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WestFAST News

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EPA Announces Dynamic New Water Data Transparency Tool

EPA 06/18/20. Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a new tool that assembles publicly available water quality data into a user-friendly package that provides information on the quality of our nation's waters at the community, state, and national level. The release of this tool coincides with the agency's monthlong focus on partnerships as part of EPA's 50th anniversary commemoration. This new tool was created in partnership with states and water stakeholders and will facilitate next steps in our collective efforts to continue providing clean water for recreation and safe drinking water for communities across the nation.

"How's My Waterway is the latest tool developed by the Trump Administration to improve transparency and empower the American public with critical information. EPA is proud of the significant progress that's been made in restoring and protecting our nation's waters. However, challenges remain and this will be an important tool for collaborative and creative solutions with federal, state, local, tribal, and community partners to safeguard those waters," said EPA Assistant Administrator for Water David Ross.

EPA's new How's My Waterway provides unprecedented transparency that our partners and the public can use to learn about water, explore data and find out what's happening to improve the health

of our waters. Map-centric and mobile-friendly, How's My Waterway works on all different screen sizes—from desktop computers and tablets to mobile phones. The tool provides users with an easily accessible and understandable summary of water quality at the community, state, and national level.

Here's what each level has to offer:

- Community:** Learn about the health of local waters, identify challenges and learn about what's being done to restore or protect the waters. Find out more about your drinking water. Discover if waters in your community are suitable for swimming or eating fish and if they support healthy aquatic life.
- State:** Choose a state to find basic facts about a state's waters, summaries of specific water assessments, a statewide survey of water quality and state drinking water metrics.
- National:** Learn about the quality of water resources (lakes, rivers and streams, wetlands and coastal areas) across the nation and the main challenges to our water resources nationwide. You will also find information about national drinking water quality and national drinking water metrics.

"ACWA is excited for the launch of the How's My Waterway app and appreciates EPA's consistent communication with our members throughout its development," said Julia Anastasio, Executive Director & General Counsel for the Association of Clean Water Administrators. "By sharing information and listening to feedback from our

members, we feel as though this app will provide a major benefit to all those who are invested in water quality.”

Learn more about How's My Waterway at:
<https://mywaterway.epa.gov>.

Upcoming Meetings

[WSWC Summer \(193rd\) Meeting](#)

To Be Held Virtually via Zoom
Register to Attend
July 22, 2020

[WSWC Fall \(194th\) Meetings](#)

El Paso, TX
October 13-16, 2020

[Western Governors Association 2020 Winter Meeting](#)

Coronado, CA
December 9-10, 2020

[Western Governors 2021 Annual Meeting](#)

Sunriver, OR
May 14-16, 2021

Upcoming Events

[Annual Sub-seasonal-to-Seasonal \(S2S\) Workshop](#)

San Diego, CA
May 18-20, 2020 *POSTPONED UNTIL 2021*

Other Federal News

EPA 06/01/20. [EPA, Hawai'i Department of Human Services Reach Agreement to Identify and Close Pollution-Causing Large Cesspools Throughout the State](#)

EPA 06/01/20. [EPA Issues Final Rule that Helps Ensure U.S. Energy Security and Limits Misuse of the Clean Water Act](#)

EPA 06/03/20. [EPA Funding to North American Development Bank Will Bring Wastewater and Treatment Services to Palmview, Texas](#)

WHITE HOUSE 06/04/20. [EO on Accelerating the Nation's Economic Recovery from the COVID-19 Emergency by Expediting Infrastructure Investments and Other Activities](#)

NRCS/ID 06/05/20. [NRCS Idaho Releases June 2020 Water Supply Outlook Report](#)

USBR 06/08/20. [Reclamation selects nine water recycling and reuse projects to receive \\$16.6 million](#)

NRCS 06/09/20. [USDA Expands Farmers.gov Features to Help Manage Conservation Activities](#)

EPA 06/10/20. [EPA settles Clean Water Act case with Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. in Glendive, Montana](#)

NIDIS 06/11/20. [2020 U.S. Fire Outlook](#)

USFS 06/12/20. [Secretarial Memorandum to the Chief of the Forest Service](#)

NRCS 06/15/20. [OP-ED: Farmers, Ranchers and Private Forest Landowners Use Conservation to Protect Pollinator Habitat, Boost Crop Production](#)

NRCS/TX 06/16/20. [Texas NRCS Announces Additional 2020 Sign-up Period for Partnership Led Conservation Program](#)

DOI 06/16/20. [Interior Takes Historic Step to Transfer Ownership of Federal Water Projects in Utah to Local Water Users](#)

USBR 06/16/20. [Reclamation launches WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant funding opportunity and extends drought resiliency project deadline](#)

EPA 06/18/20. [EPA Announces \\$513 Million WIFIA Loan to the City of San Francisco for Wastewater Upgrades](#)

EPA 06/18/20. [EPA Issues Final Action for Perchlorate in Drinking Water](#)

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USBR 06/18/20. [Reclamation awards \\$5.8 million to 22 laboratory and pilot-scale desalination research projects](#)

DOI 06/19/20. [Secretary Bernhardt Announces More Than \\$54 Million to Keep Waters Clean, Support Outdoor Recreation](#)

NRCS/KS 06/22/20. [NRCS Announces Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\) Funding Application Cut-off as Part of the Regional Conservation Partnership Program \(RCPP\) for July 17, 2020](#)

USBR 06/22/20. [Reclamation provides \\$3.3 million to 52 WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects](#)

EPA 06/23/20. [EPA Announces Nearly \\$288,000 to State of Oklahoma to Study Wildfire Effects on Streams](#)

NRCS/ID 06/29/20. [Working for Idaho: Public-Private Partnership Announces the Cheatgrass Challenge](#)

NOAA 06/29/20. [NOAA releases roadmap for the next 7 years of research and development](#)

USBR 06/30/20. [ADVISORY: Reclamation to hold public meetings on Lake Powell Pipeline Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#)

PEOPLE

DOI 06/05/20. [Interior Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Tim Petty Named Co-Chair of National Drought Resilience Partnership](#)

NWS 06/08/20. [Adria Schneck Selected as new NCEP Deputy Director](#)

USBR 06/08/20. [Brent Esplin named Regional Director for Missouri Basin Region for Reclamation](#)

USBR 06/11/20. [Reclamation welcomes Paquin as area manager for Snake River Area Office](#)

DOI 06/26/20. [Secretary Bernhardt Applauds the President's Intent to Nominate William Perry Pendley to be the Director of the Bureau of Land Management](#)

WHITE HOUSE 06/26/20. [President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate and Appoint Individuals to Key Administration Posts](#)

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