

The National Water Quality Monitoring Council is excited to host the

NWQMC VIRTUAL GATHERING

March 9 – 11, 2027



Call for Champions

Submissions due October 9, 2026

Please join us for the 2027 NWQMC Virtual Gathering, an exciting opportunity to connect with your colleagues and peers in the water monitoring community, from **March 9 to 11, 2027** in a **100% virtual format**. This Virtual Gathering, consisting of 3 consecutive ½ days, will provide opportunities for all water stakeholders – federal, state, Tribal and local water professionals, nonprofits, academia, water consultants and industry, and volunteer and community scientists – to network, develop new skills, build partnerships, and exchange information in anticipation of the **15th National Monitoring Conference** to be held in spring 2028! Location to be determined.

If you are passionate about monitoring **groundwater, streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, estuaries, and oceans**, and eager to share your expertise, we invite you to become a **Champion** for the 2027 NWQMC Virtual Gathering. **Each Champion will be responsible for proposing, organizing, and facilitating a session to be considered as part of the content of the Virtual Gathering.** Virtual session formats include:

- **Concurrent Presentations:** Live 90-minute blocks of four 20-minute presentations, all related to a similar *Hot Topic* in the water monitoring world. Ideally, presenters will represent a mix of affiliations and perspectives.
- **Roundtable/Panel Discussions:** Live 90-minute blocks typically consisting of short presentation(s), followed by a facilitated discussion and Q&A. Content may be provided in advance to attendees.
- **Lightning/Poster Talks:** Live 30-minute blocks of three 7-minute lightning or poster talks, followed by facilitated Q&A.
- **Workshops/Short Courses:** Interactive training opportunities for attendees, typically 90 minutes long.

2027 Session Themes and Topics Include (but are not limited to):

- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- Monitoring for the Protection of Aquatic Resources
- Volunteer Monitoring and Community Collaboration
- Contaminants and Source Tracking
- Open Data Life Cycle
- Measuring Success
- Other: If you have an idea for a session theme or topic that is not covered above, please still submit it.
- A more extensive list of session themes and topics can be found [here](#).

Click Here to Submit a Session Proposal!

After Program Committee review, Champions will be notified on the status of their proposals by **November 6, 2026**.

Please share this announcement with your colleagues, partners, and staff.



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