

NAWQA GROUND-WATER STATUS & TRENDS ANALYSIS & REPORTS MEETING

Starting at 1 p.m., Wed afternoon, April 20, 2005

Ending at 1 p.m., Friday afternoon, April 22, 2005

Drury Inn San Antonio Northwest, San Antonio, TX

PA Team Leaders, GW S&T report teams:

NAWQA GW S&T (Ground-Water Status & Trends) has set aside funds for travel and per diem to support a 2-day meeting to discuss GW S&T Analysis & Reports issues. The specific agenda for the meeting that will best serve the needs of the GW S&T report teams needs to be discussed among the PA Team Leaders and reports teams, and then planned and organized. We hope that all attendees will volunteer to help plan and implement this meeting.

When: Several Spring meetings have already been scheduled (for example, TANC, April 11-15; GW Trends, May 2-6; SPlus training, May 16-18). Consequently, we concluded that the best time to hold this GW S&T Analysis & Reports meeting would be at the end of the National Ground-Water Association's '2005 Ground Water Summit' meeting that runs from April 17-20th in San Antonio, TX. A number of GW S&T staff already will be at the NGWA meeting in downtown San Antonio to present preliminary findings from PA synthesis. The plan is to start the GW S&T Analysis & Reports meeting at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 and end it at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2005.

We specifically request that all participants who attend this GW S&T Analysis & Reports meeting stay until the end of the meeting at 1 p.m. on Friday – the airport is about ½ hour or less from the hotel. *Please do not schedule return flights home that require you to leave for the airport before 1 pm on Friday.*

For those of you that will not be presenting at the NGWA GW Summit, the general plan would be for you to fly in on Wednesday morning, April 20th in time for the start of the meeting at 1 pm that afternoon. If you choose to attend the NGWA 2005 Ground Water Summit in downtown San Antonio prior to the GW S&T Analysis & Reports meeting, you will have to cover the registration fee and other costs associated with the Summit (registration fee, for example, is approximately \$445).

Who: Except for those who already have funds set aside to attend and present at the NGWA Summit, we have funds to support travel and per diem for one representative from each GW S&T report team. The attached excel file is a list of the PA Team Leaders and the lead author for each GW S&T report. We request that each report team, in consultation with the respective PA Team Leader, decide which report team member, if any, will represent that report team at the meeting.

Where: We are holding the meeting at the Drury Inn & Suites San Antonio Northwest. The Drury Inn location and other information are given below (**note that there are 6 Drury Inn locations in San Antonio**):

Drury Inn & Suites San Antonio Northwest (near USGS San Antonio sub-district office)
9806 Interstate Hwy 10W
San Antonio, TX 78230
800 325 0720
210 561 2510

A block of about 35 rooms has been set aside at the Drury Inn San Antonio Northwest under the block name **USGS**. The rate is \$89.99. Kelly Warner and Ann Ardis are listed as contact persons.

RSVP: If we have at least 20 people staying at the Drury Inn we will have access to a complimentary meeting room that holds at least 50 people. To ensure that we will be able to reserve this free meeting room, the Inn needs confirmation of reservations soon. In addition, San Antonio is holding a Fiesta during the week of April 18-24, so demand for motel rooms during that week is very high. Therefore, please make motel reservations as soon as possible, and then email Wayne Lapham with confirmation that you will be attending the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let Wayne know who, if anyone, will be representing the report team.

Other Logistics: There are restaurants near the Inn and there is taxi service (San Antonio Taxi (Yellow Cab) 210 222 2222) between the Drury Inn and the Airport for less than \$20/cab/trip, so we should be able to keep car rentals to a minimum.

Regards, Wayne Lapham
Kelly Warner
Ann Ardis