

To: Representatives and Alternates of the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI)

Subject: ACWI 2006 Interim Meeting, October 4, 2006

From: Toni M. Johnson, ACWI Executive Secretary

**ACTION** – Please RSVP by August 22, 2006 to let us know if you will be able to participate in this one-day meeting. ACWI members and alternates who live outside of the Washington D.C. metro area may join in remotely. There is no registration fee. Travel funds are not available for this interim meeting.

In January 2006, ACWI members expressed an interest in continuing to hold our Annual meetings in January, and also to continue the successful interim web broadcast meeting held last fall, as a way to update you on current activities and issues while saving time and resources.

The 2006 Interim meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006, at the U.S. Geological Survey National Center in Reston, Virginia. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am EDT [Note: 9:00 am log-in for remote participants] and will conclude at 4:15 pm EDT. Members and guests in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area are invited to attend in person at the USGS National Center Auditorium in Reston, VA. Cyber-conferencing by combined teleconference and web access will be provided for members and alternates outside of the Washington D.C. metropolitan area (see further details below).

We will be briefing you on four ACWI-sponsored projects on which we need your advice and feedback, including:

1. Status of the National Ground Water Association proposal for a National Ground Water Monitoring subgroup under ACWI,
2. Proposal from the Satellite Telemetry Working Group of the Subcommittee on Hydrology,
3. Recommended actions to initiate pilot studies for the National Monitoring Network for U.S. Coastal Waters and their Tributaries, from the National Water Quality Monitoring Council,
4. Presentation on the new Wetland Mapping Standard Workgroup under the Federal Geographic Data Committee, from the Subcommittee on Spatial Water Data.

We anticipate that our Federal agency members, as well as non-Federal members who reside in this region, should be able to attend the meeting onsite at the USGS. For those non-Federal members outside of the metro area, you are welcome to invite someone from your Washington-area office to attend the meeting locally, although only members and official alternates can vote on ACWI decisions. Other non-Federal members and alternates outside the region are encouraged to participate via web conferencing.

We look forward to seeing or hearing you at USGS in Reston on October 4, 2006. We very much appreciate your continued support of the activities of all ACWI subgroups. The accomplishments and products from these groups continue to grow each year. We hope you will be active participants in discussing their progress, providing comments and advice, and helping us to move these activities forward.

For additional information on ACWI projects and sub-groups referenced above please visit our NEW web address at: <http://acwi.gov>.

**For Members Outside of the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area:**

Closer to the meeting date, you will receive an email from the cyber conferencing website inviting you to register for the meeting. After you register, you will receive a second email with login instructions. We encourage you to take the extra time in advance of the meeting to prepare your computer so that you will be able to be part of the meeting.

We sincerely hope you will be able to participate in this 2006 Interim Fall Meeting. Please remember to RSVP by August 22, 2006.

Sincerely,

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