

PEER REVIEW PLAN

Title:	CORAL REEF BIOLOGICAL CRITERIA: USING THE CLEAN WATER ACT TO PROTECT A NATIONAL TREASURE
Purpose/Objective:	This document will provide a framework for coral reef managers to develop biocriteria as water quality standards under the Clean Water Act.
Product Completion Date (Projected):	08/01/2010
OMB Category:	Influential
Peer Review Leader:	Virginia Houk email: houl.virginia@epa.gov

External Peer Review Mechanism:	Independent Experts
Peer Review Expected to Begin:	3rd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2010
	EPA's Fiscal Years run from October to September. Quarters for Fiscal Year 2010: 1st: October - December, 2009 2nd: January - March, 2010 3rd: April - June, 2010 4th: July - September, 2010

Was a deferral to peer review invoked?	No
Will an alternative peer review process be employed?	No
Number of Peer Reviewers	4 to 10
Primary Disciplines needed in the review:	Biology-Aquatic
Who will select the reviewers?	EPA
Will the public, including scientific or professional societies be asked to nominate peer reviewers?	No
Will public nominations be allowed through the Peer Review Agenda?	No
Will there be opportunity for public comment on the product?	Yes

Describe How and When

When states and territories develop biocriteria based on this framework, there is a public comment period and review process, which provides an opportunity for the public to weigh in.

Will the Agency provide significant and relevant public comments to the peer reviewers before they conduct their review?

No

Will the review be a panel, conducted in public?

No

Will public comments be allowed at the panel review?

No