



INVITATION: Participate in the Colorado Data Sharing Network Project

in conjunction with the Water Quality Control Division's 2009 Data Call

To: All Colorado water data generators,

The Water Quality Monitoring Council (CWQMC) is dedicated to coordinating, collaborating and streamline water quality monitoring efforts through its products- the Colorado Data Sharing Network (CDSN) and mentoring.

The CDSN can be used by any entity that is collecting water quality data in Colorado, such as a watershed group, special district, government agency, or private industry, that is involved in compliance, watershed restoration, or watershed protection. The CDSN allows for data to be managed and shared with other monitoring entities, state agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, watershed groups, and others analyzing water quality data within the state. It also allows for Non Point Source (NPS) program participants to meet their data reporting STORET requirements while also making available more data and information for the implementation of watershed plans throughout Colorado.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division has just issued its 2009 data call, to collect all available water data for its decision making activities, including the development of the 303(d) List of Impaired Waters and its Triennial Basin Review Hearings. As part of the CDSN project and our dedication to our goals of state-wide coordination and collaboration for watershed restoration and watershed protection, the CWQMC is geared up to provide mentoring to help water data generators get their data into the format required by by the Water Quality Control Division.

The CDSN project offers to assist water data generators get their data into the required format and to upload their data into the CDSN STORET database so that data is shared statewide and is available (when allowed by the generator) for analysis and display on the CDSN interactive web-based map. Data is uploaded into the CDSN database in exactly the same format that it is submitted to the WQCD.

The WQCD data call is requesting water quality data from any sampling events that have been conducted in the basins during the last ten years. There is no need to submit data that have previously been submitted to the WQCD Environmental Data Unit.

However, data that have been previously submitted to other areas within the WQCD should be resubmitted in order to ensure that it is used in this assessment process. The data will assist in determining ambient water quality across the state during this period.

Attached is the WQCD data request letter and a template for the requested data format. The Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council and the Colorado Data Sharing Network are requesting that all water quality data to be submitted to the WQCD for this data request also be uploaded into the CDSN project database.

If you or your organization

- **Collect chemical, physical, or biological data within a watershed**
- **Participate in the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission Basin Hearings**
- **Have any technical, fiscal, or other barriers to managing your data**
- **Have received or is applying for Non Point Source funds**
- **Pay someone else to manage or analyze your data**

We hope you will contact us in time for this data call and participate in the Colorado Data Sharing Network project.

For more information about the Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council, please visit our new web site at: <http://www.coloradowaterquality.org>

For more information about the Colorado Data Sharing Network project, the database, map, and tutorials, please visit:

<http://cwqmc.coloradowatershed.org/datasharing/storetdb.aspx>

and

<http://co.goldsystems.com/>.

For assistance with your data, please contact our coordinators and they will facilitate your needs.

Sincerely,

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