



USDA's National Water Quality Initiative



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Join us for a webcast to learn more about USDA's National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI). USDA's NWQI is working in priority watersheds to help farmers, ranchers and forest landowners improve water quality and aquatic habitats in impaired streams, lakes, and other waterbodies. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is helping producers implement conservation and management practices through a systems approach to control and trap sediment, nutrients, and manure runoff. Eligible producers are receiving assistance for implementing conservation practices such as nutrient management, residue management, conservation cropping systems, cover crops, filter strips, and water and sediment control basins. This webcast will highlight how this Initiative is working and how USDA's NRCS is working with state water quality agencies and others to implement this Initiative in priority watersheds.



NWQI 2012 Priority Watersheds

Instructors:

Lynda Hall, Chief, Nonpoint Source Control Branch, US EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, has been with U.S. EPA working to improve environmental management and water quality for more than 20 years. She has served in a number of management positions at EPA and has recently moved to lead EPA's Nonpoint Source Control Branch which has responsibility for managing the Section 319 program.

Tom Christensen, Regional Conservationist, Central Region, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, has worked with NRCS for over 32 years and has served in a number of leadership positions at NRCS. In his current position as Regional Conservationist, he is responsible for providing overall direction of NRCS personnel, programs and activities from the Northern Plains and Upper Midwest to the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Christensen acts as a representative of the Chief in regional partnerships and in initiatives such as the NWQI. He has received many awards during his career including a Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service for Senior Executives in 2009.

Jimmy Bramblett, Chief of Staff for the Regional Conservationists, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, began his career with NRCS in 1990 in Georgia. Mr. Bramblett has served in a number of positions in NRCS including as a Cartographic Technician compiling soil surveys, an Economist, a Water Quality Specialist, and as Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources and Programs. In addition to his career with NRCS, Mr. Bramblett has served for 12-years as an Adjunct Faculty Research Scientist with The University of Georgia in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences conducting economic research on water quality and water quality modeling.

Steve Hopkins, Nonpoint Source Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, has worked in the Section 319 NPS Program since 2007, and has worked closely with NRCS in Iowa on the NWQI. He has worked for Iowa DNR since 2000 in the drinking water and onsite wastewater programs, and previously worked as a county sanitarian, watershed project coordinator, and farmer.

Jon Hubbert, Acting State Conservationist, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Iowa, has been involved with the management of water quality initiatives as well as the implementation of water quality practices in both NRCS and EPA funded projects. His experience includes one and a half years in Iowa and 25 years in Illinois.

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