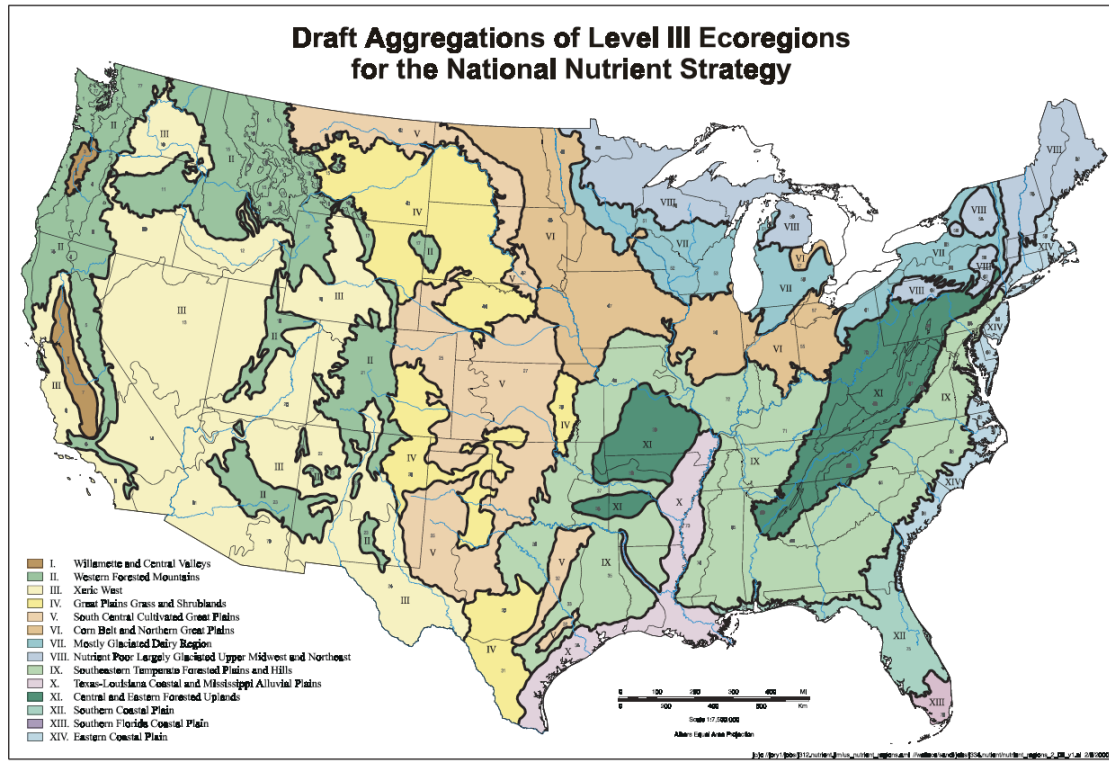


Figure 1a. Fourteen nutrient Ecoregions as delineated by Omernik (2000). Ecoregions were based on geology, land use, ecosystem type, and nutrient conditions.

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http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/nutrients/upload/2007_09_27_criteria_nutrient_ecoregions_lakes_lakes_3-2.pdf

The following is a summary of EPA's findings, accessible here:

http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/nutrients/upload/2007_09_27_criteria_nutrient_ecoregions_sumtable.pdf

Summary Table for the Nutrient Criteria Documents

This table presents the recommended EPA criteria for each of the aggregate nutrient ecoregions for the following parameters: Total Phosphorus, Total Nitrogen, Chlorophyll a, and Turbidity or Secchi.

Aggregate Ecoregions for Rivers and Streams

Parameter	Agg Ecor I	Agg Ecor II	Agg Ecor III	Agg Ecor IV	Agg Ecor V	Agg Ecor VI	Agg Ecor VII	Agg Ecor VIII	Agg Ecor IX	Agg Ecor X	Agg Ecor XI	Agg Ecor XII	Agg Ecor XIV
TP µg/L	47.00	10.00	21.88	23.00	67.00	76.25	33.00	10.00	36.56	128*	10.00	40.00	31.25
TN mg/L	0.31	0.12	0.38	0.56	0.88	2.18	0.54	0.38	0.69	0.76	0.31	0.90	0.71
Chl a µg/L	1.80	1.08	1.78	2.40	3.00	2.70	1.50	0.63	0.93	2.10	1.61	0.40	3.75
Turb FTU/ NTU	4.25	1.30 N	2.34	4.21	7.83	6.36	1.70 N	1.30	5.70	17.50	2.30 N	1.90 N	3.04

*This value appears inordinately high and may either be a statistical anomaly or reflects a unique condition. In any case, further regional investigation is indicated to determine the sources, i.e., measurement error, notational error, statistical anomaly, natural enriched conditions, or cultural impacts.

Turb - Turbidity

Chl a - Chlorophyll a measured by Fluorometric method, unless specified. S is for Spectrophotometric and T is for Trichromatic method.

N for NTU. Unit of measurement for Turbidity.