

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
for
EPA's National Beach Conference
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October 11–13, 2006
Niagara Falls, NY

About the Conference

This 3-day conference is being held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Beach Association's Annual Meeting. It will be a forum for beach water quality managers and public health officials at all levels to share information and ideas about implementing a successful recreational beach program.

Call for Abstracts

EPA seeks proposals for practical and informative presentations on topics relevant to the national beach guidance. Examples of such topics include:

- Predictive models
- Rapid assessment of bacteria water quality
- New technology
- Source tracking
- Risk assessment
- Statistical methods for analyzing data
- Monitoring (lessons learned, practical applications, new techniques)
- Sanitary surveys
- Remediation
- Communicating beach conditions to the public
- Collecting beach use data
- Economics associated with beach conditions
- Regrowth of bacteria in various environments
- Use of existing indicators in a nonpoint source environment

We seek presentations and posters. We will display posters during a poster session on Wednesday evening at the Discovery Center in Niagara Falls. Posters may also be displayed at the Conference Center during the remainder of the conference. Mark your calendar now for this important event!

Submission Details

You are invited to submit an individual abstract on one of the topics listed above. The abstract should be no more than 250 words and should include the following additional information:

- Presentation title
- Author(s)
- Topic area
- Name of presenter (do not list all authors on the abstract)
- Affiliation
- Mailing address
- Phone, fax, and e-mail address
- Willingness to present a poster and/or lead or participate in a panel discussion if so designated

The deadline for submitting your abstract is June 9, 2006. Abstracts should be submitted through the conference Web site www.tetrattech-ffx.com/beach_conf2006. If you need assistance, please contact Shannon Prendergast, Tetra Tech, Inc. (EPA contractor), phone: 703-385-6000, ext. 358; e-mail: Shannon.prendergast@tetrattech-ffx.com. We will notify those whose submissions are approved for presentation at the conference by July 10 and send further instruction at that time.

Continuing Education Credits

Please contact your state or local agency to see if there are opportunities for this conference to count toward continuing education credits.

More Information

We will make available a preliminary agenda by July 14. For more information, contact Beth LeaMond (phone: 202-566-0444; e-mail: leamond.beth@epa.gov) at EPA. Please post this call for abstracts on your Web sites, newsletters, e-mail list servers, and pass this information along to colleagues who might be interested. Thank you for your help.

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