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**Concrete Company Pleads Guilty to Fouling Newtown Creek**

Brooklyn concrete company pleads guilty to violating the Rivers and Harbors Act and agrees to pay \$300,000 in fines. Hudson Riverkeeper receives one-half of the fine to help restoration and public outreach.  
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**in New Jersey**

**EPA Promotes Revitalization with Grants**

EPA highlighted over \$75 million awarded nationally, and over \$2.7 million awarded in New Jersey, to promote brownfields revitalization with the presentation of a \$200,000 check to the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey. The City will use the funds to assess a former anodizing plant on Livingston Street, which is thought to be contaminated with chromium and other heavy metals. Funds will also be used to perform community outreach and to develop a cleanup plan for the site. "For almost a decade, EPA's Brownfield's program has been empowering states, communities, and other stakeholders in redevelopment," said acting EPA Regional Administrator Kathleen C. Callahan. "Based on our successes in New Jersey, we've learned that brownfields are a good investment for everyone."  
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**May is Asthma Awareness Month at EPA**



EPA reports that more than 70% of asthma sufferers can improve their health by reducing exposure to "asthma triggers." Of the approximately 20 million Americans with asthma, more than six million are children. Although there is no known cure, there are ways to reduce the number of attacks.  
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**Community Involvement and Training Conference**



[EPA's 2005 Community Involvement and Training Conference](#) [EXIT disclaimer](#) will be held July 12-15, 2005 in Buffalo, New York.

You may [register online](#). [EXIT disclaimer](#)

**Superfund's 25th Anniversary**

EPA This year marks the [25th anniversary of EPA's Superfund program](#). A milestone such as this one offers a good opportunity to reflect on the history, progress, accomplishments, and future of the program.



**EPA Response to September 11**

[Information relating to the 9/11](#) attack and its aftermath, including cleanup of surrounding areas, monitoring data, health-related information, and information about residential dust, has been consolidated on our WTC Web site.

**Vieques Cleanup**

Information on the environmental investigation of potential contamination from U.S. Navy training activities on [Vieques Island, Puerto Rico](#).

**Hudson River PCBs**

For 30 years ending in the late 1970s, GE discharged as much as 1.3 million pounds of PCBs into the [Hudson River](#). The PCBs remain in the river





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EPA provides integrated, comprehensive scientific support for decision-making purposes by conducting environmental & regulatory monitoring projects; providing technical and quality assurance assistance to states, tribes, grantees, volunteers, contractors, & the regulated community; and maintaining a full service analytical laboratory.

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[Favorite Web sites:](#) Locate funding sources, national resources and other monitoring groups.

[Surf Your Watershed:](#) Locate your watershed and link your sampling data.

[Window to My Environment:](#) Helps citizens locate, use, and share environmental information about a local area.

[The Region of Diversity State of the Environment 2004](#)

[National Volunteer Homepage:](#) EPA Headquarters Web site.

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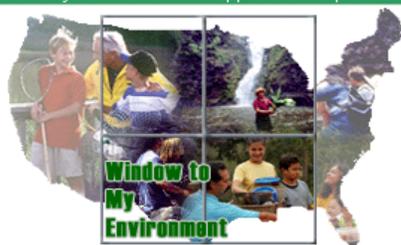
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"Window To My Environment" (WME) is a powerful web-based tool that provides a wide range of federal, state, and local information about environmental conditions and features in an area of your choice. This application is provided by U.S. EPA in partnership with federal, state and local government and other organizations.



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AND State:

After choosing your location to the left, WME will provide the following:

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- **Your Environment** - links to information from federal, state, and local partners on environmental issues like air and water quality, watershed health, Superfund sites, fish advisories, impaired waters, as well as local services working to protect the environment in your area.

