



NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

Working Together for Clean Water

Call for suggestions for 2014 National Monitoring Conference

Past Conferences

2012: Water: One Resource – Shared Effort – Common Future
(Portland, OR)

2010: Monitoring from the Summit to the Sea (Denver, CO)

2008: Monitoring: Key to Understanding our Waters (Atlantic City, NJ)

2006: Monitoring Networks: Connecting for Clean Water (San Jose, CA)

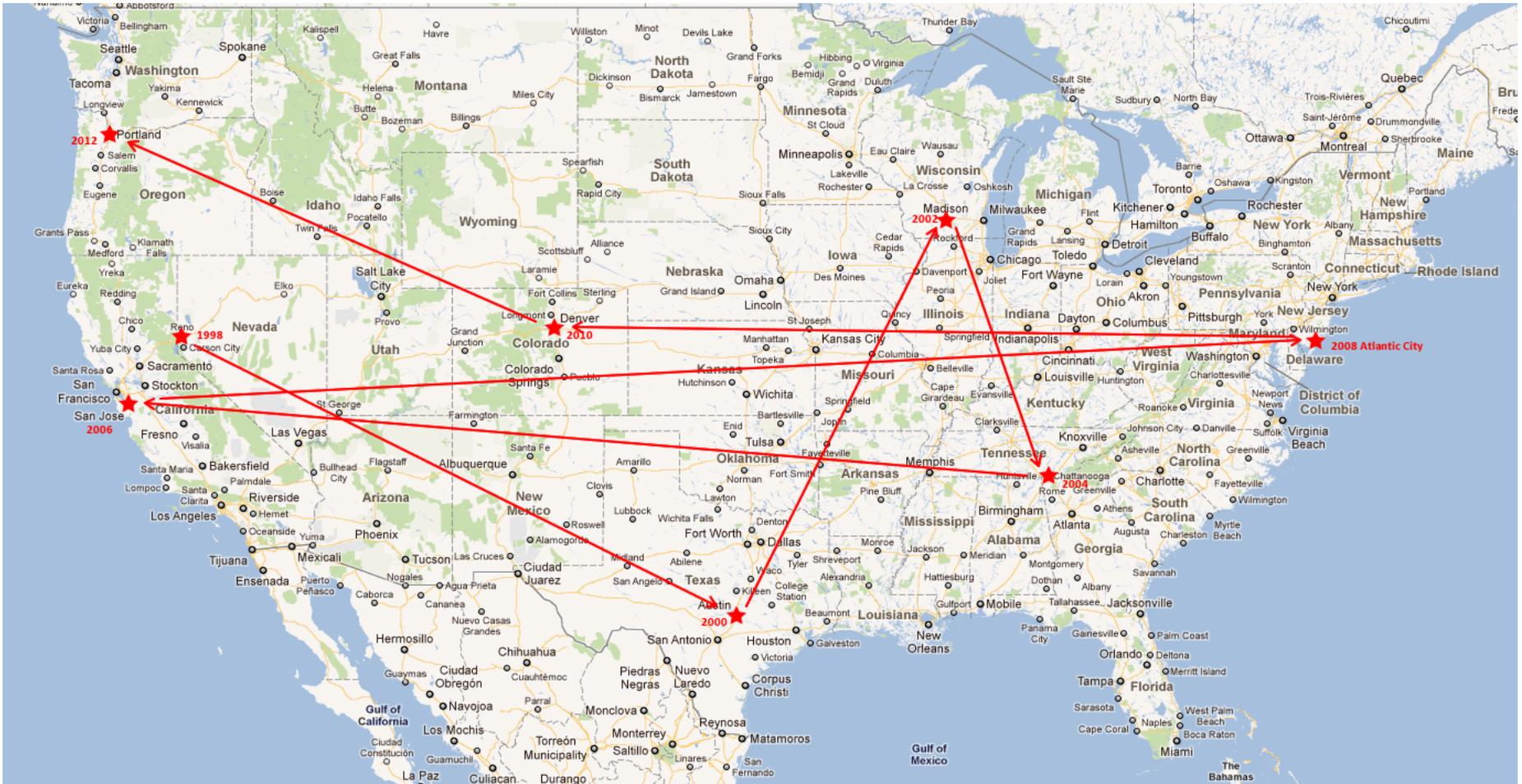
2004: Building and Sustaining Successful Monitoring Programs
(Chattanooga, TN)

