

EPA WATERS Forum

“WATERS – A Strategic Resource for Informed Decision-Making”

EPA’s WATERS (Watershed Assessment, Tracking, and Environmental Results) team and stakeholders are pleased to invite you to a showcase of recent accomplishments that enable informed decision-making. WATERS integrates water program data through linkages to the surface water drainage network within the National Hydrography Dataset. This year’s Forum will highlight the latest uses of this integrated framework (strategic measures, congressional reports), enhancements to the framework (data quality documentation, watersheds, stream flow volume and velocity), and connections to the EPA and Federal enterprise architectures (data exchange, services).

Date/Time:

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Location:

Polaris Room (northeast corner of the Concourse Level)

Ronald Reagan Building

1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Washington DC 20460

(via METRO Orange and Blue Lines – Federal Triangle stop)

Agenda:

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| 1:30 PM | Welcome
(M.Hamilton, EPA/Office of Water) |
| 1:35 PM | Keynote Speaker
(M.Shapiro, EPA/Office of Water) |
| 1:45 PM | WATERS – A Strategic Resource for Informed Decision-Making
(T.Dabolt & T.Dewald, EPA/Office of Water) |
| 2:30 PM | Linkages with State Partners
(M.Olsen / Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) |
| 2:45 PM | EPA Office of Environmental Information Connections
(A.Battin & B.Smith, EPA/Office of Environmental Information) |
| 3:05 PM | Federal Geographic Data Committee Perspectives
(R.Pierce, U.S. Geological Survey) |
| 3:20 PM | Questions, Answers and Wrap-up
(WATERS Team) |
| 3:30 PM | Adjourn |

(Coffee, juice and pastries are available for purchase around the corner in the Ronald Reagan Building food court.)

Conference Call Arrangements:

Those not able to attend in person can dial into the Forum by calling 866-299-3188 (toll free) and entering conference code 2025645256 followed by the pound sign (#) when prompted. To avoid possible disruptions from phone-related background noise, those calling in will be able to hear but not speak (muted) until the Question and Answer session at the end of the Forum. You can press 00 if you require operator assistance. Presentation slides can be accessed through the Documents link on the WATERS Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/waters/doc>) just prior to the call.

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