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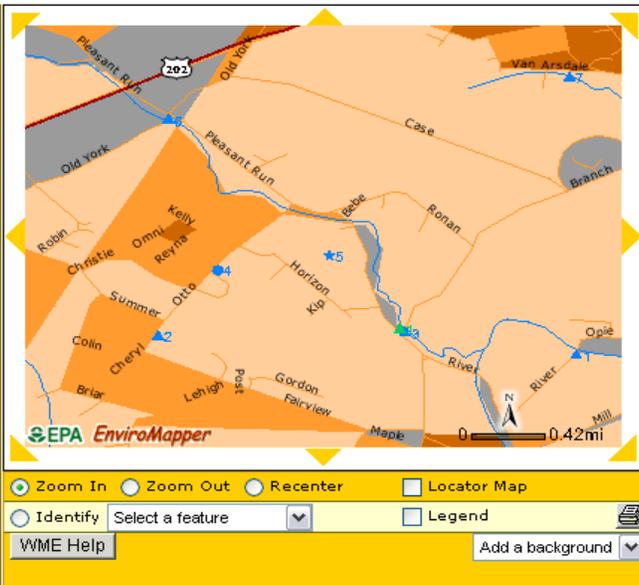
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- Regulated sites
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- Air monitors
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- EPA water monitors
  - Surface water
  - Ground water
  - Others
- Topographic features
  - Special Flood Hazard Area
  - Moderate Flood Hazard Area
  - Shaded Relief

Redraw Map



**Your Window** | **Your Environment**

All features intersecting the map window will appear as part of the information contained in the fact sheet below.

Community (Town,State)	Neshanic Station NJ
County(s)	Hunterdon NJ, Somerset NJ
Congressional District(s)	12(NJ), 07(NJ)
Urban area	none
Watershed(s)	Raritan, New Jersey.
Area / Width of Window	<a href="#">Click Here to View</a>
Approx. population	<a href="#">Click Here to View</a>
No. of facilities reporting to EPA	5

- USGS Water Monitoring Sites** [EXIT EPA](#)
- Total Number of Sites in Window: 7  
(WQ = Water Quality Site)
- ▲ 1 SB RARITAN R NR NESHANIC STATION, NJ (01398095, Stream, WQ)
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  - ▲ 3 PLEASANT RUN AT NESHANIC STATION NJ (01398090, Stream, WQ)
  - ▲ 4 VERMULEN IRRIGATION (403130074450301, Ground Water, WQ)
  - ★ 5 FARM PD DIV .6 MI SE CENTERVILLE NJ (403135074443040, )
  - ▲ 6 PLEASANT RUN AT CENTERVILLE NJ (01398075, Stream)
  - ▲ 7 SOUTH BRANCH RARITAN R DIV 1.4 MI E CENTERVILLE NJ (403230074432040, Stream)

- EPA Water Quality Sites**
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- ▲ 1 Pleasant Run at South Branch Rd (AN0340, 21NJDEP1, River/Stream)

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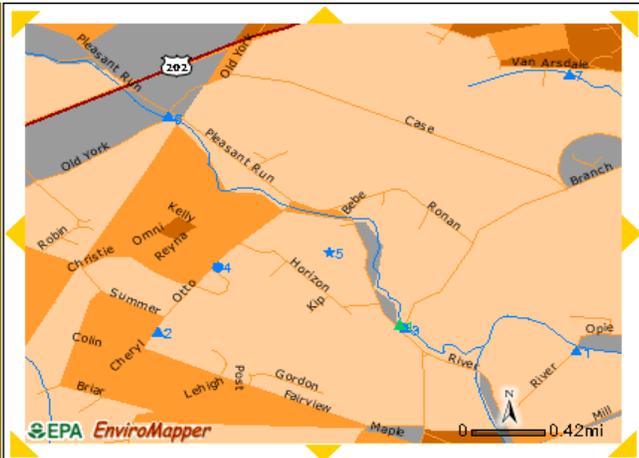
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Community is: Neshanic Station, NJ

- Home Pages for Federal/State Partners

**AIR/CLIMATE**

- What is the air quality?
- What facilities emit to the air?
- Where is air monitored?
- What is the Ultra Violet (UV) Index?

**LAND**

- What facilities handle hazardous waste?
- What facilities have releases to land?
- What are the Superfund Sites?
- Are there Brownfields Areas?

**WATER**

- What is the drinking water quality?
- What facilities discharge to water?
- What watersheds cross the area?
- Are there polluted waters?
- Where is water monitored?
- Are there any fish consumption advisories?
- Are there any beach advisories/closures?

**CROSS MEDIA**

- What chemicals are released?
- What industries have releases?

**WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT MY ENVIRONMENT**

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### Fact sheets

- [Starting Out in Volunteer Water Monitoring](#) - Describes the process of starting out in volunteer monitoring. (PDF version 837KB)
- [EPA's Volunteer Monitoring Program](#) - Describes EPA's support for volunteer monitoring, including a list of EPA volunteer monitoring documents.
- [Dip Into Volunteer Monitoring](#) describes the annual Great North American Secchi Dip In, an international volunteer monitoring event (PDF version 354KB)

### Methods

- [The Volunteer Monitor's Guide to Quality Assurance Project Plans](#) - Discusses EPA's guidance for documenting quality assurance methods, project organization, goals and objectives, with examples and references.
- [Volunteer Estuary Monitoring: A Methods Manual](#) - Methods for volunteer monitoring of estuarine waters.
- [Volunteer Lake Monitoring: A Methods Manual](#) - Methods for volunteer monitoring of lakes.
- [Volunteer Stream Monitoring: A Methods Manual](#) - Methods for volunteer monitoring of streams.
- [Volunteer Wetland Monitoring: An Introduction and Resource Guide](#) - Describes a selection of handbooks and manuals that offer detailed information on volunteer wetland monitoring.

### Newsletter

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## The Volunteer Monitor's Guide To Quality Assurance Project Plans

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Dear Reader:

Across the country, volunteers are monitoring the condition of streams, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, estuaries, coastal waters, wetlands, and wells. The number and variety of these projects are continually on the rise. So, too, is the complexity of the monitoring volunteers conduct and the uses of the data they collect.

One of the most difficult issues facing volunteer environmental monitoring programs today is data credibility. Potential data users are often skeptical about volunteer data -- they may have doubts about the goals and objectives of the project, about how volunteers were trained, about how samples were collected, handled and stored, or about how data were analyzed and reports written. A key tool in breaking down this barrier of skepticism is the quality assurance project plan.

The quality assurance project plan, or QAPP, is a document that outlines the procedures that those who conduct a monitoring project will take to ensure that the data they collect and analyze meets project requirements. It is an invaluable planning and operating tool that outlines the project's methods of data collection, storage and analysis. It serves not only to convince skeptical data users about

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## National Directory of Volunteer Monitoring Programs

This directory lists volunteer organizations around the country engaged in monitoring rivers, lakes, estuaries, beaches, wetlands, and ground water, as well as surrounding lands. It is intended to serve as a living document that will grow and change with the continued flourishing of the volunteer monitoring movement nationwide.

Use the links to the left to add your volunteer monitoring program to the directory or to correct or update any existing information.



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<a href="#">Adams County Lake and Stream Monitoring</a>	Wisconsin
<a href="#">Adopt-A-Lake</a>	Florida
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<a href="#">Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM)</a>	Pennsylvania
<a href="#">Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay</a>	Virginia
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Pequannock River Coalition

**Monitoring program names:**  
**Pequannock River Coalition**

**Affiliation**, if you are part of a national, statewide, or regional network (e.g., Izaak Walton League, Texas Watch):

### Contact Information

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**City:** Newfoundland  
**Zip Code:**07435  
**Email:**pequannockguy@aol.com  
**Fax:** 973.492.3212

**Street:**P.O. Box 392  
**State:** New Jersey  
**Phone:** 973.492.3212  
**Web site1:**<http://www.pequannockriver.org>  
**Web site2:**

**Does your program serve as an "umbrella" organization for smaller monitoring groups?** no

**Number of Active volunteers (excluding school classes):**200  
**For programs that work with schools: Teachers Number: Students Number:**

**Approx. annual monitoring budget:** \$5000 **Year monitoring began:** 1995

### Sources of funding or in-kind support

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|---|---|---|
| Federal Government                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Government  | Local Government                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foundations | Businesses  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Memberships |
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**Does program have a written QA (quality assurance) plan?**Yes **Is it state-approved?**Yes  
EPA-approved? No

**Does program have monitoring-related publications you are willing to share with, or sell to, other groups?**No

**Counties in which you monitor:**  
Sussex; Passaic; Morris

**Program description:**  
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Does program have a written QA (quality assurance) plan? **Yes** Is it state-approved? **Yes**  
EPA-approved? **No**

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**Environments monitored:**

River or Stream

**Physical/chemical monitoring:**

Water temp.

