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Media Invited to Attend Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Clean Water Act

Join Richmond's celebration of National Water Monitoring Day, along with Tayloe Murphy, Secretary of Natural Resources for Virginia; students from Richmond-area middle and high schools; citizen monitoring groups; and water-quality professionals* on the banks of the James River at **Tredegar Iron Works, 490 Tredegar Street, on October 18, 2002, 10:00 am to noon.**

The James River at Tredegar is one of more than 50 sites in the 10,200-square-mile James River watershed where groups will be collecting water-quality data. At Tredegar, you can

- watch Secretary Murphy collecting water samples side-by-side with students
- find out what bugs from the streambed (benthic invertebrates) and bacteria tell us about water quality
- get information on measuring streamflow and water-quality monitoring in Virginia, how pollution affects watersheds, and how the Clean Water Act has resulted in improved water quality in Virginia
- listen to remarks by Secretary Murphy; Robert Hirsch, USGS; Jay Gilliam, Virginia Division of Izaak Walton League of American (Save Our Streams); and Patti Jackson, James River Association.

Data from across the nation—a “snapshot” of the nation's water quality—will be displayed on the Year of Clean Water Web site (www.yearofcleanwater.org). Results from the James River watershed will be on the USGS Web site (va.water.usgs.gov).

For a description of National Water Monitoring Day activities planned by USGS and partner organizations across the nation, visit water.usgs.gov/monitoring_day/activities.html

*From the U.S. Geological Survey, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Alliance for Chesapeake Bay, James River Association, Virginia Division of Izaak Walton League of America, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Virginia Water Monitoring Council, and Virginia Environmental Endowment

