

GROUNDWATER *Communique* NEWSLETTER

The Ground Water Protection Council Newsletter

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Joint GWPC/ NGWA Meeting

The Ground Water Protection Council will hold its 2010 Spring Meeting at the National Ground Water Association Annual Summit in Denver, CO from April 11-15, 2010. To see more information about this meeting click [HERE](#).

GWPC Wants a Piece of You: Discussion Briefs

Before all events, the GWPC solicits discussion briefs to collect additional topics for discussion from participants. Inability to attend a conference does not limit any state, agency, program, or individual from participating in discussions of national importance. Any interested individual may offer ideas, concerns, or suggest potential projects to the GWPC Board of Directors, Divisions, or any open discussion-based forum at GWPC events. Download the [discussion brief form](#). here (Scroll to the bottom of the page). Send completed discussion briefs to [Ben Grunewald](#).

Stormwater Runoff Water Quality Newsletter

Dear Mike,

Welcome to the the Ground Water Communique! This issue contains a list of EPA priorities from Administrator Lisa Jackson, links to a Stormwater Design Guidelines for Karst Terrain in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and a California Newsletter on Stormwater Runoff Water Quality, information about a new on-line magazine that tracks the environmental footprint of fossil based fuels, a solicitation by the National Science Foundation concerning water sustainability and more.

We welcome your feedback & suggestions. Please send comments to Mike Nickolaus at mnickolaus@gwpc.org.

EPA Administrator Jackson lists her priorities

In a recent memorandum to EPA staff, Administrator Lisa Jackson outlined "Seven Priorities for EPA's Future". The memo details Ms. Jackson's priorities for "focusing the work of the agency". These include:

- Taking action on climate change
- Improving air quality
- Assuring the safety of chemicals
- Cleaning up our communities
- Protecting America's waters
- Expanding the conversation on environmentalism and working for environmental justice
- Building strong state and tribal partner

The full text of Ms. Jackson's memo can be read [HERE](#)

Chesapeake Stormwater Network updates stormwater guidelines for Karst

The Chesapeake Stormwater Network has prepared an updated version (2.0) of its Stormwater Design Guidelines for Karst Terrain in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

It is intended that the Technical Bulletin can be incorporated directly or by reference into local and state land development codes, ordinances, regulations, permits and engineering manuals in the Bay watershed that govern how stormwater is managed in karst terrain. The supplement has been designed as an evolving document so that it can be updated over time to reflect new research, experience and project implementation.

This Newsletter; which publishes information of interest regarding stormwater issues in California, is in its thirteenth year of publication. It is distributed via email, at no cost, to its more than 10,400 subscribers. Past issues of this Newsletter and a Newsletter topic index are available at <http://www.gfredlee.com/newsindex.htm>.

If you have questions or comments on this or past issues of this Newsletter please contact Dr. Anne Jones-Lee at gfredlee@aol.com.

Greening of Oil magazine launches

Online publication tracks the environmental footprint of the energy industry

Anchorage, Alaska - Jan. 14, 2010 - Anchorage-based Petroleum News has launched a new, international online magazine at www.greeningofoil.com.

Greening of Oil is a science-based publication that tracks the environmental footprint of fossil fuels, scrutinizing what is being done to make hydrocarbons a more earth-friendly energy source during what is expected to be a decades-long shift to cleaner and cleaner power.

[Ground Water Report to the Nation: A Call to Action](#)

The guideline can be downloaded from the GWPC website by clicking [HERE](#)

"Time Sensitive Article"

EPA Requests Input on Potential Stormwater Rule

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is considering a potential rule to strengthen stormwater regulations and to establish a comprehensive program to reduce stormwater from new development and redevelopment. EPA has issued a [Federal Register Notice \(PDF\)](#) (6 pp, 76K) seeking stakeholder input to help EPA shape a program to reduce stormwater impacts. EPA will accept written comments on the preliminary rulemaking considerations until Feb. 26. For more information on the potential rule and instructions for submitting written comments, visit www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/rulemaking.

[Listening Session Webcast](#): EPA will hold a "virtual" listening session as a webcast on February 3, 2010 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm Eastern time. After a presentation from EPA, this webcast will allow members of the public to call in and give brief (3 minute) statements. Audience members will be able to listen to the webcast and all public statements using their computer speakers. Click here to register for the [Listening Session Webcast](#).

EPA seeks input on the following preliminary regulatory considerations:

- **Expand the area subject to federal stormwater regulations**
- **Establish specific requirements to control stormwater discharges from new development and redevelopment**
- **Develop a single set of consistent stormwater requirements for all MS4s**
- **Require MS4s to address stormwater discharges in areas of existing development through retrofitting the sewer system or drainage area with improved stormwater control measures**
- **Explore specific stormwater provisions to protect sensitive areas**

National Science Foundation Issues Water Solicitation



Remember--the *Ground Water Report* is always available online for your use, unabridged, and at no cost. You may download copies, or just call Brenda Short at the GWPC office (405.516.4972) if you would like hard copies shipped to you.

All of us at the GWPC appreciate your participation very much. Please contact any of our staff if we can be of assistance.

Thank you for your interest in the Ground Water Protection Council and our mission!

The NSF has posted a solicitation on "Water Sustainability and Climate". You can find the document at:

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503452&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund

Here are some information items about the solicitation provided by NSF:

Proposals may be as large as \$5 million. In the link to typical funded projects, you will see that most are to universities, generally in the \$200 to \$300K range. Proposals do not have to necessarily include climate research.

It is fine to draw on already existing facilities. NSF hopes to issue this solicitation annually through 2014.

This could represent a real opportunity for those working on water

sustainability in the university setting.

For further information about this solicitation contact Tim Smith, Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable Coordinator at etsmithsiri@aol.com



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