



Advisory Committee on Water Information
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Herndon, Virginia 20170

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Welcome to the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI).

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Your meeting leaders include:

Chair: R. Thomas Weimer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

Alternate Chair: Robert M. Hirsch, Associate Director for Water, U.S. Geological Survey

Executive Secretary: Toni M. Johnson, Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, USGS

Facilitator: Gail Bingham, Resolve – *Results Through Consensus*

Members: The organizations *you* represent on ACWI

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AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, September 14, 2004, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

8:30-9:15 am **Welcome and Introductions**

8:30-8:35 am Tom Weimer, ACWI Chair – Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the U.S. Department of the Interior

◆ Welcome

8:35-9:00 am Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget at the U.S. Department of the Interior

◆ Opening Address to ACWI

9:00-9:15 am Bob Hirsch, ACWI Alternate Chair and Associate Director for Water at the U.S. Geological Survey; and Toni Johnson, ACWI Executive Secretary, U.S. Geological Survey

◆ Introductions and Responsibilities

- Introduction of members around the table
- Responsibilities under the Federal Advisory Committee Act
- Staff support

9:15-10:45 am **2004 Federal Roundtable**

◆ Overview of Water Programs of New/Returning Federal Members

9:15-9:30 am Bill Dawson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

9:30-9:40 am Don Dycus, Tennessee Valley Authority

◆ Highlights of Federal Water Programs and Funding Trends with a focus on water quality monitoring, compiled in cooperation with the Office of Management and Budget

9:40-9:50 am Jody Eimers, USDO/I/U.S. Geological Survey

9:50-10:00 am Mike Shapiro, EPA/Office of Water

10:00-10:10 am Carl Lucero, USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service

10:10-10:20 am Greg Mandt, NOAA/National Weather Service

- ◆ Statement from the Association of American State Geologists
- 10:10-10:30 am** Emery Cleaves, AASG, and Maryland State Geologist
- 10:30-10:45 am** Discussion on the 2004 Federal Roundtable
- 10:45-11:00 am** **Break**
- 11:00-11:15** Peter Grevatt, Environmental Protection Agency
- ◆ EPA/USGS Collaborative Strategy for Monitoring and Modeling
- 11:15-11:45** Charles Spooner, EPA Office of Water; and Gail Mallard, USGS Water Resources, Co-Chairs of the National Water Quality Monitoring Council; and Don Dycus, Tennessee Valley Authority, Member NWQMC and Tri-Chair, 4th National Monitoring Conference
- ◆ Accomplishments of the Council
 - The Framework for Monitoring
 - Work with State and Regional Councils
 - Highlights of National Conference
- 11:45-12:00 pm** **Opportunity for Public Comments and Announcements by Member Organizations** [*required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)*]
- 12:00-12:10** **Break** – Move to Ballroom C (adjoining room)
- 12:10-12:30** Pick up and begin your lunch
- 12:30- 1:00** **Luncheon Speaker:** Laura Gatz, General Accounting Office
- ◆ Final Report on Watershed Management: *Better Coordination of Data Collection Efforts Needed to Support Key Decisions*
<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-04-382>
- 1:00 - 1:30** ACWI Plenary Discussion of Council Role
 - **Discussion/Action:** What is the appropriate role/response of the ACWI/Council to the recommendations by GAO?
- 1:30 - 2:00** John Haines, Coastal and Marine Program Coordinator, U.S. Geological Survey and Executive Committee for Development of IOOS
- ◆ Overview of Ocean Activities Related to a National Monitoring Network
 - Background and Recommendations from the *Preliminary Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, Governor's Draft*
<http://oceancommission.gov/documents/prelimreport/welcome.html>

- Planning for the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)
<http://www.ocean.us/documents/componentsIOOS.jsp>

2:00-2:30 pm Herb Buxton, USGS, and Co-Chair of the Monitoring, Modeling and Research Workgroup of the Gulf of Mexico/Mississippi River Nutrient Task Force

◆ Nutrient Task Force Report (in preparation)

- Highlights
- Recommendations on Monitoring
- Next Steps for the Nutrient Task Force
- Comments and Questions

- **Discussion/Action:** How might the ACWI and its National Monitoring Council support the goals of the Nutrient Task Force?