**Biological monitoring:**

Habitat assessments, Terrestrial vegetation

**Exotic/Invasive Species:**

**Additional activities:**

Construction site inspections, Debris cleanup, Land use surveys, Photographic surveys, Restoration, Storm drain stenciling

**Restoration activities:**

tree planting

Data Uses	
Education	Non-governmental community organizations, Local government
Advocacy	Local government, State government
Research	Our program
Community organizing	
Screen for problems	Our program, Non-governmental community organizations, Local government, State government
Establish baseline conditions	Our program, State government
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Plan restoration projects	Local government, State government
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## Survey for National Volunteer Monitoring Directory

If you'd like your volunteer monitoring program added to our directory, fill out as many of the boxes below as possible. When you have carefully reviewed your information, press the "submit" button at the bottom of this page. If we have any questions about your submission, we will email or call the contact person you have identified.

**Monitoring program names:**

**Affiliation**, if you are part of a national, statewide, or regional network (e.g., Izaak Walton League, Texas Watch):

### Contact Information

<b>Name:</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Street:</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>City:</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>State:</b> <input type="text" value="Wisconsin"/>
<b>Zip Code:</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Phone:</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Email:</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Web site1:</b> <input type="text" value="http://"/>
<b>Fax:</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Web site2:</b> <input type="text"/>

Does your program serve as an "umbrella" organization for smaller monitoring groups?

**Number of Active volunteers (excluding school classes):**

**For programs that work with schools: Teachers Number:**  **Students Number:**

**Approx. annual monitoring budget: \$**  **Year monitoring began:**

**Sources of funding or in-kind support**  
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### The Volmonitor Listserver

The **Volmonitor Listserver** connects volunteer water monitoring program coordinators nationwide by serving as an internet forum for questions, announcements, and discussion on topics of interest to the volunteer monitoring community. New members are always welcome.

Messages posted to the listserver will be read by all subscribers, who can respond either to the originator or to the entire list.

#### To subscribe to the Volmonitor listserver:

Send a blank email to [volmonitor-subscribe@lists.epa.gov](mailto:volmonitor-subscribe@lists.epa.gov). Once you have subscribed, you will receive a welcome message with instructions on using the listserver. This will confirm your membership.

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#### To send a message to the Volmonitor listserver:

You must be subscribed to the listserver to send a message. Send the message to [volmonitor@lists.epa.gov](mailto:volmonitor@lists.epa.gov) and it will automatically be sent to all subscribers on the list. NOTE: if you hit "Reply" to answer the message, your reply will go to all subscribers! If you want to reply only to the originator, you must paste that person's email address in your TO: line.

#### Manage your subscription via the web

You can reach Volmonitor via the web. This means that through the use of a web browser you can read messages, look through old messages, and change preferences about your subscription status. You may manage your listserver subscription to STORET info by linking to <https://lists.epa.gov/cgi-bin/lyris.pl?enter=volmonitor>.

For help on using the listserv web interface, link to <http://www.lyris.com/help/WebInterfaceforUsers.html> [EXIT disclaimer](#)



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A few resources to help you get the information you need, from both within and outside of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Please note that these resources are listed strictly for your information.

### Region 2 Issues

- [Grants](#)  
You can find information on Application Kits, Business Opportunities, Community Grants, FAQs, Post-Award Forms, Project Grants, Regulations & Policies and Announcements on this page.
- [Quality Assurance Documents](#)  
Quality Assurance guidances document the ongoing Quality Assurance (QA) policies, procedures, responsibilities and management systems that are in place to implement the Region 2 QA program.
- [Water](#)  
Contains information on current issues, topics of interest, announcements, etc.
- [The Long Island Sound Study](#)  
This site provides regional and local contact information
- [Six National Estuary Programs in the Region](#)
  1. **Long Island Sound Study** - The watershed for LISS includes portions of Connecticut and New York and extends from the East River in New York to the eastern tip of Long Island
  2. **Peconic Estuary Program** - The geographic area for PBEP is entirely within eastern Suffolk County, New York between the north and south forks of Long Island.
  3. **New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program** - The core area for HEP is the urban harbor of New York and New Jersey from the Tappan Zee Bridge to Sandy Hook, including Newark Bay and its tributaries.
  4. **Barneгат Bay Estuary Program** - The BBEP study area is located in Ocean County, New Jersey between Point Pleasant Canal and Little Egg Harbor Inlet.
  5. **Delaware Estuary Program** - The DELEP study area stretches from Trenton, New Jersey to Lewes, Delaware and includes 22 counties in , and .
  6. **San Juan Bay Estuary Program** - The SJBEP study is located on the north coast of Puerto Rico and is made up of a series of bays, lagoons and canals.

