D) The Right Approach?

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A. Could have been accomplished as well as an MOU w/ less of a regulatory appearance due to the Fed Reg.; too much of "a Top Down" appearance.

B. Question as why just the general policy with no details regarding implementation.

C. The States' TMDL program & identified impaired waterbodies; would like to see more language included re. Fed. Agencies responding to/rallying around State Programs.

D. It's mother hood & apple pie so it is certainly something very acceptable.

E. Needs more attention to managing "virtual" watersheds on web sites.

F. Needs to recognize the State laws & regulations re. science, monitoring, etc. in the sec. stating that Fed. Agencies will implement the policy w/in Fed. laws, regs., etc.

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(2) How can activities be best coordinated 35

A. Federal agency funding can be very compartmentalized and inflexible — need to address this during the budget process.

B. Need to get the implementation of the policy down to the most local level as possible.

C. Need to set up funding in every agency that funds "local" project — best coord. is at the local level.

D. Look into NPS funding grants to the States so they may lead/promote the establishment of priority watersheds, funding of State & Fed. agencies + local interests in fulfilling their role of contribution to overall management in the priority watersheds.

(3) Best Ways to Fund Partnerships 35

A. Need to set up "flexible" funding opportunities to help the "local" effort

B. Collaboration: group of landowners who have a stake in the outcome of the watershed effort, who are willing to work together — seek these and fund these.

C. Fed. Agencies need to be doing more to demonstrate that we are good stewards; being more proactive in pursuing watershed efforts rather than just implementing strips of mitigation measures associated w/ land uses (oil & gas development, timber harvest, etc.); this means additional watershed conditions "enhancement" money.

D. States are under-funded as well, but the States' need to be encouraged in the process & more involved in identification of priorities, lobbying for additional funding in Washington DC, and promotion of "local" participation.

E. Focus on projects — not programs