2002: Building a Framework for the Future (Madison, WI)

2000: Monitoring for the Millennium (Austin, TX)

1998: Monitoring: Critical Foundations to Protect our Waters
(Reno, NV)





Facts about hosting 2014 Conference

- ▶ 1. Conference would be held in the April/May 2014 time frame.
- ▶ 2. What's needed to be a host?
 - A local committee meeting lead
 - Support for the local committee
 - Facility with the capacity to handle the size of the conference (500 – 1,000 participants)
 - Interest and enthusiasm!



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Suggestions to date

San Antonio, Texas

- ▶ Chuck Dvorsky, CWQMN Network Coordinator, Water Quality Planning/Monitoring and Assessment, Texas CEQ
- ▶ I'd like to suggest San Antonio for 2014. It's a great city with lots of facilities. Room rates may be the sticking point so we probably need to try to go heavy on F&B and use a host hotel rather than the convention center.
- ▶ I'll volunteer for the local committee and will chair unless someone else wants the role. There is a major river authority (San Antonio river Authority) and a groundwater authority (Edwards Aquifer Authority) with an incredible karst aquifer (surface water/ground water interplay) that is the drinking water source for San Antonio.
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- ▶ Add the San Antonio River Walk, the Alamo, the Menger Hotel (Teddy Roosevelt recruited the Rough Riders in the bar), the missions, and wonderful Hispanic culture and food.

Baltimore, Maryland

- ▶ Dan Bowards, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Monitoring and Non-tidal Assessment Division
- ▶ I think Baltimore would be a wonderful venue...close to the Bay and DC and lots of govt. staff, volunteer monitors and consultants who could pitch in to help.
- ▶ I'm interested in helping to organize the 2014 National Monitoring Conference if there's enough interest.



New Orleans, Louisiana

- ▶ Chris Piehler
- ▶ Spring is a great time for New Orleans. Weather is “cool-ish” (if it ever gets cool here). Crawfish are running. Lots of wetlands to view. Jazz Fest is around that time. And the conference facilities are legion.
- ▶ However, I can't promise to help.

Detroit, Michigan or Great Lakes Region

- ▶ John Hummer and Dan Sullivan
- ▶ Detroit River is getting cleaner and the riverfront is a real gem. Boat cruises are getting popular on the river and would make an enjoyable field trip. Downtown Detroit is reviving somewhat, too. John will help out one way or another if it lands in the Great Lakes region.
- ▶ The Great Lakes are receiving a really big infusion of funding for water quality enhancement right now and unless the plug is pulled in a big way there will be a LOT of great stories to relate in 2014.

Cincinnati, Ohio

- ▶ Peter Tennant
- ▶ I had an email exchange with someone at the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau; There are a number of factors that would make Cincinnati a good site for the next conference:
 - Somewhat central location, easy driving distance from seven state capitals.
 - Location on a major river.
 - Location of an EPA lab.
 - Good air service.
 - Major league baseball.
 - A casino will be completed by 2014.
- ▶ What could be an important factor in making Cincinnati a great site is the emerging Water Technology Information Cluster, a unique venture among public and private entities to make the Cincinnati area (roughly a 100 mile radius around the city) a nationally recognized center for water. The Cluster was initiated with an appearance by EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Karen Mills.
- ▶ My boss, Alan Vicory, is the current Chairman of the Cluster; he sees hosting the National Water Quality Monitoring Conference as an opportunity for the Cluster to call attention to its efforts to advance water technology. I think the organizations that make up the Cluster will provide us with an outstanding local arrangements group.

Additional Suggestions but no additional information

- ▶ Treda Grayson, EPA
 - San Diego, CA
 - Dallas, TX
 - Charlotte, NC
 - Savannah, GA
- ▶ Tracy Hancock, Forest Service
 - Washington, D.C.
- ▶ Other?
- ▶ Jeff Schloss
 - Portland, Maine – local committee Linda Green, Danielle Donkersloot, and others