



## Opportunities for Citizen Involvement in the Clean Water Act A Watershed Academy Webcast

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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:

This Webcast will highlight opportunities for citizen involvement in state and local implementation of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The CWA provided specifically for public participation in most elements, yet groups and individuals working to protect and restore water bodies that matter to them may not know how to use the law in their efforts. To better inform citizens of the available CWA tools, this Webcast will focus on water quality standards and how they play into the development of the threatened and impaired waters list, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, section 319 watershed plans, and development and implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).

### Instructor:

**Gayle Killam, Director of Clean Water Act Program—River Network**

Gayle has been training and supporting citizens across the country on better implementation of the Clean Water Act since 1998. In the last few years, this work has emphasized better implementation of water quality standards (including the antidegradation policy) and review of NPDES permits, particularly stormwater permits. She recently authored the second edition of River Network's "The Clean Water Act Owner's Manual." Gayle has also put together an online Clean Water Act course at [www.cleanwateract.org](http://www.cleanwateract.org).



### 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 watershed approach is one of the four pillars of the EPA's Sustainable Infrastructure Initiative. 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 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/](http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/).

### Registration

**Registration for this Webcast opens April 12, 2006.** You must register in advance to participate in the Webcast. To register, visit [www.clu-in.org/live](http://www.clu-in.org/live). The Webcast will be a Web-based slide presentation with a companion audio portion. There are two options for accessing the audio portion of the Webcast: by phone OR streaming audio broadcast (not both). By selecting one registration option at the registration page, you will be registering to view the Web-based slides and the audio method of your choice. If you choose the streaming audio option, you will not be able to participate by telephone. However, you will be able to submit questions online for the presenters to answer during the Webcast. Closed-captioning is available. Upon registration you will receive complete participation instructions. **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. After the Webcast is over, an audio version of the Webcast will be available—visit [www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts/](http://www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts/) for more information.

### Questions?

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