



NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

Working Together for Clean Water

**Welcome to the 2004 National Monitoring Conference in beautiful
Chattanooga, Tennessee!**

Dear Colleagues:

WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE! We're delighted you could join us as we explore the elements and tools that build and sustain successful water monitoring programs. For this conference, we received just over 300 abstracts from our colleagues in all sectors of the monitoring community in the US as well as abroad. This year's program is rich in scope and content, including two short courses, seven workshops, 140 platform presentations, 90 technical posters, and over 30 exhibits. As is customary with this conference, we have also dedicated time to facilitated discussions around the four primary conference themes (collaboration, comparability, monitoring expectations, and new and emerging technologies).

Please use your Conference Program to help you navigate the conference activities over the next several days. Your Program contains:

- ✓ **About the National Water Quality Monitoring Council** providing an introduction to the Council, its mission, and its members.
- ✓ A thank you to our **Conference Sponsors**
- ✓ **Elizabeth J. Fellows Award Announcement** honoring this year's recipient of the EJF award.
- ✓ **Acknowledgments** recognizing the individuals, organizations, agencies, and businesses that planned this year's conference.
- ✓ A list of **Conference Exhibitors**
- ✓ **Road Map to the Conference** explaining the conference themes and opportunities for discussion and input.
- ✓ A full **Conference Agenda** listing times and locations for all conference activities including short courses and workshops, platform presentations, poster and exhibit sessions, meals, receptions, field trips, and topical side meetings. The agenda also lists posters that are relevant to particular sessions so that attendees can be sure to visit those posters of special interest to them.
- ✓ A list of **Poster Presentations**
- ✓ **Title Pages** for all oral and poster presentations containing abstracts, author biographical and contact information.
- ✓ **Conference Attendee Contact Information**

***We invite you to join us in making this conference an opportunity to
share our experiences and explore the critical elements of
building and sustaining our monitoring programs.***

Sincerely yours,

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