



NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

*Working Together for Clean Water*

**Welcome to the Fifth National Monitoring Conference  
in San José, California!**

Dear Colleagues:

**WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE!** We are delighted you could join us as we highlight the human, technological, and programmatic networks that connect all of us working for clean water. For this conference, we received over 500 abstracts from our colleagues in all sectors of the monitoring community in the United States as well as abroad. This year's program is rich in scope and content, including an unprecedented 335 platform presentations, over 130 technical posters, sixteen workshops and short courses, and 45 exhibits. Of special note, this year's agenda also features:

- Discussion sessions and presentations focused on large-scale collaborative monitoring networks, such as the proposed National Water Quality Monitoring Network for U.S. Coastal Waters and their Tributaries,
- Presentations by our colleagues in California describing how they have implemented innovative monitoring networks across the state,
- Informal meetings and workshops encouraging volunteer monitoring program coordinators to exchange information, develop new skills, and build better networks, and
- Platform sessions showcasing the USGS National Water-Quality Assessment Program's new findings on the quality of the Nation's streams and ground water.

This Conference Program will provide you with a general overview of conference activities and contains:

- ✓ **Collaborative Partnership for Water Quality Monitoring** providing an introduction to the National Water Quality Monitoring Council, its mission, and membership
- ✓ 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**
- ✓ A full **Conference Agenda** listing times and locations for all conference activities
- ✓ A list of **Poster Presentations** grouped by topic

Each attendee will also receive a CD that contains all of the information above plus the abstracts for all oral and poster presentations, workshops, and short courses.

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

Sincerely yours,

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