

National Water Program Website Survey

We posted an online survey to assess the scope and value of the National Water Program Website <http://www.usawaterquality.org/>. The survey was open for two weeks from 8/27-9/7/07. It was distributed through the WQ-L, CSL-WQ, RLSLT, and 406developers listservs and also posted on the National Website homepage.

1. Which best describes your role with the CSREES-Land Grant Institution water network:

- CSREES Administrator
- Regional Water Quality Coordinator
- Water Quality Coordinator at 1862 Institution
- Water Quality Coordinator at 1890 Institution
- Water Quality Coordinator at 1994 Institution
- National Project Leader
- Regional Liaison
- Website Developer
- Researcher at Land Grant Institution
- Extension Educator at Land Grant Institution
- Grant recipient of CSREES funds at non-Land Grant Institution
- Partner to the National Water Program

2. How did you learn about the National Water Program website?

- Water Quality Listserv
- CSREES National Water Conference
- Colleague(s) within regional water program directed me
- Colleague(s) from CSREES directed me
- Link from another website
- This survey (if so, skip to #4)
- Other (please specify)

3. Please select how often you currently use the National Website for the following reasons:

- Never*
 - 1-2 times per year*
 - 3-7 times per year*
 - 7-15 times per year*
 - or greater than 15 times per year*
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- a.) Learn about CSREES programs
 - b.) Learn about CSREES RFAs
 - c.) Learn about other projects CSREES-Land Grant Institution projects across the nation
 - d.) Gather contact information
 - e.) Learn about events
 - f.) Link to other websites within the National Water Program network
 - g.) Learn about educational resources within the region
 - h.) Learn about new research, tools, or techniques
 - i.) Locate related projects for potential collaboration
 - j.) Contact potential collaborators

- k.) Direct others to the website
- l.) Pull information from website to give to others
- m.) Gather information for proposals and reports
- n.) Post information about events, programs, and materials

4. If you do not use the National Water Program website, select the primary reason:

- Did not know it existed
- Use other water websites
- Other

5. Please estimate if you will use the National Water Program Website in the FUTURE for the following reasons: No – don't know – Yes.

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- f. Learn about educational resources within the region
- g. Learn about new research, tools, or techniques
- h. Locate related projects for potential collaboration
- i. Contact potential collaborators
- j. Direct others to the website
- k. Pull information from website to give to others
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6. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about the National Water Program website (choice for each: strongly disagree – disagree – don't know – agree – strongly agree):

- a.) Website is easy to use (i.e., it has well organized buttons and links, appealing colors/images, and acceptable display density).
- b.) General content of website is useful (i.e., information is of high value, reliability, currency, and accuracy).
- c.) General content of website is adequate (i.e., information is complete).
- d.) Content within the four expanded National themes (www.usawaterquality.org/themes) is useful (i.e., information is of high value, reliability, currency, and accuracy).
- e.) Content within the four expanded National themes (www.usawaterquality.org/themes) is well organized (sections on research, education, extension, success stories, and online resources).
- f.) Content within the four expanded National themes (www.usawaterquality.org/themes) is adequate (i.e., information is complete).
- g.) Website staff responds quickly to posting requests and questions.
- h.) Website is accessible (i.e., able to access it when needed; pages load quickly)
- i.) Website links to partnering programs where appropriate.
- j.) I am satisfied with the Website.

- 7. Please elaborate on response to #6. If you are satisfied, tell us what you like. If you are not satisfied, please tell us why so we can improve. Here are the answers we received:**
- 8. For the four National themes yet to be built out, would you like to see a different format? If so, please give specific examples.**
- 9. Please identify specific ways to improve the National Water Program Website.**