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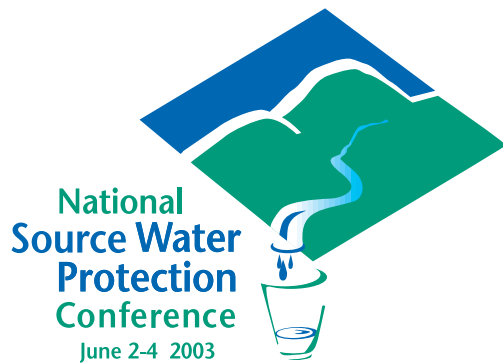
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Protect the Source...

2003 National Source Water Protection Conference



Protecting the Sources of the Nation's Drinking Water: Opportunities for Action

Dear Colleague:

EPA is pleased to announce the 2003 National Source Water Protection Conference. The conference, **“Protecting the Sources of the Nation's Drinking Water: Opportunities for Action”** will be held on **June 2-4, 2003**, at the Hotel Washington, Pennsylvania Avenue at 15th Street NW, in Washington DC.

As states complete over 165,000 source water assessments, the 2003 National Source Water Protection Conference will build upon this effort by providing information and opportunities for action planning. Participants will be able to learn and network with individuals from a variety of federal, state, local, and tribal programs, and non-governmental organizations, including environmental, conservation partners, public health, business, and citizens' organizations; technical assistance providers, and others who are working to promote source water protection.

Senator Paul Simon, author of *Tapped Out: The Coming World Crisis in Water and What We Can Do About It* will be the conference's key note speaker. The conference will provide a wide variety of sessions that will enable participants to:

- Build networks and partnerships to promote protection;
- Incorporate protection goals into other responsibilities;
- Find tools and funding to make protection happen; and
- Identify opportunities and overcome challenges.

Please mark June 2-4, 2003 on your calendar to attend this informative conference. To register for the conference, learn more, or express an interest in attending, please visit the conference web site at www.epa.gov/safewater/protect/swpconf.html. To reserve a room at the Hotel Washington for \$150 per night, call 1-800-424-9540 (mention the SWP/EPA meeting).

For more information on the conference, please contact Sylvia Malm of the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at swpconf@epa.gov.

We look forward to seeing you in June!

This is an EPA conference and there is no registration fee

2003 National Source Water Protection Conference

Over 165,000 source water assessments are nearing completion. The National Source Water Protection (SWP) Conference will build upon this effort by promoting protection planning and coordination, fostering partnerships, and identifying opportunities that lead to successful implementation of drinking water protection.

When and where is the conference?

The National SWP Conference will be held on June 2 - 4, 2003 at the Hotel Washington, Pennsylvania Avenue at 15th Street NW, Washington DC. Call 1-800-424-9540 to reserve a room at \$150 per night (*mention the SWP/EPA meeting*).

Who will be there?

The conference will bring together various Federal, Tribal, State, and local officials; watershed managers; conservation partners; members of environmental, public health, business, and citizens' organizations; technical assistance providers and others to learn about effective actions that prevent contamination of drinking water sources.

What can you take home?

The conference will provide a wide variety of action oriented sessions that will enable participants to:

- Build Networks and Partnerships to Promote Protection
- Incorporate Protection Goals into Other Responsibilities
- Find Tools and Funding to Make Protection Happen
- Identify Opportunities and Overcome Challenges



For More Information or to Register

for the National Source Water Conference, visit
<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/protect/swpconf.html>

There is no registration fee but advance sign-up is required

General Information
Safe Drinking Water Hotline
1-800-426-4791

EPA's Office of Ground Water
and Drinking Water Website:
<http://www.epa.gov/safewater>



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2003 National Source Water Protection Conference Preliminary Agenda

JUNE 2, 2003

JUNE 3, 2003

JUNE 4, 2003

9:00

REGISTRATION

10:00

Opening Plenary:

Making the Case for Action

Welcome and Information on Participants and Conference Opportunities

G. Tracy Mehan, III Assistant Administrator EPA Office of Water

- Challenges and Opportunities of Source Water Protection

Keynote speech

Paul Simon
Former U.S. Senator
Southern Illinois University

NOON

LUNCH

1:30

Breakout Sessions

Theme: Moving Forward from Assessments to Protection: First Steps

Session Choices:

- Assessments as a Tool to Launch Protection
- Communicating Assessment Results to the Public: Effective Risk Communication Tools - State and Utility panel
- Using Geo-spatial Tools to Target Protection

BREAK (30 MIN)

3:30

Breakout Sessions

Theme: Essential Tools and Approaches to Move to Protection

- CWA/SDWA Integration: Linking Watershed Protection and Source Water Protection
- Conservation & Land Acquisition
- Recent EPA Regulations: Implications for Protection
- Ripe Opportunities: Implementing Protection by Leveraging Key Federal and State Programs

5:30

Adjourn

9:00

Opening Plenary

Susan Seacrest
The Groundwater Foundation

9:30

Breakout Sessions

Theme: Finding and Working with Partners: Integrating Protection at the State, Local & Tribal Levels

- Implementing Protection Through Partnerships: State/Local/Tribal
- Upstream Neighbors: Working with Local Communities & Potential Contamination Sources
- CWA/SDWA Integration, continued
- Leveraging Rural Partnerships

BREAK (30 MIN)

Breakout Sessions

Action Planning (1 hr)

Theme: Mapping the Journey to Protection: Maximizing Tools and Partners

12:30

LUNCH

1:30

Hands-on Plenary Session:

Financing the Journey to Protection

BREAK (30 MIN)

3:30

Resource Fair.

Overcoming Barriers to Implementing Protection:

Opportunities to connect on leveraging existing authorities; USDA and other federal & state programs; funding options; other key tools and opportunities.

5:30

Adjourn

9:00

Opening Plenary and Charge to Action

Jeffrey Griffiths
Director, Graduate Programs in Public Health, Tufts University School of Medicine

Harry Ott
Director, Global Environmental Assurance, The Coca-Cola Company

BREAK (30 MIN)

10:30

Planning for the Future:

Plenary highlighting action plans, making networking connections, and planning for follow-up over the next six months

Conferees straw poll on priority short- and long-term federal, state, Tribal, and local strategic actions

Closing Speaker:

EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water official

12:30

Adjourn

1:30-4:30

Technical Training/Short Courses

Options:

- Drinking Water Academy
- Watershed Academy
- Environmental Finance Center Network training on funding options for watershed protection
- Workshop on social marketing
- Sharing the Power of Partnerships: Water Utility/Agriculture Alliances
- Source Water Protection TMDLs
- Other

**Preliminary Agenda as of February 13, 2003.
See the conference website for updates.**

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