

EPA Water Quality Standards Academy Additional Resources

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Web Site List

1. FIRSTGOV: 1 Stop U.S. Government website: <http://www.firstgov.gov>
2. EPA Office of Water (OW) : <http://www.epa.gov/ow>
3. EPA Office of Science and Technology (OST) - <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience>
4. EPA Office of Science and Technology (OST) Catalog of Publications - <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/pc/>
5. “ANPRM” (Advanced Notice of Proposed WQS Rulemaking, July 1998):
<http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/laws.htm>
6. EPA Office of Wetland, Oceans & Watersheds (includes CALM Guidance) - <http://www.epa.gov/owow/>
7. EPA Office of General Counsel - <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/ogc.htm>
8. EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD) <http://www.epa.gov/ord>
9. EPA Dockets – <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>
10. EPA National Center for Environmental Publications (NCEPI/NEPIS): <http://www.epa.gov/ncepi/>
11. “Gold Book”: <http://epa.gov/waterscience/standards/wqcriteria.html>
12. EPA Office of Water Online Publications Shopping Cart: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/water/owrccatalog.nsf/>
13. EPA WATERS: X-program sharing of water data via NHD (incl. Enviromapper): <http://www.epa.gov/waters>
14. EPA STORET: Computerized Environmental Data System - <http://www.epa.gov/storet/>
15. EPA Office of Waste Water Management Catalog of Publications - <http://www.epa.gov/owm/catpub.htm>
16. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water Publications -
<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/Pubs/index.html>
17. EPA Office of Water Resource Center - <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/resource/>
18. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water Resource Center-
<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/resource/index.html>
19. Endocrine Disruptors (“PPCPs”): <http://www.epa.gov/nerlesd1/chemistry/pharma>
20. American Indian Environmental Home Page - <http://www.epa.gov/indian>
21. Drinking Water Academy - <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwa.html>
22. Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) - <http://epa.gov/safewater/ucmr.html>
23. Biological Indicators of Watershed Health Information - <http://www.epa.gov/bioindicators/>
24. National Technical Information Services (NTIS) - <http://www.ntis.gov>
25. Nutrients - <http://www.epa.gov/ost/standards/nutrient.html>
26. Risk Assessment Values by major agencies. See International Toxicity Estimates for Risk (ITER) -
<http://www.tera.org/iter>
27. EPA ECOTOX: Single Chemical toxicity info for aquatic and terrestrial life: <http://www.epa.gov/ecotox>
28. EPA Region 7 Site Specific Criteria Recalculation by Species Recalculation Procedure:
<http://www.epa.gov/region7/water/sprt.htm#sprec>
29. USGS Waterwatch: Near real-time water conditions: <http://www.water.usgs.gov/waterwatch>
30. National Tribal Environmental Research Institute - <http://nteri.net>
31. U.S. Government Printing Office - <http://www.gpo.gov>
32. Code of Federal Regulations - <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/index.html>
29. Federal Register - <http://www.regulations.gov/>

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33. EPA Federal Register access: <http://www.epa.gov/fedreg>
34. EPA National Center for Environmental Publications: <http://www.epa.gov/ncepihom/>
35. National Academy of Science (TMDL Report): <http://www.nas.edu/>
36. EPA Office of Water Online Publications Shopping Cart: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/water/owrccatalog.nsf/>
37. EPA Adopt Your Watershed database: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/water/adopt.nsf>
38. On-line Financial Statements for Public Companies: <http://www.sec.gov/edgar>
39. Smart Growth: <http://www.smartgrowth.org>
40. Smart Growth: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth>
41. Information Quality Assessment: EPA Office of Environmental Information: <http://www.epa.gov/oei>
42. EPA Window to My Environment (cross-media information): <http://www.epa.gov/enviro/wme>
43. Waterborne Contamination Effects - Natural and Intentional Sources: <http://www.waterhealthconnection.org>
44. National Library of Medicine Household Products Database: <http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov>
45. Toxic Chemicals in Everyday Life: <http://www.toxtown.nlm.nih.gov>
46. Science-Oriented Search Engine: <http://www.scirus.com>
47. Advanced Searches on EPA website: 1. Click on "Advanced Search" at www.google.com 2. Type "epa.gov" in the **Domain** field 3. Enter Keywords in the "**Find Results**" field(s) 4. Click "**Google Search**"

Other Resources List

1. Safe Drinking Water Hotline - 1 (800) 426-4791
2. Office of Water Resource Center (202) 566-1729 & Wetlands Help Line - (202) 566-1730
3. National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161; 800-553-6847
4. Health Advisories (HAs) - Obtain from Educational Resource Information Center, 1929 Kenny Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1080; p: (614) 292-6717; f: (614) 292-0263; email: ERICSE@osu.edu. Eric will accept purchase order, check, or Visa/Mastercard.
5. Environmental Emergencies: National Response Center: 800-424-8802

Listservs: Get Mail!

1. EPA Listservs (includes WQS-NEWS): <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/listserv.htm>

This Vision and Mission were drafted by an ad-hoc state/EPA work group formed at the State/EPA Workshop on Water Quality Standards in Warrenton, VA in April 2004, and finalized in August and September 2004. They represent a common understanding to help guide future standards program activities at the national, regional, and state level.

VISION for the Water Quality Standards Program

Each water body in the United States will have a clear, appropriately comprehensive suite of standards that defines its highest attainable uses and the water quality required to support the uses. The standards will guide and support actions (under the Clean Water Act and other programs) to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters.

MISSION for the Water Quality Standards Program

States, tribes, and EPA will conduct a standards program that provides the framework to restore and maintain the quality of the Nation's waters by:

- Establishing the highest attainable uses for the Nation's waters through a transparent process that considers all relevant factors.
- Developing and supporting scientifically-based water quality criteria that address important existing and emerging contaminants and ecological integrity.
- Anticipating and adapting to evolving science, technology, and policy, reflecting state, tribal, regional, and national priorities, with a focus on the greatest environmental benefits.
- Identifying opportunities and developing tools to implement standards in more site-specific and iterative ways where appropriate. Where iterative implementation is appropriate, existing regulatory flexibility will be used to set targets to ensure that water quality improvements are achieved as early as possible.
- Developing and promoting clear and effective policies and procedures for other programs to implement water quality standards.
- Operating collaboratively, and sharing data and experiences, among state, tribal, EPA, and other partners.
- Providing opportunities for the public to participate in setting standards so that they have confidence in the process.

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