

COG's Regional Water Quality Laboratory Inventory

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Development or Revision



Metropolitan Washington
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Create a Regional Resource/Tool

- ▶ Goal
 - ▶ **Collect** basic information regarding laboratories in the Metropolitan Washington region that perform analysis on a broad range of water quality parameters
 - ▶ Turn that information into a **research tool** for our members
 - ▶ Serve as a source of information should another laboratory in the region need a contact for **backup support**
- ▶ We are at the beginning stages of this effort
- ▶ All of the information collected will eventually be part of a regional database for our members to utilize



Survey Questions

- ▶ Created a short survey
 - ▶ Questions include Laboratory Name, Contact Information, Web Address
 - ▶ Is the laboratory certified by a state and/or EPA?
 - ▶ State certification number
 - ▶ Type of Laboratory
 - ▶ Commercial, Non-Commercial, Non-Profit, Research, State, Federal, Medical/Clinical, Other?
 - ▶ Constituent list and/or list of water quality tests that the lab performs - which ones are certified
 - ▶ Any additional services offered (data analysis, etc.)
 - ▶ Area to provide any additional information



Next Steps

- ▶ Shared the draft survey with OWML
 - ▶ Received positive feedback and guidance to enhance some questions (i.e. request which parameters are certified)
- ▶ Will distribute survey to regional labs in the area
- ▶ Collect information and create a searchable database
 - ▶ Eventually will post on COG's website
- ▶ Questions/Requests from the audience:
 - ▶ COG will share a link to the survey via email
 - ▶ Please let us know of any laboratories to add to our distribution list
 - ▶ Please let us know if you have any suggestions on ways to improve our survey
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