### USEPA Volunteer Monitoring Links and Related Topics

#### General

- [Volunteer Monitoring](#) [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#)  
This page provides a gateway of many EPA volunteer methods,

### Agencies / Organizations Within the Region

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- [New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection](#)
- [NJ Marine Science Consortium, Sea Grant](#)
- [The Hackensack Riverkeeper](#)
- [The Watershed Institute, Pennington, NJ](#)
- [New Jersey Pinelands](#)
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#### New York

- [New York State Department of Environmental Conservation](#)
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### General

- **Volunteer Monitoring**  
This page provides a gateway of many EPA volunteer methods, manuals, brochures, etc.
- **EPA's Volunteer Monitoring Program**  
This page has a brief overview of the program and has links to available publications relating to volunteer monitoring.
- **National Directory of Volunteer Monitoring Programs:** This directory lists volunteer organizations around the country engaged in monitoring rivers, lakes, estuaries, beaches, wetlands, and ground water, as well as surrounding lands. It is intended to serve as a living document that will grow and change with the continued flourishing of the volunteer monitoring movement nationwide. You can [add your volunteer monitoring program](#) to the directory or [correct or update](#) any existing information.
- **American Heritage Rivers**
- **Coral Reef Protection**
- **Methods & Data Comparability Board/Water-Quality Data Elements** [EXIT disclaimer](#) is a partnership of water-quality experts from Federal agencies, States, Tribes, municipalities, industry, and private organizations.

- [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#)
- [U.S. Geological Survey \(USGS\)](#)
- [The Ocean Conservancy](#)
- [Restore America's Estuaries](#)
- [The Great North American Secchi Dip-In](#)
- [Year of Clean Water](#)
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### Databases

- **STORET**  
STORET is a repository for water quality, biological, and physical data and is used by environmental agencies, universities, private citizens, and many others.
- **Software For Environmental Awareness (SEAHOME)**  
Download free interactive software on environmental topics from this site.
- **National Environmental Methods Index:** [EXIT disclaimer](#) The purpose of NEMI is to provide a mechanism to compare and contrast the performance and relative cost of analytical, test, and sampling methods for environmental monitoring.

### Other Regions' Volunteer Monitoring Sites

Click on the state or region of concern to access relevant information.

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**Current Issues**

**New!** FY 2005 Grants Information

- [Application Target Date Information](#)
- [Updated Assistance Application Kit](#)

**Nearly \$1 Million in Grants to Restore the Health and Living Resources of Long Island Sound Awarded by Federal & State Agencies (May 2005)**

"This grant, under the Long Island Sound Futures Fund Program, is a perfect example of how so much can be gained through the cooperation of agencies and the pooling of resources," said Acting EPA Regional Administrator, Kathleen C. Callahan. "EPA is pleased to support these 28 projects to restore and protect the health of this critical water body."

**EPA Promotes Revitalization with Grants in New Jersey (May 2005)**

- [\\$200,000 check to the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey](#)
- [Passaic County](#), the [City of Plainfield](#), and the [New Jersey Meadowlands Commission](#) - \$200,000 each to assess sites for the presence of hazardous substances.
- The [City of Plainfield](#) and the [Middlesex County Improvement Authority](#) - \$200,000 each to assess brownfields sites for petroleum contamination.
- The [City of Trenton](#) - two grants of \$200,000 each to clean up brownfields sites.
- [Isles, Inc. of Trenton](#), and [Essex County](#) - \$200,000 each for job training.

**EPA Provides \$10 Million to Improve Beach Water Quality Monitoring (March 2005)**

New Jersey \$280,780  
New York \$354,580

**Current Competitive Funding Opportunities**

**[Request for Proposals for Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Funds for Activities in Indian Country](#)**  
All proposals must be postmarked, hand delivered or electronically delivered to the Agency no later than 5:00pm EST on **June 10, 2005**. For more information, you may contact: [Jamison.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Jamison.Rebecca@epa.gov).

**[2005 Wetland Protection Project Grants Request for Proposals](#)**  
EPA will consider all proposals that are e-mailed, postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service, hand delivered, submitted via [Grants.gov](#), or include official delivery service documentation indicating EPA acceptance from a delivery service no later than **April 11, 2005**. For more information, you may contact: [Drake.Kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:Drake.Kathleen@epa.gov).

