

# Water Laboratory Alliance

**A natural disaster, terrorist event, or accident affecting the Water Sector** can occur at any time and impact the ability of any individual laboratory to provide sufficient analytical support.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched the Water Laboratory Alliance (WLA) program in 2009 to help the Water Sector prepare for contamination events by ensuring there are laboratories that can conduct water analyses. Since then, WLA membership has grown to include an extensive local and nationwide network of laboratories capable of testing water samples for a variety of contaminants.

The WLA also offers a host of free tools, resources and best practices to help facilitate successful and timely incident responses, including guidance documents and live and online training opportunities.



## BENEFITS

- Increased public confidence in the Water Sector
- Networking across sectors
- Opportunity to participate in tabletop and full-scale exercises
- Strengthened relationships necessary for effective emergency response during an incident

**WLA-RP** At the core of the WLA is the **Water Laboratory Alliance Response Plan (WLA-RP)**, which provides laboratories and utilities, as well as other Water Sector stakeholders with a systematic, coordinated response mechanism in case of a water contamination incident. The WLA-RP can be accessed at <https://www.epa.gov/waterlabnetwork/water-laboratory-alliance-response-plan>.

### The WLA program was created for:

- Water utilities
- Laboratories
- Emergency responders
- Federal agencies  
State, local, tribal municipalities
- Environmental non-profits
- Industry associations
- The public



## WLA Training Center

WLA courses are FREE and cover topics such as:

**Emergency Response**



**Analytical Methods**



**Sample Handling**



**Data Reporting**



To browse WLA tools and resources and register for upcoming training opportunities, visit the Training Center website at <https://www.epa.gov/waterlabnetwork/water-laboratory-alliance-training-center>.

## Join the movement. Get prepared.

For more information, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/waterlabnetwork> or email: [WLA@epa.gov](mailto:WLA@epa.gov).