

New Project Category	Existing NIMS/CBR Project Category	Definition
Planning and Assessments	N/A	This category includes costs for developing plans to address water quality and water quality-related public health problems. Examples include Watershed-Based Plans (including 319 Watershed-Based Plans) and Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plans.
Land Conservation	N/A	This category includes the costs associated with land acquisition to protect water quality.
Energy Efficiency	N/A	This category includes the costs associated with the use of improved technologies and practices that result in reduced energy consumption of water quality projects. Energy efficient equipment and components can cover such things as lighting, HVAC, process equipment, and electronic systems.
Renewable Energy	N/A	This category includes the costs associated with the production of renewable energy. Examples include wind and solar, methane capture and energy conversion equipment, biosolids drying/dewatering and energy conversion equipment, co-digestion, combined heat and power (CHP) systems, hydroelectric systems that harness wastewater flows to, from, or within a treatment works.
Water Efficiency	N/A	This category includes the costs associated with projects that reduce the demand for POTW capacity through reduced water consumption. Examples include water meters, plumbing fixture retrofits or replacement, water efficient appliances, water efficient irrigation equipment (e.g., moisture and rain sensing equipment), and education programs.

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Secondary Treatment	Secondary Treatment	This category includes costs necessary to meet the minimum level of treatment that must be maintained by all treatment facilities, except those facilities granted waivers of secondary treatment for marine discharges under section 301(h) of the Clean Water Act. Secondary treatment typically requires a treatment level that produces an effluent quality of 30 mg/l of both BOD5 and total suspended solids (secondary treatment levels required for some lagoon systems may be less stringent). In addition, the secondary treatment must remove 85 percent of BOD5 and total suspended solids from the influent wastewater. <i>Note: Replacement or installation of individual or community septic systems or other decentralized treatment approaches are reported in Category VII-L: Individual/Decentralized Sewage Treatment.</i>
Advanced Treatment	Advanced Treatment	This category includes costs necessary to attain a level of treatment that is more stringent than secondary treatment or produce a significant reduction in nonconventional or toxic pollutants present in the wastewater treated by a facility. A facility is considered to have Advanced Wastewater Treatment if its permit includes one or more of the following: Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) less than 20mg/l; Nitrogen Removal; Phosphorous Removal; Ammonia Removal; Metal Removal; Synthetic Organic Removal.
Infiltration/Inflow Correction	Infiltration/Inflow Correction	This category includes costs for correction of sewer system infiltration/inflow problems. Infiltration includes controlling the penetration of water into a sanitary or combined sewer system from the ground through defective pipes or manholes. Inflow includes controlling the penetration of water into the system from drains, storm sewers, and other improper entries.
Sewer System Rehabilitation	Sewer System Rehabilitation	This category includes costs for the maintenance, reinforcement, or reconstruction of structurally deteriorating sanitary or combined sewers. The corrective actions must be necessary to maintain the structural integrity of the system.

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New Collector Sewers	New Collector Sewers	This category includes costs of new pipes used to collect and carry wastewater from a sanitary or industrial wastewater source to an interceptor sewer that will convey the wastewater to a treatment facility. <i>Note: Construction of a collector sewer to transport wastes to a cluster septic system or other decentralized facility are reported in Category: Individual/Decentralized Sewage Treatment.</i>
New Interceptor	New Interceptor	This category includes costs for constructing new interceptor sewers and pumping stations to convey wastewater from collection sewer systems to a treatment facility or to another interceptor sewer. This category includes costs for relief sewers.
CSO Correction	CSO Correction	This category includes measures used to achieve water quality objectives by preventing or controlling periodic discharges of a mixture of storm water and untreated wastewater (combined sewer overflows) that occur when the capacity of a sewer system is exceeded during a wet weather event. This category does not include costs for overflow control allocated to flood control or drainage improvement, or treatment or control of storm water in separate storm and drainage systems.
Stormwater: Gray Infrastructure	Storm Sewers & Urban	This category includes costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of conveying stormwater via pipes, inlets, road side ditches, and other similar mechanisms. This category also includes the costs of activities associated with the planning, design, and construction of treating stormwater with wet ponds, dry ponds, manufactured devices, and other similar means.
Stormwater: Green Infrastructure	N/A	This category includes costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of low impact development and green infrastructure, such as bioretention, constructed wetlands, permeable pavement, rain gardens, green roofs, cisterns, rain barrels, vegetated swales, restoration of riparian buffers and flood plains, etc.