**[Environmental Justice Small Grants Program Application Guidance FY 2005](#)**  
All applications must be stamped by courier service or postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by midnight, Monday **April 4, 2005**. For more information, you may contact: [Wesley.Terry@epa.gov](mailto:Wesley.Terry@epa.gov) or [Frazier.Tasha@epa.gov](mailto:Frazier.Tasha@epa.gov)

**[Conservation Challenge Grant Program](#)**  
All proposals must be postmarked, hand delivered or electronically delivered to the Agency, no later than **March 31, 2005**. For more information, you may contact: [gillespie.tristan@epa.gov](mailto:gillespie.tristan@epa.gov).

**[Request for Initial Proposals for FY 2005 Pollution Prevention Grant Competition](#)**  
Proposals must be received no later than **March 31, 2005, 5:00 pm EST**. If a proposal is submitted late, it will be returned to the applicant without a review/ evaluation and not be considered. For more information, you may contact : [gillespie.tristan@epa.gov](mailto:gillespie.tristan@epa.gov).

**[Indoor Air Quality \(IAQ\) Tools for Schools \(TFS\) Network Training Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#)**  
All completed application packages must be received at the address listed below **on or before 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, on March 11, 2005**. All submissions will be stamped with the date and time of receipt. For more information, you may contact: [feola.jean@epa.gov](mailto:feola.jean@epa.gov).

**[Notice of Request for Proposals for Onondaga Creek](#)**

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### How do I know when EPA is soliciting grant proposals?

Solicitations for MOST, but not all, grant programs available to community groups are published in the Federal Register. The [Federal Register](#) is published weekly by the Government Printing Office, and is accessible online.

You can also request that your organization be put on an EPA mailing list for a specific grant program, and you will receive a copy of the Federal Register notice for that particular program each cycle. To do this, [contact the coordinators](#) of the grant program you are interested in and ask him/her to add your organization to the EPA mailing list, if one is available.

### How do I know if my organization is eligible to receive a grant?

Only not-for-profit organizations are eligible to receive EPA grants through the Community Grants Programs. This includes, but is not limited to: universities, public schools, grassroots and advocacy groups, municipalities, city or state government agencies, metropolitan planning authorities, community based organizations, and federally recognized tribal governments.

While applicants may not be required to have a formal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) nonprofit designation, such as 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), you will be required to present a letter of incorporation documenting your nonprofit or not-for-profit status. In addition, it is important to note that not all nonprofit organizations are eligible for all programs - you must read the Federal Register notice or grant announcement to determine if your organization is eligible for a specific grant program. If you are still uncertain after reading the notice, call the Grant Coordinator.

For-profit entities such as, local businesses, corporations and financial institutions are not eligible to receive grants from EPA. However, EPA encourages applicants to partner with for-profit organizations by having for-profit entities contribute matching funds to the project and/or participating through subcontracts.

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### Do you think my project will get funded?

EPA staff cannot tell you if your project has a good opportunity to receive funding – both because of the competitive nature of EPA grant programs and because it depends on the



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## Quality Assurance Guidance and SOPs

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### Region 2 Quality Assurance Guidance

Title	Date	File	Special Note
<b>Guidance for the Development of Quality Assurance Project Plans for Environmental Monitoring Projects</b>	April 2004	<a href="#">PDF</a>	
<b>Quality Management Plan Fiscal Years 2002 - 2007 QMP</b>	February 2002	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Formerly entitled the Quality Assurance Management Plan (QAMP) - intended to document the ongoing QA policies, procedures, responsibilities and management systems that are in place to comprise the Region 2 QA program.
<b>Brownfields Project Planning Guidance</b>	May 2000	<a href="#">HTML</a>	Table of contents where the volumes and its components can be downloaded
<b>CERCLA QA Manual</b>	October 1989	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Appendices are not included
<b>Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for reviewing RCRA facility investigation (RFI) quality assurance project plans</b>	October 1994	<a href="#">PDF</a>	
<b>Technical Assistance Document for Complying with the TC Rule and Implementing TCLP</b>	March 1998	<a href="#">PDF</a>	
<b>EPA Region 2 Low Stress (Low-Flow) Purging and Sampling Procedure for Collecting Ground Water Samples from Monitoring Wells</b>	March 1998	<a href="#">WPD</a>	
<b>Lloyd Kahn Method, Determination of Total Organic Carbon in Sediment</b>	July 1988	<a href="#">PDF</a>	

### Region 2 RCRA and CERCLA Data Validation Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

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# Methods and Data Comparability Board

## What if...

What if monitoring programs could, at the same time, pursue their own goals and activities and also integrate information from other sources to support their needs?

