

ATTAINS – a Gateway to State-Reported Water Quality Information

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Two-hour audio Web broadcast

Eastern: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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A Watershed Academy Webcast:

EPA recently released a new Web site where water quality managers and the public can go to view a wide range of state-reported water quality information. This Web site, sometimes referred to as ATTAINS, combines two formerly separate databases: the National Assessment Database and the National Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Tracking System. The National Assessment Database is for water quality assessment information reported by the states under Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act, while the National TMDL Tracking System is for impaired waters information reported by the states under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. ATTAINS gives the “full story” showing which waters have been assessed, which are impaired, and which are being (or have been) restored. This Web site allows the user to view dynamic, continuously updated tables and charts that summarize state-reported information for the nation as a whole, for individual states and waters, and for the ten EPA Regions. Visit ATTAINS at epa.gov/waters/ir.

Instructors:



Dwane Young, IT Specialist, U.S. EPA's Monitoring Branch

Dwane has led the development of ATTAINS and ongoing management of STORET for the last 2 ½ years as part of EPA's Monitoring Branch in the Office of Water. He has also led the development of the Water Quality Exchange (WQX) which has made it easier for states and others to put data into STORET, and has worked with numerous states and tribes in assisting them to implement good data management practices as part of their day-to-day activities.

Sarah Furtak, Environmental Protection Specialist, U.S. EPA's Watershed Branch

Sarah Furtak is engaged in a number of watershed projects related to the Clean Water Act impaired waters listing and the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program. Her focus areas include communications, state and local government stakeholder coordination, and strategic planning.



Shera Bender, Environmental Scientist, U.S. EPA's Watershed Branch

Shera Bender has been involved with the development of the ATTAINS Web site since 2007. She works on several other projects under the Clean Water Act impaired waters listing and the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program.

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 and online distance learning modules through the Watershed Academy Web at www.epa.gov/watertrain. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watershedacademy.

Registration

Registration for this Webcast opens June 6, 2008. You must register in advance to participate. To register, visit 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 by streaming audio broadcast (not both). When registering, you will be able to select the audio option you prefer to accompany the Web-based slides. 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 limited number of 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 for more information.

Questions?

Visit www.clu-in.org/live or contact Helen Siverling at helen.siverling@tetrattech-ffx.com or 703-385-6000.

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