



2010 National Monitoring Conference  
**Building Successful State, Regional, and Tribal Water Monitoring Councils**  
**Extended Session 6, Room 9, Monday, April 26, 2010, 1:30 – 5:00 pm**

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**Part I: Experiences form Various Stages of Council Development**

1:30 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Abby Markowitz, Tetra Tech
1:45 p.m.	Indiana Water Monitoring Council: A Relatively New Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why, when and how did the Council form?</li> <li>• Highlights of early success stories</li> </ul>	Jody Arthur, Indiana Water Monitoring Council
2:00 p.m.	Florida Water Quality Monitoring Council: A Council in Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What spurred the transition effort?</li> <li>• What were some lessons learned in previous years and how does the council plan to improve under a new structure</li> </ul>	Steve Wolfe, Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council
2:15 p.m.	California Water Quality Monitoring Council: A Relatively New Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation mandated by Legislation</li> <li>• Issue-specific work groups</li> <li>• Theme-based internet portals</li> </ul>	Jon Marshack, California Water Quality Monitoring Council
2:30 p.m.	Maryland Water Monitoring Council: Experienced State Councils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growing councils to meet state needs and how they developed into what they are today</li> <li>• Things that have worked well over the years</li> </ul>	Dan Boward, Maryland Water Monitoring Council
2:45 p.m.	Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Differences in Councils</li> <li>• Pros/cons of going non-profit (501 3C)</li> <li>• SWAPs</li> <li>• Data management of a variety of sources</li> </ul>	Barb Horn, Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council
3:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion–Q&A: Addressing needs of state and regional councils at any stage in their development	Facilitated by Abby Markowitz
3:15 p.m.	<b><i>Break</i></b>	

## Part II: Alternatives to State Monitoring Councils

3:30 p.m.	West Virginia Case Study: Water Monitoring Partnerships and Alliances	Jim Laine, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spotlight: West Virginia Capacity Building: Addressing Harmful Algal Blooms in a Multi-Organization Manner</li></ul>	Duane Nichols, Cheat Lake Environmental & Recreation Association
3:50 p.m.	Iowa Case Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Producing Successful State Water Monitoring Conferences</li><li>• Benefits of the organization of their stakeholders</li></ul>	Mary Skopec, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
4:05 p.m.	Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Similarities/differences with state or regional councils</li><li>• Unique Issues for Tribal councils</li><li>• Beneficial experiences to share with other Tribal Councils</li></ul>	Jon Waterhouse, Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council
4:20 p.m.	Panel Discussion–Q&A: Addressing needs of state and regional councils at any stage in their development and alternatives to state monitoring councils	Facilitated by Abby Markowitz
5:00 p.m.	<i>Adjourn and Venture Out for a “Topical Social Gathering!”</i>	

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