



The Watershed Academy Presents a Webcast on...

Using EPA's *Draft Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect Our Waters*

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Two-hour audio Web broadcast

Eastern: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Central: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Mountain: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Pacific: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

Session Description:

EPA has recently developed a *Draft Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect Our Waters* to assist watershed planners in developing effective plans that will provide an analytical framework to restore water quality in impaired waters and to protect waters that may be threatened. The Webcast instructors will provide an overview of the Handbook contents, and then proceed through each of the steps needed to develop and implement watershed plans. Throughout the Webcast, the instructors will address some of the most common questions that arise in developing watershed plans such as: How do I know when I have enough data? What if our watershed group doesn't have the skills to do many of these analyses? How do I know if I've met the requirements to qualify for Section 319 funding? There will also be opportunities to ask questions about the Draft Handbook and watershed planning in general.

Instructors:

Charlie MacPherson, Public Outreach Specialist, Tetra Tech, Inc.

Charlie has developed and implemented public outreach strategies for state, tribal, and local watershed organizations for the past 15 years.

Stuart Lehman, Environmental Scientist, USEPA Nonpoint Source Control Branch

Stuart has been in the NPS Control Branch for 5 years, working on agricultural NPS and watershed planning issues. He led the development of the Handbook.

Leslie Shoemaker, Water Resources Engineer, Tetra Tech, Inc.

Leslie has developed numerous user-friendly modeling tools that can be used to calculate loadings in the watershed, identify appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs), and track the effectiveness of those BMPs in reducing pollutant loads.

Barry Tanning, Policy Analyst, Tetra Tech, Inc.

Barry works with state, tribal, and local watershed groups to develop and implement effective watershed plans and help secure funding needed to sustain the watershed planning effort for the long-term.



The Watershed Academy

The Watershed Academy is a focal point in EPA's Office of Water for providing training and information on implementing watershed approaches. The Academy sponsors live classroom training, online distance learning modules through the Watershed Academy Web at www.epa.gov/watertrain/, and most recently, Webcasts on various watershed planning and restoration topics. EPA plans to offer additional Webcasts in 2006. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/.

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Questions?

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