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Water Reuse	Recycled Water Distribution	This category includes the costs associated with the treatment and conveyance of treated wastewater that is being reused (recycled water), including associated rehabilitation/replacement needs. Examples include distribution lines and equipment for application of effluent. The costs associated with additional unit processes to increase the level of treatment to potable or less than potable but greater than that normally associated with surface discharge needs are reported as Advanced Treatment.
Ag Cropland	Ag Cropland	This category covers nonpoint source pollution control activities related to agricultural activities such as plowing, pesticide spraying, irrigation, fertilizing, planting and harvesting. Some typical best management practices (BMPs) used to address agriculture (cropland) needs are conservation tillage, nutrient management, irrigation water management, and structural (e.g., terraces, waterways) BMPs.
Ag Animals	Ag Animals	This category covers nonpoint source pollution control activities related to agricultural activities related to animal production such as confined animal facilities and grazing. Some typical BMPs used to address agriculture (animal) needs are animal waste storage facilities, animal waste nutrient management, composting facilities, and planned grazing.
Silviculture	Silviculture	This category covers nonpoint source pollution control activities related to forestry activities, such as removal of streamside vegetation, road construction and use, timber harvesting, and mechanical preparation for the planting of trees. Some typical BMPs used to address silviculture needs are pre harvest planning, streamside buffers, road management, revegetation of disturbed areas and structural practices, and equipment (e.g., sediment control structures, timber harvesting equipment).

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Groundwater (Unknown Source)	Groundwater (Unknown Source)	This category covers nonpoint source pollution control activities related to ground water protection such as wellhead and recharge area protection activities. Any activity that can be attributed to a specific cause of ground water pollution, such as leaking storage tanks, soil contamination in a brownfield, or leachate from a sanitary landfill, are included in that more specific category. Desalination projects that protect or restore groundwater should be reported under this category.
Marinas	Marinas	This category covers nonpoint source pollution control activities related to boating and marinas, such as poorly flushed waterways, boat maintenance activities, discharge of sewage from boats, and the physical alteration of shoreline, wetlands, and aquatic habitat during the construction and operation of marinas. Some typical BMPs are used to address needs at marinas are bulk heading, pump out systems, and oil containment booms.
Resource Extraction	Resource Extraction	This category covers nonpoint source pollution control activities nonpoint source pollution control activities related to mining and quarrying activities. Examples of BMPs include detention berms and seeding or revegetation.
Brownfields	Brownfields	This category covers nonpoint source pollution control activities related to land that was developed for industrial purposes and then abandoned, which might have residual contamination. All work at brownfields should be included in this category regardless of the activity. Some typical activities used to address cleanup of brownfields sites are ground water monitoring wells, in situ treatment of contaminated soils and ground water, and capping to prevent storm water infiltration.

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Storage Tanks	Storage Tanks	This category covers nonpoint source pollution control activities related to tanks designed to hold gasoline or other petroleum products or chemicals. The tanks may be located above or below ground level. Some typical BMPs are spill containment systems; in situ treatment of contaminated soils and ground water; and upgrade, rehabilitation or removal of petroleum/chemical storage tanks. Note: Facilities or measures that are part of nonpoint source pollution control activities at abandoned, idle and underused industrial sites (brownfields) should be included in the Brownfields category.
Sanitary Landfills	Sanitary Landfills	This category covers nonpoint source pollution control activities related to sanitary landfills. Some typical BMPs used to address needs at landfills are leachate collection, on-site treatment, gas collection and control, capping and closure.
Hydromodification/Habitat Restoration	Hydromodification	This category covers nonpoint source pollution control activities related to habitat protection and restoration. Examples of projects include shoreline activities (e.g., swales, filter strips), instream activities (e.g., fish ladders), and capital costs associated with the control of invasive vegetative and aquatic species. Any habitat restoration projects involving stormwater management should not be included under this category. Those projects should be reported under Stormwater: Green Infrastructure.

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Individual/Decentralized Sewage Treatment	Individual/Decentralized Sewage Treatment	<p>This category covers nonpoint source pollution control activities related to rehabilitating or replacing onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) or clustered (community) systems. It also includes the treatment portion of other decentralized sewage disposal technologies. Costs related to developing and implementing onsite management districts are included (but not the costs of ongoing operations of such districts). Costs could also include the limited collection systems associated with the decentralized system.</p> <p>This category does not include costs associated with changing a service area from decentralized wastewater treatment to a publicly owned centralized treatment system. Costs to construct a publicly owned centralized collection and treatment system should be reported in Secondary Wastewater Treatment, Advanced Wastewater Treatment, or both. Note: Activities related to installing sewers to connect the service area to an existing collection system are reported in Category: New Collector Sewers & Category: New Interceptor.</p>