

## The Watershed Academy Presents a Webcast on...

*The Watershed Plan Builder: EPA's New Interactive Web-based Tool Designed to Promote the Development of Comprehensive Watershed Plans*

**Wednesday, May 2, 2007** one and one-half hour audio Web broadcast

Eastern: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Central: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Mountain: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Pacific: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 pm

### Session Description:

EPA has recently developed the Web-based tool, *Watershed Plan Builder*, to help organizations develop integrated watershed plans to meet state and EPA requirements and promote water quality improvement. The Plan Builder leads you through a series of steps to produce a customized narrative outline of a watershed plan for your watershed, populated with relevant links to datasets, information resources, and analysis tools. This tool is designed to get you started, providing a framework for your watershed plan and tips on what should be included in your plan and how to obtain additional information. Much of the instructional text in Plan Builder is taken from EPA's *Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect Our Waters*, which was written 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 background on the development of the tool, give an overview of the Plan Builder contents, and then navigate through the Plan Builder in a live on-line demonstration.

### Instructors:

**Stuart Lehman**, Environmental Scientist, USEPA Nonpoint Source Control Branch

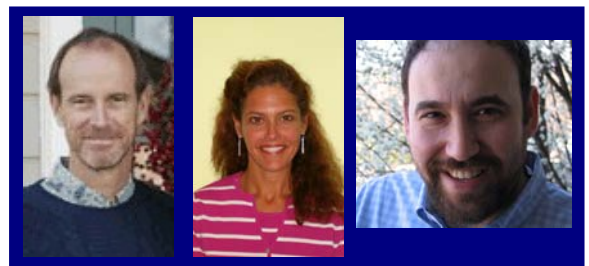
Stuart has been in EPA's Nonpoint Source (NPS) Control Branch for 5 years, working on agricultural NPS and watershed planning issues. He co-chairs EPA's Watershed Planning Team, which led the development of the Watershed Plan Builder.

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

Charlie has worked with state, tribal, and local watershed organizations for the past 15 years to develop and implement effective watershed plans and supported EPA in the development of the Watershed Handbook.

**Vladi Royzman**, Water Resources Scientist, Tetra Tech, Inc.

Vladi has developed user-friendly tools that can be used to calculate loadings in the watershed, identify appropriate BMPs, and track the effectiveness of those BMPs in reducing pollutant loads.



### 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/](http://www.epa.gov/watertrain/), and recently, Webcasts on various watershed planning and restoration topics. EPA plans to offer additional Webcasts in 2007. For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/](http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/).

### Registration

**Registration for this Webcast opens April 20, 2007.** You must register in advance to participate in the Webcast. To register, visit [www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts](http://www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts). The Webcast will be a bit different from previous Watershed Academy Webcasts. The Webcast will be a Web-based slide presentation and live demonstration of the Plan Builder. Upon registering, you will receive complete participation instructions, including the URL to go to participate in the Webcast and the toll-free phone number. **Please note that there are a limited number of toll-free phone lines available, so register early to guarantee your spot. Because of the growing popularity of these Webcasts and the limited number of available spaces, we strongly encourage you to reserve a conference room and invite your colleagues and other partners to participate.** If you register after that limit is reached, you will be added to a waiting list.

### Questions?

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