



OPTIONS IDENTIFICATION: MassDEP Expectations

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Purpose

- Plan is an exercise in “due diligence”: Ensure LQTUs fully explored ways that toxics are only used when necessary, and if used, used as efficiently as possible
- Wide ranging options identification is the core of plan – can’t evaluate options that haven’t been identified
- Keep a running list from all years – what was not feasible one year may be in the future



Requirements

- Good Faith Effort
 - Solicit ideas from all types of staff with relevant expertise
 - Use many techniques: brainstorming, literature review, peer expertise, vendors etc.
- Consider all 6 TUR Techniques
- Include all new options identified since last plan (even if already implemented or rejected)
- Describe what was identified and identification process: who, how and when -- if an ongoing process, describe it
- Documentation can be in whatever format works for your company/client, e.g.,
 - Form (list of options or list combined with results of technical and economic evaluations and ultimate decision)
 - Compilation of memos, meeting notes, evaluations of ideas that came up since the last plan



PLAN SUMMARY

- Must include all techniques
- Ideally identify which were new since last plan
- When the TURP approves the plan she or he is certifying that a good faith effort at options identification was conducted and documented