# SAS Data Enhancements to Drive Environmental Solutions

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## SAS is a Leader in Government

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Countries with SAS government customers

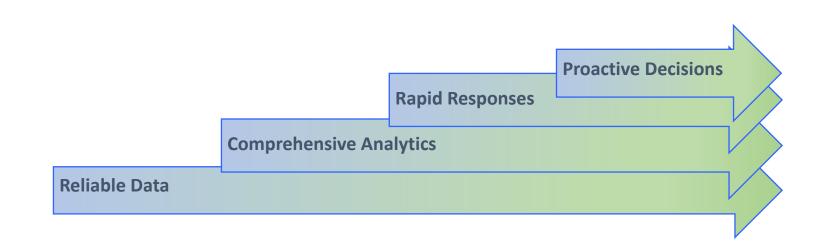
1,600+

Different departments, ministries and agencies

**1976** 

Five decades of innovation, the first funded project was for government

Data	Reporting	Operational Analytics	Predictive Analytics
Water Usage	Clean Water Act NPDES	Identify pollution problems	Forecast floods
Water Quality	303(d)		Predict river flow
Discharges Drinking Water	TMDL Waste Clean Air Act	Enforce compliance	Estimate future water usage needs



## Healthy Nevada Project

DNA Analysis Unlocks Better Health For Communities

### Challenge

As one of the first community-based population studies in the US, the Healthy Nevada Project is focused on predicting, treating, and preventing disease by understanding how genetics, environment, social factors, and health care interact.

#### **How SAS Helped**

The SA Viya Platform, with its AI and machine learning capabilities, is the foundation bedrock of the Healthy Nevada Project. Researchers and physicians can combine genetic data, environmental data and individual health information and extract, transform, and study this data to gain insights into any health outcomes they want to focus on

#### Results

Now, users can comb through, manipulate, and extract 200 terabytes of genetics and health records data with speed and accuracy. Setting the right parameters, they can analyze a billion-record table of physician notes to generate new insights into population health and enable personalized health care, all while improving the health and well-being of entire communities in Nevada.

## Using Data & Analytics to Drive Value



## **Enhance Problem Solving and Making Decisions**

Identifying sources of nutrients to improve water quality

Performing water quality trend analysis

Identifying data gaps in monitoring

Conduct resource planning based on environmental stressor data

Providing correlations between environmental stressors and water quality

Identifying solutions for restoration strategies

Associating flow paths with environmental stressors

Estimating effects of converting septic tanks to sewer systems

# **Water Quantity Well Project**

#### **Evaluate Water**

#### Use:

- County
- Permit issuing agency
- Region of the state
- # of wells
- Trend analysis
- Predict future needs

# **Integrate Data – Optimize Collaboration**

EPA ATTAINS - EPA ECHO - EPA GRTS - EPA WQ PORTAL

# **Infuse Automation in Reporting**

## Flood Prediction and Preparedness Solution

- Sensors collect and report real-time conditions
- Compare historical trends and perform forensic analysis
- Track the distribution of rainfall intensity over time and space
- Continuously update metrics associated with rain events to inform deteriorating conditions

- Flood Inundation model predicts location and depth of flooding
- Know where a flood will occur 6-hours in advance
- Can be used to measure effects of infrastructure changes and projects