



# EPA Releases Scientific Report Showing U.S. Coastal Waters a Mix of Good and Fair Health

The Watershed Academy



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## A Watershed Academy Webcast

Join us for a Webcast on EPA's recently released [National Coastal Condition Assessment \(NCCA\) 2010](#) report. This report shows that more than half of the nation's coastal and Great Lakes nearshore waters are rated good for biological and sediment quality, while about one-third are rated good for water quality. In almost all coastal waters, however, contaminants in fish tissue pose a threat to sensitive predator fish, birds, and wildlife. The National Coastal Condition Assessment is part of a series of National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS) designed to advance the science of monitoring and answer critical questions about the conditions of waters in the United States.



"Since more than half the nation's population lives near coastal waters, and that number is increasing every year, it is important for us to understand the condition of these highly-productive and fragile habitats so we can properly manage and protect them," said Joel Beauvais, EPA Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water. "The latest science confirms we must keep paying close attention to our coastal waters, reduce the pollutants that are harming water quality, and protect those areas still in good condition."

The Webcast will provide a brief overview of the National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS) that provide information on lakes, rivers and streams, coastal waters and wetlands, and will also highlight the key findings from the NCCA 2010 report. The NCCA 2010 report is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/national-aquatic-resource-surveys/national-coastal-condition-assessment>

Webcast participants are eligible to receive a certificate for their attendance. The Webcast presentations are posted in advance at <http://www.epa.gov/watershedacademy/watershed-academy-webcast-seminars> and participants are encouraged to download them prior to the Webcast.

### Expert Speakers:

**Sarah Lehmann, Team Leader for National Aquatic Resource Surveys, Monitoring Branch, U.S. EPA's Office of Water**

Sarah Lehmann serves as Team Leader for the National Aquatic Resource Surveys in U.S. EPA's Monitoring Branch. In this role, she provides leadership for each of the national surveys including lakes, rivers and streams, coastal waters, and wetlands. Prior to this, Sarah worked in EPA's Region 5 office in Chicago as the Regional Monitoring Coordinator. She worked with states and tribes in the development and implementation of monitoring and assessment strategies and served as the regional contact for the national surveys.

**Hugh Sullivan, Environmental Protection Specialist, on Detail to the Monitoring Branch, U.S. EPA's Office of Water**

Hugh Sullivan is the acting Lead for the National Coastal Condition Assessment. Prior to coming to EPA, Hugh taught high school biology for ten years. Before settling in the Ocean and Coastal Protection Division (OCPD) in EPA's Office of Water Hugh worked in EPA's Office of Acquisition and Resource Management and Office of Research and Development. He has been the Quality Assurance Project Coordinator for the National Coastal Condition Assessment program in OCPD for three years before taking on the lead role. Hugh recently started a detail in EPA's Monitoring Branch.

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