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Watershed Approach Handbook: Improving Outcomes and Increasing Benefits Associated with Wetland and Stream Restoration and Protection Projects

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Two-hour Webcast

Eastern: 1:00p.m.–3:00p.m.

Central: 12:00p.m.–2:00p.m.

Mountain: 11:00a.m.–1:00p.m.

Pacific: 10:00a.m.–12:00p.m.

Please join us for a webcast on The Environmental Law Institute's (ELI's) and The Nature Conservancy's (TNC's) recently released handbook to advance the use of a watershed approach in the selection, design and siting of wetland and stream restoration and protection projects, including projects required by compensatory mitigation. This joint report called "*Watershed Approach Handbook: Improving Outcomes and Increasing Benefits Associated with Wetland and Stream Restoration and Protection Projects*" is posted on ELI's and TNC's Website. The handbook was funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other private funding sources.



The webcast will give listeners a broad overview of the handbook, which was developed to increase the use of a watershed approach to help ensure a holistic approach to wetland and stream restoration projects that also contribute to goals of improved water quality, increased flood mitigation, improved quality and quantity of habitat and increases in other services and benefits. The webcast will explain how the handbook provides a framework for how to carry out the watershed approach, defines a range of different approaches, and offers examples of how these approaches have been applied across the country. It will also feature a case study from Wisconsin.

The Webcast presentation will be posted in advance at www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts. Also, webcast participants are eligible to receive a certificate for their attendance.

Expert Speakers:

Dr. Rebecca Kihlsinger, Wetlands Program Director, Environmental Law Institute, San Francisco – Rebecca helped develop the handbook and will help introduce the Webcast.

Palmer Hough, Environmental Scientist, Wetlands Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Palmer will provide some background regarding why EPA supported development of this handbook.

Mark P. Smith, Deputy Director, North America Freshwater Program, The Nature Conservancy, Boston, MA - Mark worked with Jessica Wilkinson, formerly of the Environmental Law Institute and now with TNC, to lead the effort to develop and co-author the Watershed Approach Handbook.

Nicholas Miller, Science Director, The Nature Conservancy, Madison, WI – Nicholas will present a case study from Wisconsin that highlights the use of the handbook.

Registration: You must register in advance to attend this webcast. Register at the Watershed Academy Webcast website at www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts.

Questions? Please contact Beth Orr at beth.orr@tetrattech.com.

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