

Join Us For a Webcast on January 25, 2023

How's My Waterway has new features! How's My Waterway is a userfriendly tool that was designed for anyone to easily find, access and understand information about their water quality. When a watershed is shown to have pollution or other issues, it inspires people to get involved to monitor, protect and restore their waterways. By displaying all of this information visually, it gives this data more perspective and transparency which results in the drive for change and innovation especially in school aged children.

How's My Waterway answers questions about aquatic life, eating fish, swimming, drinking water, monitoring, restoration and protection. The public has access to water information in their community and state and at a national level.

Join us to discuss several new enhancements including:

- Monitoring Tab Enhancements. On the community page, the <u>Monitoring Tab</u> now has a date slider with the ability to view monitoring data by watershed anywhere from the late 1800s to 2022 by selecting a date range. Separate <u>Monitoring Report</u> pages were also added which include ways to dig deeper into the data, view it on a chart by characteristic group and filter the data before downloading.
- New Tribal Pages. In celebration of National Native American Heritage Month, the <u>How's</u> <u>My Waterway</u> team released <u>Tribal Pages</u> on November 22, 2022. These pages inform tribal communities of water quality issues that can impact fishing, swimming and other activities. They display the results of the first 14 Tribal program water quality assessments performed under the CWA 106 grant program and reported electronically to EPA. With these pages, Tribal reports will, for the first time, have been made available alongside state and territory-based assessments.
- Educators Section. How's My Waterway now has an <u>Educators Section</u> with resources for educators including a Middle School Lesson Plan and a University Lesson Plan.

How's My Waterway is most frequently used by students and educators at all grade levels and capabilities. Teachers and after school programs have begun to build curriculums around using the tool to help children explore their local waters and learn how they can become environmental stewards. How's My Waterway is also frequently accessed by the public, including concerned citizens, watershed organizations, non-profits, realtors, volunteer monitoring groups, decision makers and many others.

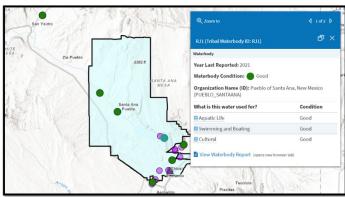
Speakers:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wetlands, Oceans & Watersheds

- Kiki Schneider, IT Specialist, Water Data Integration Branch
- Cynthia N Johnson, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Data Integration Branch

For more information on How's My Waterway visit: <u>https://www.epa.gov/waterdata/hows-my-waterway</u>. To access the tool directly visit: <u>https://mywaterway.epa.gov/</u>





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