

California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network Participant:

Join the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network and USGS's Dan Sullivan from your own workspace for a 1-hour Webinar session "Introduction to the Environmental Methods Index (NEMI)". The webinar will be on Thursday, June 16 from 11:30 AM -12:30 PM. Please login 15 minutes early, see the instructions below to join the webinar.

Introduction to the Environmental Methods Index (NEMI)

Dan Sullivan has been a Hydrologist with the USGS since 1985, working in surface water, water quality, and ecological studies. He has been the co-chair of the Methods and Data Comparability Board since 2009; prior to that time he was involved with the Board as the lead on the NEMI project. He is also the water-quality specialist for the Wisconsin Water Science Center.

Every year, U.S. federal and state government agencies, industrial entities, academic researchers, and private organizations expend enormous amounts of time and money to monitor, protect, and restore water resources and watersheds. The selection of appropriate analytical methods is a critical part of planning for monitoring projects and can be a complex project in itself.

First launched in 2002, the National Environmental Methods Index (NEMI) is an online database of method summaries that includes basic information to compare one method with another for the purpose of method selection. NEMI has been updated over the years and recent projects include the addition of a web portal to include sensors information from NOAA's Alliance for Coastal Technologies database.

Topic: CWQMCN Webinar: Introduction to the National Environmental Methods Index (NEMI)

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2011

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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/monitoring_council/collaboration_network/index.shtml

Materials (if available), including past webinars will be posted on the website. The recorded webinars and associated materials are located under 'Monthly Webinars'.

We hope to use this web page to help you network with each other and with the larger monitoring community. So, feel free to give us your ideas on how to make it better.

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Many of us in the water quality monitoring community have been looking for a California forum for sharing our ideas, successes and common concerns. In response to that need, the California Water Quality Monitoring Council is partnering with the Water Board's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, the Nonpoint Source Program and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to launch a monthly conference call to support the activities of regional monitoring programs.

The Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network began as a voluntary monthly conference call that members of the monitoring community participated in and discussed topics meeting their interests. The conference call format and content varied in response to input from participants and subsequently changed to a Webinar format. Sessions are planned to share technical and support tools for monitoring, assessment and reporting; to encourage discussion on common concerns like information management; and to provide a forum for networking.

It is envisioned that the Collaboration network will help support a state framework to coordinate consistent and scientifically defensible methods and strategies for improving water quality monitoring, assessment, and reporting.