

FINAL DRAFT (6/29/09)

State of Indiana Baseline Streamflow Policy

Ecological protection is understood to be one of the recognized “beneficial uses” of water in the State. Therefore, the Water Shortage Task Force recommends that the 80-Percent Flow Duration (Q80) stream discharge for the months of May through October be used as a trigger to initiate a local action process to protect aquatic and riparian habitat by monitoring minimum streamflow in surface waters during a shortage.