




# Welcome!



## The Water Quality Standards Academy

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## Academy Goals


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- Provide instruction and guidance in the requirements of the water quality standards regulations (40 CFR 131) and the applicable portions of the Clean Water Act (CWA)
- Clarify confusing topics and answer your questions
- Share our perspectives and stories, and hear yours
- Help us learn from each other
- Have Fun

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- Share our perspectives and stories, and hear yours”
  - Old saying: “Where you stand depends upon where you sit”
- “Help us learn from each other”
  - There is a lot of knowledge and experience in this room....we want to get it out and allow folks to exchange experiences and ideas...
- “Have fun”
  - “A lecturer is a person who talks in someone else’s sleep”  
W.H. Auden



## What We'll Cover...

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- **Broad overview of CWA and the WQS Regulations, and how states and tribes develop, adopt, implement water quality standards.**
- **Roles of the various parties in Water Quality Protection-**
  - **States and Tribes**
  - **EPA Regions and Headquarters**
  - **The regulated community and other stakeholders**
- **How standards relate to water quality monitoring and attainment decisions, TMDL development and NPDES permits**

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•This overlaps with a lot of the expectations folks submitted...

•ROLES: EPA and EPA HQ as just a PIECE of the Puzzle....(Full, Complete answers may be outside the room.....always good to “broaden” the conversation....REGION as Primary Point of Contact




## Our Charge to You...

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- BE ENGAGED
  - ASK QUESTIONS
  - GET TO KNOW PEOPLE
  - HAVE FUN!!

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## This Academy DOES...

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- Provide a basic overview of the Water Quality Standards (WQS) Program
- Provide instruction in the Water Quality Standards Program (this course is designed for students with <6 months experience with WQS)
- Describe the statutory provisions and regulations that provide the legally binding requirements

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•The Academy provides a basic overview of EPA’s water quality standards program. It is for instructional purposes only. The statutory provisions and Federal regulations described in the Academy contain the legally binding requirements. For further information, please contact the Office of Science and Technology at 202-566-0400.



## This Academy Does NOT...

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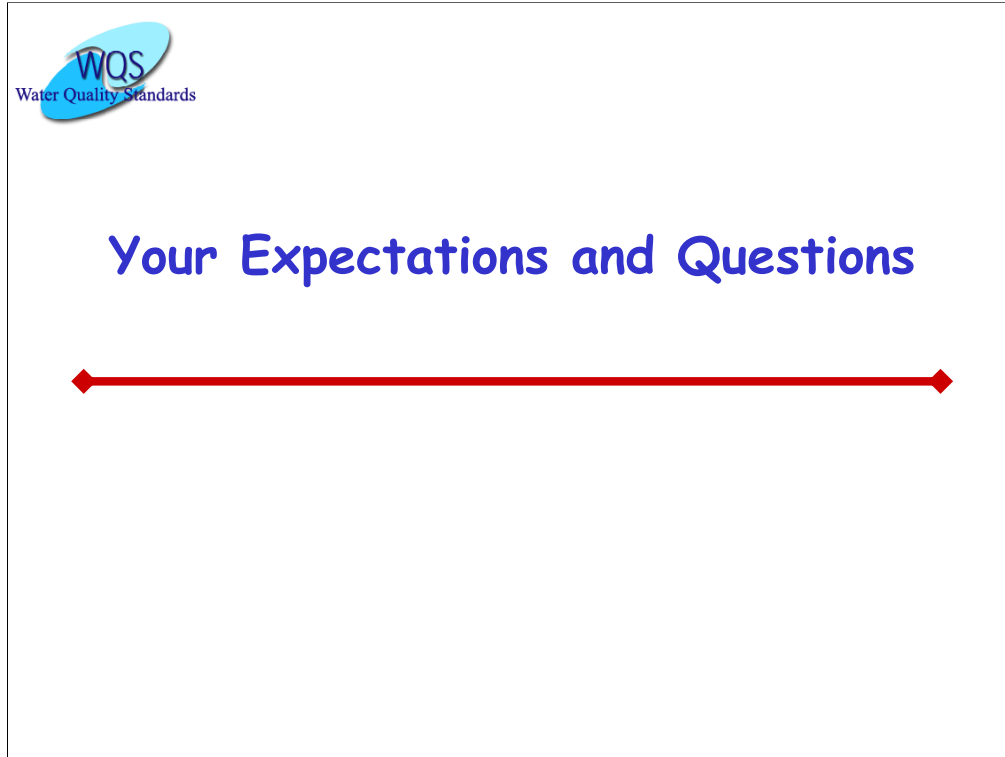


- **Impose any binding requirements**
- **Determine the obligations of the regulated community**
- **Change or substitute for any statutory provision or regulation**
- **Represent, change or substitute for any Agency policy or guidance**
- **Control in any case of conflict between this discussion and statute, regulation, policy or guidance**

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....this is a discussion of (some of the) expectations and specific questions they submitted with their applications and hope to get answered.

Be sure to address / capture any additional expectations or questions on the flip chart and alert the appropriate instructor or other EPA contact. At the Friday Wrap-Up (Module 24) revisit the Expectations and Questions to discuss how they were addressed and any next actions people can take.