

Sediment quality criteria: derivation, implementation and enforcement



1. SQG can be used for prioritizing chemicals in the context of providing recommendations for monitoring strategies, and prioritize (rank) sites.
2. Downscaling sediment quality guidelines provides more realistic site-specific criteria. Development and validation is flexible enough to satisfy different levels of environmental protection.
3. Implementation into legislation should allow for feedback and adaptation (loop).

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1. Action levels, environmental quality standards, PNECs, they are named differently, but are they all the same? Are they interchangeable? **NO**

2. Are sediment quality guidelines on the move?

What are the implications? ...

3. Have we appropriately developed, implemented and enforced sediment quality criteria in different river basins? What are the effects on water quality? Do we comply now with the EU-WFD? **Ø**