

# FFMP2017 Studies Progress Update

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# FFMP STUDIES



**FFMP 2017**

The diagram consists of two dark gray chevron-shaped boxes pointing to the right, connected by a white arrow. The first box is labeled 'FFMP 2017' and the second box is labeled '2023 Amendment'. Below the first box is a list of five items: 'Balancing Adjustment', 'Detachment (Salinity)', 'Storage Optimization', 'NJ Diversion', and 'Excess Release Quantity (ERQ)'. Below the second box is the text 'Synthesis Study'.

Balancing Adjustment  
Detachment (Salinity)  
Storage Optimization  
NJ Diversion  
Excess Release Quantity (ERQ)

**2023 Amendment**

Synthesis Study

# Overview of progress

| Study                | Scope of Work  | Progress  |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Balancing Adjustment | 2020 Approved  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Study completed 2023.</li><li>- Presentation at RFAC August 2023.</li><li>- Draft report available online April 2024</li><li>- <a href="#">Refined process February 2025.</a></li></ul> |
| Detachment           | 2020 Approved<br>2023 Streamlined<br>2024 Streamlined available online | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Modeling and review in progress.</li><li>- <a href="#">Scope comments addressed.</a></li></ul>  |
| Storage              | <a href="#">2025 Approved</a>  | Generally, defers to DRBC Phase I and II Storage Studies.   |
| NJ Diversion         | <a href="#">In progress</a>  | Some modeling completed as part of Detachment Study.  |
| ERQ                  | Not active   | None  |
| Synthesis study      | Not active   | None  |

# Storage Study Scope

The FFMP2017 Storage Study was intended to explore potential increases in available storage for use in the lower basin, as well as to examine the optimization of existing storage.

The DRBC Report *Evaluation of Additional Storage in the Delaware River Basin* was completed in 2023 and will address many of the goals of the FFMP2017 Storage Study. DBRC has also begun a “Phase II” study to further assess the potential of the increased storage opportunities identified in the 2023 study.

The Decree Parties will use the DRBC reports to the maximum extent possible to inform the study goals defined in the FFMP2017.

# Storage Study Scope

Optimization of existing basin storage will be explored in the upcoming Synthesis Study, to be completed with information from all FFMP2017 recommended studies.

# Accessing information and next steps

Storage Study Scope of Work is available on the ODRM website:  
<https://webapps.usgs.gov/odrm/ffmp/ffmp-studies>

**Request that any feedback is submitted by April 20, 2025, to:**  
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NJ Diversion Scope will be made available after approved by Decree Parties.