
research notes

In 1984, the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), a federal-interstate agency with jurisdiction throughout the river basin, and the National Park Service initiated a cooperative water monitoring program focusing on the upper and middle sections of the Delaware River – the waterway that forms the boundary between Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey.

These two river sections include the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (UDSRR) and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DWGNRA) . . . both parts of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system. The areas, both administered by the National Park Service, span nearly 120 river miles and serve 300,000 recreationists yearly.

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency report on the program, describing the program's development, the monitoring parameters, location and frequency of sampling, use of the parameters to screen water quality, determination of monitoring priorities, and program administration, was published in July, 1986, as an EPA Water Quality Program Highlight. Material for the report was furnished by John Karish, NPS Mid-Atlantic Regional Chief Scientist, Richard C. Albert of the Delaware River Basin Commission, and Charles Sapp of U.S. EPA's Region III.

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