

Topics for Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network -Webinar Sessions

Many monitoring entities are working together to share their knowledge with others in the monitoring community. We will be launching a new communication tool in June, and we would like your input. Webinar Sessions are designed to create and foster communication and collaboration among water quality monitoring efforts across the state. As the National Water Quality Monitoring Council states, "Collaboration and Outreach works to build partnerships that foster collaboration among the many elements of the water monitoring community by supporting development of state and regional monitoring councils and promoting the importance of monitoring for decision-making." This is the initial attempt to create this communication and collaboration effort. As we build these sessions, we also build a framework to collect data and information in a more effective and efficient manner that will work towards water quality improvements. The webinars will consist of several types of forums such as:

- 1) Providing information to the Group (State Program Overviews, technical and support tools, information in various water quality indicator, assessment methods etc.);
- 2) Providing a expertise dialogue (eg., Bioassessment, monitoring design, blue-green algae phenomenon etc); and
- 3) Providing a forum for networking (eg, recent developments in regional monitoring or citizen monitoring groups), problem solving, and feedback on program and tools.

We encourage comments along the way in developing this framework to help improve this process. In the spreadsheet below, please rank these topics high, medium and low according to your interest. Also, add any additional topics that you are interest in and/or suggests for improvements in the topics listed below.

Thank you for your participation!

<i>Topic Categories</i>	<i>Session Topics</i>	<i>Rank High (H), Medium (M), Low(L)</i>
<i>Program Overviews</i>		
	Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program	
	Clean Water Team Program	
	State Water Quality Monitoring Council	
	Individual Regional Monitoring Programs	
	303(d) and 305(b) [how to submit data]	
<i>Indicators</i>		
	What indicators are available and what do they tell us?	
	Bioassessment (methods, usefulness, assessment)	
	Physical Habitat-various methods (methods, usefulness, assessment)	
	Toxicity	
	Blue Green Algae (sampling, analytical, assessment)	
	Pollutants (what we know and not know)	
	What indicators are available and what do they tell us?	
<i>Technical and Support Tools</i>		
	Quality Assurance (what kind, how much and why)	
	Data Integration (How do you integrate data that are collected under different monitoring designs and objects?)	
	Website Demonstrations (SWAMP, CWT, Monitoring Council etc.)	
	Data Comparability (the value, what is it, why)	
	Inventory of Monitoring Efforts (what's available and feedback from participants on what is valuable/useful/critical to them as users)	
	Funding (what and where are the sources and how can they collaborate better to use funding more efficient and effectively).	
	Grant preparation (perhaps)—grant monitoring for results	
	Assessment tools—types of assessment, what's available (online or...), what's needed	

	Program Effectiveness (Is the monitoring data answering the questions asked?)	
	SWAMP Advisor (How and when to use it?)	
	Monitoring Design (How to monitor for project effectiveness.)	
<i>How to monitor...?</i>		
	Wetlands	
	Inter tidal	
	Wadeable streams	
	Lakes	
	Coastal	
	Estuaries	
<i>State of the State (conditions)</i>		
	Coastal Waters	
	Lake Contamination	
	River Conditions	
	Wetlands	
	Estuaries	
<i>Regional Monitoring Dialogs</i>		
	Profiles of 'regional monitoring programs' (purposes, who's involved, etc)	
	Coordination in regional monitoring (techniques such as directories, monitoring objectives)	
	Outreach in regional monitoring (e.g., web portals)	