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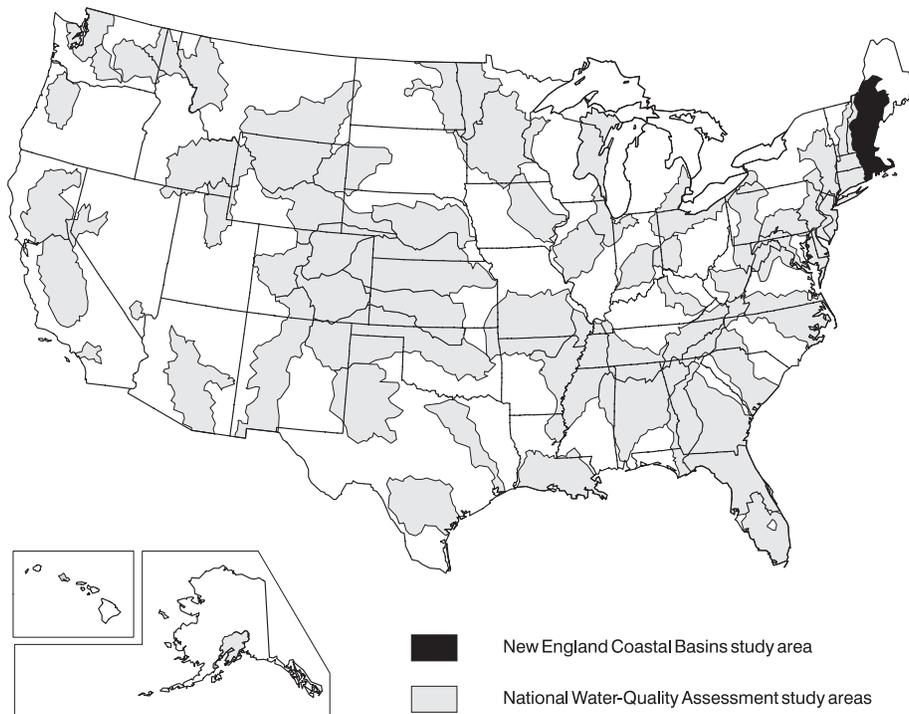
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NAWQA Program Information

The U.S. Geological Survey is conducting an assessment of water quality in the New England Coastal Basins (NECB) study area as part of the National Water-Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program. The long-term goals of NAWQA are to describe the status of and trends in the quality of a large representative part of the Nation's surface- and ground-water resources and to identify major factors that affect the quality of these resources. A total of 59 hydrologic systems are to be studied that include parts of most major river basins and aquifer systems in the Nation. The assessment activities in the NECB study area began in 1997.