



Mark your calendars for —
The 8th National Water Monitoring Conference
Water: One Resource – Shared Effort – Common Future
April 30 – May 4, 2012 in Portland, Oregon

The National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC or “Council”) will host its **8th National Water Monitoring Conference – Water: One Resource – Shared Effort – Common Future** on April 30 – May 4, 2012. This national forum provides an exceptional opportunity for federal, state, local, tribal, volunteer, academic, private, and other water stakeholders to exchange information and technology related to water monitoring, assessment, research, protection, restoration, and management, as well as to develop new skills and professional networks.

Conference themes will cover your water management & science needs, including:

- **Applying Innovative Monitoring Technologies and Methods**
- **Strengthening and Advancing Assessment Methods and Models**
- **Addressing Climate and Water Availability Issues**
- **Communicating Science and Data to Decision Makers and the Public**
- **Managing and Sharing Water Quality Monitoring Data**
- **Strengthening Monitoring Collaboration and Partnerships at all Scales**
- **Addressing Emerging Contaminants and Emerging Threats to Water Quality**
- **Evaluating and Managing Water Protection and Restoration Activities**

Of special note...



For the first time, this biennial NWQMC conference and River Network’s National River Rally are coordinating an overlap day (May 4th) with mutually developed themes and presentations geared toward fostering improved collaboration between government and nonprofit groups working together for clean water. (<http://www.rivernetwork.org/>)



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Join us in Portland, Oregon at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. With snow-capped Mount Hood providing a spectacular backdrop, Portland (known for its beer and bicyclists) combines a sophisticated, cosmopolitan atmosphere with friendly, small-town warmth. An efficient light rail system, pedestrian-friendly city blocks, and free train rides in the central city make getting around town a real pleasure.

Call for Abstracts Coming Out this Spring!

Please feel free to distribute this announcement to your staff and water colleagues.

For questions, please contact the 2012 National Water Monitoring Conference Coordinators Cathy Tate, cmtate@usgs.gov or Jeff Schloss, jeff.schloss@unh.edu. To be placed on the mailing list, contact Philip Forsberg, forsberg@nalms.org. To learn more about the Council and previous conferences, visit: <http://acwi.gov/monitoring/>.

