

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT



The Council of State Governments

Preparing states for tomorrow, today



WELCOME TO RHODE ISLAND



EPA **CSE** **NOAA**

Integrated Monitoring & Assessment
for Effective Water Quality Management

EMAP SYMPOSIUM 2004

Newport, Rhode Island • The Hotel Viking

May 3-7, 2004



CSG is the multibranch organization of the states, working to prepare states for tomorrow, today. Nationally focused and regionally based, CSG works with state leaders to put the best ideas and solutions into practice.



- Interpret changing national and international conditions that affect states
- Advocate multistate problem-solving and partnerships
- Build leadership skills among state policymakers
- Promote the sovereignty of the states and their role in the American federal system



CSG's History

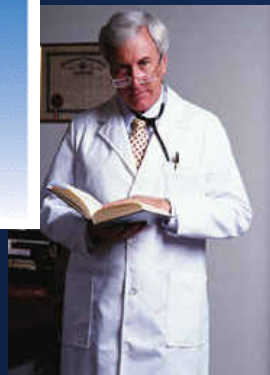
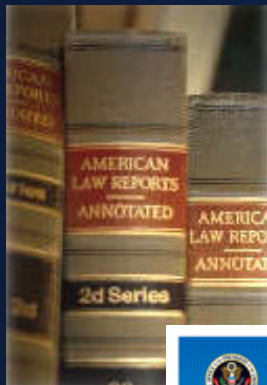
- Founded in 1933
- Headquartered in Lexington, Kentucky (1969)
- Regionally represented
- CSG is the only national association serving elected and appointed officials in all three branches of government in the 50 states and U.S. territories
- Has spawned other national organizations:
 - National Governors Association (NGA)
 - National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL)
 - National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG)





CSG's National Policy Studies

CSG identifies and tracks emerging policy trends affecting the states



- Agriculture & Rural Policy
- Education Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Fiscal & Budget Policy
- Health Policy
- Infrastructure & Energy Policy
- Public Safety & Justice Policy
- Suggested State Legislation



CSG – EPA Cooperation

- Improved cooperation between state and federal agencies, academia and others;
- Promotion of the most effective and efficient environmental monitoring and assessment tools;
- Promotion of best practices, trends and innovations in environmental monitoring among the states.



EMAP – The Tool

- Develop the scientific basis for consistent measurement of the health of the aquatic ecosystems
- Assist in building state capacity for monitoring for 305(b) and 303(d)
- Provide support to states so they can implement more cost-effective monitoring



EMAP – The Solution

- cost-effective, scientific and unbiased method
- consistent approach for estimating ecological condition
- allows for aggregating states' data into the national report card



U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy

“Federal, state and local authorities
need to be consolidated in order to
restore ocean and coastal
resources”

Preliminary report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy



The Council of State Governments

Preparing states for tomorrow, today

The Council of State Governments

Preparing states for tomorrow, today

www.csg.org

2760 Research Park Dr.
P.O. Box 11910
Lexington, KY 40578-1910

(859) 244-8000