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Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watershed's Initiative/National Water Quality Initiative: Natural Resources Conservation Service Request for Information

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The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS") posted a March 8th Federal Register Notice putting forth a request for public input that it can use in refining the:

- Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watershed Initiative ("MRBI")
- National Water Quality Initiative ("NWQI")

NRCS is also requesting input on how it can:

- Streamline and improve MRBI and NWQI to increase efficiencies
- Expand access for underserved communities and producers

Comments are also requested on how the NRCS can engage with partners to provide technical assistance for MRBI and NWQI implementation. NRCS is seeking to identify and prioritize improvements to MRBI and NWQI starting in fiscal year 2024.

Active NWQI planning watersheds for FY23 in Arkansas include:

- Ables Creek-Bayou Bartholomew
- Big Mingo Creek
- Bullpen Creek-Strawberry River
- Carter's Creek-Cossatot River
- Cow Creek – Cossatot River
- Fourmile Creek – Bayou Bartholomew
- Gillham Lake-Cossatot River
- Headwaters Glaise Creek
- Lake Wallace-Bayou Bartholomew
- Little Strawberry River
- North Fork Cadron Creek
- Overflow Creek
- Sandy Creek-Strawberry River

Arkansas/Louisiana NWQI projects include:

- Lower Overflow Creek
- Outlet Chemin-a-Haut Creek
- Walkers Slough-Bayou Bartholomew
- White Oak Creek

A copy of the Federal Register Notice can be found [here](#) and the NWQI Planning Watersheds for FY23 list [here](#).