

Regulatory Strategy

Water resources and environmental projects usually involve the participation of numerous regulatory agencies, often in an oversight role. Like any stakeholder, they bring their own perspective to the issue, and often their own agenda.

They will review and comment on documentation, provide input at regulator meetings, and even oversee field programs. These agencies will have input in, and approval authority for, many of the issues and decisions to be addressed as part of the project. They can influence the overall project, components of a program, and even individual tasks and procedures; and thus, influence the expediency and costs of the project. In many cases, they also have regulations, protocols, and guidelines that must be followed during the remedial process.

Like any stakeholder, their involvement must be managed: a plan developed, their input solicited and managed, their concerns understood, their expectations shaped, and their support garnered. For a project to be truly successful, the regulators should have a sense of ownership and feel part of the team that delivered success.

Aquilologic staff has developed regulatory strategies and management plans for numerous projects involving Federal, State, and local regulatory agencies. Many of these agencies are clients; therefore, they respect our views and are willing to work with us to deliver results.