2:30-2:45 Peter Tennant, Ohio River Basin Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), and Member National Water Quality Monitoring Council

◆ Efforts Toward Integrated Monitoring in the Ohio River Sub-Basin

2:45-3:00 **Break**

3:00-3:30 pm Malka Pattison, DOI Office of Policy Analysis, and Member Council on Environmental Quality's Ocean Task Force

- ◆ CEQ Ocean Task Force Response to the *Preliminary Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, Governor's Draft*
 - Proposed Task to ACWI/Council
 - Comments and Questions

3:30-4:00 pm Plenary Discussion of CEQ Proposal

4:00-5:00 pm Optional Working Session (Ballroom C)

- Possible role(s) for the ACWI and National Monitoring Council
- Options for ACWI/Council
- Process for Response of ACWI members to CEQ Proposal
 - **Action:** ACWI Response to CEQ Proposal

Day 2: Wednesday, September 15, 2004, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

8:30-9:00 am **Opening Speaker:** Robin O'Malley, The Heinz Center for Science, Economics and the Environment

- ◆ Heinz Center Report, *The State of The Nation's Ecosystems: Measuring the Lands, Waters, and Living Resources of the United States*
 - Current activities
 - Questions and Discussion

9:00-9:30 am Curtis Cude, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and Alternate, National Water Quality Monitoring Council

- ◆ Pacific Northwest Data Exchange
 - Overview
 - Internet Demonstration
 - Questions and Discussion

9:30-10:15 am LeAnne Astin, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, and Member, Methods and Data Comparability Board; Charles Spooner, EPA Office of Water and co-Chair, National Water Quality Monitoring Council; and Herb Brass, EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, and Co-Chair, Methods and Data Comparability Board

- ◆ Activities of the Methods and Data Comparability Board of the National Water Quality Monitoring Council
 - Overview and Update
 - Biological Water Quality Data Elements (WQDE)
 - **Action Item:** Review of Biological and Toxicological Data Elements
 - **Action Item:** Publication of WQDE Report
 - Performance-Based Systems (PBS) Pilot on Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)
 - **Action Item:** Publication of COD Pilot

10:15-10:30 am Dick Engberg, American Water Resources Association

- ◆ Water Policy Dialog II, February 2005, Tucson, AZ
 - Results of First Water Policy Dialog
 - Plans for Second Dialog
 - Questions and Discussion

10:30-10:45 am **Break**

10:45-11:00 am Judy Campbell-Bird, Consultant to the National Water Quality Assessment Program (NAWQA)

- ◆ National Liaison Committee for NAWQA
 - Update and accomplishments
 - Questions and Discussion

11:00-11:20 am Robert Goldstein, Electric Power Research Institute, and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable; Ethan T. Smith, Coordinator, SWRR

- ◆ Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable
 - Update and Accomplishments
 - Indicators and Criteria
 - Questions and Discussion

11:20-11:40 am Donald Frevert, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Co-Chair of the Subcommittee on Hydrology

- ◆ Subcommittee on Hydrology
 - Update and Accomplishments
 - **Action Item:** Resolution regarding needs for precipitation frequency updates and streamgaging
 - Questions and Discussion

11:40-12:00 am John R. Gray, U.S. Geological Survey, and Chair of the Subcommittee on Sedimentation

- ◆ Subcommittee on Sedimentation
 - Update and Accomplishments
 - **Action Item:** Resolution to update and place on-line the REServoir Information System (RESIS-II)
 - Questions and Discussion

12:00-12:15 pm **Break** – Move to Ballroom C

12:15-12:45 pm Pick up and begin your lunch

12:45- 1:20 pm **Keynote Speaker:** Mike Tidwell, Filmmaker and Author of the book ***Bayou Farewell***

- ◆ The rapidly disappearing wetlands of coastal Louisiana

1:20 - 1:30 Return to Meeting Room

1:30 - 1:50 pm Bob Pierce, USGS Geographic Information Office, and Chair of the Spatial Water Data Subcommittee

- ◆ Spatial Water Data Subcommittee
 - Update on Watershed Boundaries
 - Geospatial One-Stop
 - **Action Item:** Request to ACWI Member Representatives to act as “Channel Stewards for Inland Waters” for Geospatial One-Stop
 - Questions and Discussion

1:50 - 2:10 pm Barney Austin, Western States Water Council, and Steering Committee of the 2004 Coop Task Force

- ◆ 2004 Task Force to Review the USGS Cooperative Water Program
 - Status of Task Force Activities
 - Update on USGS Implementation
 - Questions and Discussion

2:10-2:30 pm David Denig-Chakroff, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies

- ◆ Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (*WaterISAC*)
 - Overview
 - Questions and Discussion

2:30-3:00 pm Pete Ruhl, USGS National Water Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program

- ◆ NAWQA Data Warehouse
 - Overview
 - Internet Demonstration
 - Questions and Discussion

3:00-3:30 pm Toni Johnson, ACWI Executive Secretary

- ◆ Meeting Summary
 - **Review of Action Items**
 - Process for interim next steps
 - Date of next meeting
 - Final comments and suggestions from Members
 - ***Thank you all for your active participation on ACWI !***

3:30 pm 2004 Annual Meeting of the ACWI Adjourned