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EMAP 2007 Symposium Announcement and Call for Posters

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Council of State Governments are sponsoring the Eighth Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP) Symposium on April 10-11, 2007, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in downtown Washington, DC. The Symposium will focus on achievements in monitoring to evaluate organizational effectiveness and to shape future research and policy. Platform and poster presentations will feature Federal, State, Tribal, and EPA Regional perspectives on designing and implementing surveys on the condition of natural resources in order to meet assessment needs at multiple scales.

EMAP is issuing a *call for posters* on research and policy challenges and accomplishments associated with monitoring condition of the following aquatic resources:

- Estuaries
- Lakes, Ponds and Reservoirs
- Great Lakes
- Rivers and Streams
- Wetlands

Additionally, EMAP is soliciting posters on identifying or resolving research or assessment issues in specific technical areas associated with surveys of any aquatic or terrestrial resource:

- Sampling design
- Indicators
- Diagnostics
- Innovative uses of existing monitoring data

Poster abstracts are due on February 1, 2007. Authors of accepted posters will have the opportunity to submit a manuscript for the Symposium Proceedings, which will be published as a special issue of the journal, *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*. Instructions for submitting abstracts are posted on the EMAP 2007 Symposium website: <http://www.csg.org>, keyword "EMAP". The Symposium agenda, and information on registration, hotel reservations, and Symposium contacts will be posted on this website as well.

Symposium organizers are anticipating 400 participants from natural resource management, research, and policy fields from across the nation. Tribal and State government participation is especially encouraged; sessions will emphasize discussion of research and assessment needs. Sponsoring organizations within the U.S. EPA include the Office of Research and Development, Office of Water, Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances, and Office of Air and Radiation. Please make plans to contribute to this national exchange of ideas and information.

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