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Join us as we explore and share the experiences, expertise, lessons learned, innovations, and strategies that strengthen and sustain both the technical and institutional elements of our monitoring programs. The Chattanooga meeting will be the fourth National Monitoring Conference hosted by the National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC). Like its predecessors, the 2004 Conference will provide an outstanding opportunity to participate in technical programs and training, share successes, discuss issues, and network with our colleagues in the water monitoring community. The program will include plenary sessions, workshops, oral presentations, posters, exhibits, facilitated discussions, field trips, and informal networking opportunities.

The Council, chartered in 1997, promotes partnerships to foster collaboration, advance the science, and improve management within all elements of the water monitoring community, as well as to heighten public awareness, public involvement, and stewardship of our water resources. The Council has developed a monitoring and assessment framework that describes a process to produce and convey the information necessary to understand, protect, and restore our water resources. The 2004 conference will weave together five overall themes related to each element of the framework and critical to building and sustaining successful programs:

- Promoting collaborative efforts
- Exploring new and emerging methods and technologies
- Addressing changing expectations of monitoring
- Ensuring data and information comparability
- Sharing results and successes

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