

National Water Quality Monitoring Council

**Webinar for State and Regional
Monitoring Councils, Alliances,
and Partnerships**

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Agenda

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- I. Welcome and Introduction to webinar series by Tracy Hancock & Leslie McGeorge
- II. Planning for National Monitoring Conference by Cathy Tate
 - a. Abstracts, sessions & hosts, workshops, and field trips
 - b. Ways in which State & Regional Councils can get involved
- III. Upcoming products by the National Council by Tracy Hancock
- IV. Webinars as tool for communication with feedback from State & Regional Councils
 - a. Utility of webinars at the state level to get Councils involved by Val Connor
 - b. Administrative restructuring of Florida Monitoring Council by Gail Sloane
 - c. Lake Michigan Monitoring Coordination Council Inventory and what is the story beyond the inventory by John Hummer
 - d. Use of data and data sharing – What can the National Council do to facilitate data sharing by Chuck Spooner
 - e. Tribal groups - a good collaboration effort by Dave Fuller
 - f. What do State & Regional Councils want from the National Council?
 - g. What are some successes and challenges of State & Regional Councils, what works and what does not?
 - h. How do Council members plan together?
- V. Wrap-up and future planning by Tracy Hancock

National Water Quality Monitoring Council

Purpose: Provide national forum for coordination of methods & strategies to improve water quality monitoring, assessment & reporting. Promote partnerships - foster collaboration, advance science, & improve mgt within monitoring community.

- **Coordination, Communication, Collaboration**

- **Mission** - "...build partnerships that foster collaboration...by **supporting development of state and regional monitoring councils...**"



Potential Benefits of National Council & State/Regional Council Interactions

- Information Exchange and fostering partnerships re: **national tools/initiatives**:
 - NEMI (Nat'l Environmental Monitoring Index)
 - Proposed Nat'l Water Monitoring Networks – e.g., Coastal Waters & Tribes, Nat'l GW Monitoring Network
 - National Water Monitoring Conference
 - NEST (Nat'l Environmental Status & Trends – water indicators)

Potential Benefits (cont)

- **Information Exchange Among Monitoring Councils:**
 - Membership and operations
 - Support and funding
 - Monitoring conferences
 - Data exchange
 - Building partnerships and leveraging resources
 - Building commonality in water information use in managing water resources