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# GROUNDWATER *Communique* NEWSLETTER

## The Ground Water Protection Council Newsletter

June 30, 2009

### Upcoming Meetings

#### 2009 Annual Forum



[Water/Energy Symposium at the GWPC Annual Forum September 13-17 Salt Lake City](#)

The GWPC's Water/Energy Symposium Co-Sponsor



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#### 2010 UIC Conference



The 2010 UIC Conference will be held January 15-16 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Austin Texas. For further details go to our [website](#).

#### GWPC Resolutions Deadline Notice

The next scheduled GWPC Board of Directors meeting will be Sunday, September

Dear Mike,

Welcome to the the Ground Water Communique! This issue highlights an EPA Webcast, a ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court involving appropriation of water, introduction of a bill concerning hydraulic fracturing, issuance of an EPA report concerning cancer risk from arsenic and more.

We do welcome your feedback & suggestions. Please send comments to Mike Nickolaus at [mnickolaus@gwpc.org](mailto:mnickolaus@gwpc.org).

#### GWPC Annual Forum at the Water/Energy Symposium



April 1 was the last day to submit abstracts for the [GWPC Annual Forum at the Water/Energy Symposium](#). However--if you'd like to submit but need an extension or received late notice, please contact [Ben Grunewald](#), our Associate Director.

More details and information will be coming soon. We hope to see you at this unique event!

#### EPA's Watershed Academy to sponsor free July 1st Webcast on the Clean Water Act

On Wednesday, July 1, 2009, the Watershed Academy will sponsor the first in a series of Webcasts about the Clean Water Act (CWA). This first Webcast will provide an introduction to the CWA including a brief history of the Act, an explanation of technology vs. water quality-based approaches, and a brief overview of key components of the Act and related EPA regulations. Future Webcasts will focus on key aspects of the CWA including water quality standards, monitoring and assessment, total maximum daily loads, programs for managing point sources and nonpoint sources, and wetland protection.

The Webcast will feature William (Bill) Painter, Environmental Scientist with EPA's Watershed Branch. Bill serves as an expert trainer on the CWA and is the author of a popular online Watershed Academy Web module, "Introduction to the Clean Water Act," Registration is now open at <http://epa.gov/watershedwebcasts>

#### U.S. District Court Issues Ruling in Water Appropriation Case

**13, 2009.** Any resolutions to be considered at the Salt Lake meeting must be submitted to the GWPC by Friday, August 28, to be considered by the Board. Please submit draft resolutions to [Dan Yates](#) on or before Friday, August 28, 5PM central. If you have any questions regarding GWPC resolutions, please contact Dan Yates at the email address above or call 405-516-4972.

### **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](#).



## **Join Our Mailing List!**

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

On June 5, 2009 the Fifth Circuit Court issued a ruling in the case of State of Mississippi vs. City of Memphis Tennessee. The case involved a claim by the State of Mississippi that the City of Memphis improperly converted water from beneath the State of Mississippi. The ruling can be read at [http://www.gwpc.org/e-library/documents/general/Fifth\\_Circuit\\_Ruling- State\\_of\\_Mississippi\\_vs\\_City\\_of\\_Memphis.pdf](http://www.gwpc.org/e-library/documents/general/Fifth_Circuit_Ruling- State_of_Mississippi_vs_City_of_Memphis.pdf)

### **Bills Governing Hydarulic Fracturing Introduced in the U.S. House and Senate**

Members of the House and Senate have introduced legislation designed to place the practice of hydraulic fracturing under the control of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Underground Injection Control Program. The Senate version of the proposed legislation can be found [HERE](#)

### **Arsenic Risk Report from EPA Draws Fire**

A draft report by the EPA Office of Research and Development about cancer risk posed by arsenic has raised concerns among EPA program offices, regions and industry who fear that the report may result in consideration of revised standards for arsenic that are not attainable. When the final report is available, GWPC will post the information in the Communique.

### **National Water Quality Monitoring Council to hold Conference**

The National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC) is proud to host its Seventh National Monitoring Conference-Monitoring From the Summit to the Sea-to be held in Denver, Colorado from April 25-29, 2010.

The conference will focus on the many facets of water quality and quantity monitoring for improved understanding, protection, and restoration of our natural resources and communities. The conference is a centerpiece forum for communication that generally attracts 500-800 water practitioners from all backgrounds-including governmental organizations, volunteers, academia, watershed and environmental groups, and the private sector-to exchange information, develop skills, and foster collaboration and coordination.

For more information about the conference go to <http://acwi.gov/monitoring/conference/2010/index.html>

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



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

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