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The Ground Water Protection Council Newsletter

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2010 UIC Conference



The 2010 UIC Conference will be held January 25-26 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Austin Texas. For further details go to our [website](#).

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](#).



Dear Mike,

Welcome to this special edition of the Ground Water Communique! This issue is being sent out to inform our readers about the release of a Request for Statements of Interest to test concepts for a national ground water monitoring effort. The request, shown below, is being offered under the auspices of the Subcommittee on Ground Water (SOGW), a subcommittee of the federal Advisory Council on Water Information (ACWI)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

State, regional, and local agencies, tribal governments, and other organizations that manage and operate statewide or regional ground-water level and/or quality monitoring networks are invited to submit Statements of Interest (SOI) to participate in Pilot Projects designed to gather information about future development of a comprehensive National Ground Water Monitoring Network (NGWMN). The Pilot Project Program, which would be conducted over a one and one-half year period, is a first step toward NGWMN implementation.

Background: The Pilot Projects, conducted through the cooperative efforts of state, regional, tribal and local monitoring network managers with the federal Advisory Committee on Water Information's (ACWI) Subcommittee on Ground Water (SOGW) and with U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) staff, will serve to test the concepts and produce information with which to evaluate the feasibility of the NGWMN as described in National Framework for Ground-Water Monitoring in the United States. This project is the first step in implementing the provision in the SECURE Water Act, passed by Congress as part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-11), that directs the USGS to develop a National Ground Water Monitoring Network in cooperation with state and local water-resource agencies.

Because the National Framework for Ground-Water Monitoring in the United States forms the foundation upon which ACWI/SOGW will evaluate Pilot Projects to assess key concepts and general feasibility of the NGWMN, successful SOIs will demonstrate a clear understanding of the Framework Document.

Availability of Complete Request for Statements of Interest and Background Documents:

The complete Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) is available at <http://acwi.gov/sogw/pubs/tr/index.html>.

The complete National Framework for Ground-Water Monitoring in the United States is available at <http://acwi.gov/sogw/pubs> under "Technical Reports."

Funding: No new federal funds for Pilot Project partners are available. There is no guarantee that Pilot Project funds will become available. If and when federal funds become available for NGWMN Pilot Projects, Pilot Project partners will be notified and provided options.

Eligible Pilot Project Partners: State, regional, and local agencies, tribal

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Deadline: SOI must be submitted by 6:00 p.m. Eastern on Friday, October 30, 2009

Submission Information: Eligible applicants can electronically submit their SOI in either Word or PDF format. Please include "SOI Application" in subject line and send to:

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Westerville, OH 43081
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Additional Information:

A webinar will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern, 12:00 p.m. Central, 11:00 a.m. Mountain, 10:00 a.m. Pacific to review the National Framework for Ground Water Monitoring in the United States, the Pilot Project objectives and the RSOI. Individuals interested in applying to become a Pilot Partner are encouraged to participate. Those who wish to participate in a "webex" seminar to learn more should connect to this URL:

<http://usgs.webex.com/meet/wcunning>

Click on the "Register" button next to the "Pilots for Nationwide GW Network" meeting scheduled for October 6, 2009 at 1:00 pm, and follow all of the registration instructions. You'll then be contacted with the connection information for the meeting.

For technical questions about the RSOI or Framework Document, contact: Bill Cunningham 703/648-5005, wcunning@usgs.gov.

For administrative questions, such as deadlines and where to send applications, contact: Sue Avedikian, 800/551.7379 ext 562, savedikian@ngwa.org

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