

Key EPA Internet Tools for Watershed Management

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Two-hour audio Web broadcast

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A Watershed Academy Webcast:

EPA's Web sites include a wealth of information about the nation's waterbodies and this Webcast will help you learn how to access this information. Our information is housed in several "national databases" and this Webcast will demonstrate how to query, access and use the information. The Webcast will showcase a number of the Internet tools that EPA has developed to support development of watershed plans, provide watershed training and help you get nuts and bolts information about your watershed.

While some of the online tools are straightforward and perform simple functions, others offer capability for multiple-step queries to report information. Using simple screen shots and step-by-step explanations, the Webcast will explain how to do queries from some key EPA water-related databases, such as water quality standards, 303(d) listed impaired waters, assessed waters, STORET (water quality monitoring information) and discharge monitoring reports from permitted dischargers. The session will also provide instruction on using EnviroMapper, an online mapping application that provides an interactive data query interface to display water-related information on a map.

Instructor:

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Ansu is an environmental scientist and outreach specialist at Tetra Tech Inc. with a background in geography and GIS. She supported the development of several of EPA's online tools highlighted in this course related to watershed funding and public outreach. Her background in supporting a broad range of EPA water management programs includes writing the Watershed Academy training course on smart growth, conducting hands-on training on Internet tools for watershed management, conducting training for tribes on the nonpoint source management program, conducting training for municipal officials on public outreach to control stormwater runoff and support for the interagency Task Force on Gulf of Mexico hypoxia reduction efforts



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 March 19, 2007. You must register in advance to participate in the Webcast. 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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