What if we could design programs and use monitoring information collaboratively to better understand how to protect and manage our waters and watersheds?

What if data and information from a variety of sources could be aggregated to improve coverage across jurisdictions?

What if this integration, aggregation, and collaboration enabled us to achieve a better return on public and private investments?



**These "what ifs" can only be realized if we all strive for comparability!**

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The Methods and Data Comparability Board and the [National Water Quality Monitoring Council](#) were created in 1997, as subgroups of the [Advisory Committee on Water Information \(ACWI\)](#), which is formally chartered under the [Federal Advisory Committee Act](#).

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The website header includes the NWQMC logo (National Water Quality Monitoring Council) and the title "Methods and Data Comparability Board". Navigation links include Home, About MDCB, Tools, Strategies, and News.

The main content area is titled "Water Quality Data Elements" and includes the following text:

"Good Data Documentation for Effective Data Sharing"

The broad metadata categories which characterize all types of data: **who, what, when, where, why,** and **how** are being used to develop a modular WQDE approach that can be tailored to specific types of data.

Many different entities collect water quality monitoring data and many different kinds of data are collected. These data are useful to the data collectors and give us important information about drinking water quality and aquatic health. AND, these data could be more useful to others to answer:

- o similar questions ("Do their conclusions support mine?"); unrelated questions for which their collection was not intended; and
- o future questions that have yet to be asked

Common concerns in using another's data are:

- o Are their data of similar quality as my own? Were their data collected in a comparable way?
- o Were their data based on the same type of samples?

These concerns can be summed up as:

"How can we tell if water quality datasets are comparable and can therefore be combined for a given use?"

The Water Quality Data Elements (WQDEs), developed by the Methods Board and the National Water Quality Monitoring Council

A photograph of a river scene is shown, with the caption "Water Quality Data Element Lists".

The lists include:

1. **Chemistry, Microbiology** (Approved by ACWI, May 15, 2001; Approved by NWQMC 6/2001)
2. **Population/Community Biological Assessments** (In review)
3. **Toxicity** (In review)

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- [Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection](#) - EPA's Office of Water published this catalog to provide information to State/local water resource professionals and watershed groups on Federal monies that might be available to fund a variety of watershed protection projects.
- [Environmental Finance Program - A Guidebook of Financial Tools](#). This Guidebook is intended to be a working tool to enable practitioners in the public and private sector to find the appropriate methods to pay for environmental protection efforts. The Guidebook does not explain how or where to apply for assistance.
- [Clean Water Financing](#)

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- [Handbook on Coordinating Funding for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure: A Compilation of State Approaches](#) (PDF, 2.3MB) - This handbook is intended to be a working tool for states on approaches to coordinating federal, state, and local funding for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

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[Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program](#) - The Exchange Network Grant Program provides funding to States, Territories, and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to support the development of Environmental Information Exchange Network. The Exchange Network is an Internet- and standards-based, secure information systems network that supports the electronic collection, exchange, and integration of high-quality data. Funding for the grant program has been provided through annual congressional appropriations for the EPA.

[Environmental Justice Grants](#) - information on various EPA environmental justice (EJ) grant programs including the Small Grants Program, the EJ Community/ University Partnership Grants Program and the Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention Grants Program.

[Environmental Justice through Pollution Prevention](#) - The Environmental Justice through Pollution Prevention (EJP2) grant program supports community-based groups across the nation develop collaborative approaches to achieve environmental justice through pollution prevention.

[EPA Grant-Writing Tutorial](#) - interactive software tool from [Software for Environmental Awareness Program](#) walks the user through the grant-writing process and helps them learn to write more competitive grants.

[National Center for Environmental Research](#) - Grants, Fellowships, Research Associateships and the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Program

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[Office of Wastewater Management \(OWM\)](#) [Clean Water Financing](#) - includes guidance and information about the following programs:

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- <http://grande.nal.usda.gov/wqic/> **Search the Water Quality Information Center Database** Covering Water and Agriculture.
- <http://www.rivernet.org/> **River Network:** Helping people understand, protect and restore rivers and their watersheds.
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