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Office of Water Quality Water-Quality Information Note 2013.04

Subject: Training – Water-Quality Principles (QW1022): Registration Open for Jan. 2013 Class

Water-Quality Principles (QW1022-Blended) is an instructor-facilitated Web-based course that was newly developed to serve and facilitate the need of Water Science Center personnel who are or will be engaged in water-quality studies and who would benefit from review or foundational training in topics covering the spectrum of the water-quality discipline. This is the third offering of this course, with the previous two classes having been overlooked. Registration for QW1022-Blended is open through December 15, 2012.

Brief Description: “Water-Quality Principles” is available online only, offering Water Science Center (Center) personnel and other interested students the opportunity of taking water-quality principles training in a self-paced format at their local Center. The course expands on water-quality training that previously was instructor-taught regionally and at the Denver National Training Center. It complements the 2-week water-quality field course by providing an introduction to the concepts, principles, and practices that underlie the development and execution of USGS water-quality studies. Lesson modules consist of lecture material, readings, instructional and informational videos, and real-time sessions with an instructor. Course registration generally is limited to 20 students. Students must allow up to 80 full hours to complete the course. More detailed information about this course can be found in the attachment to this WaQI Note.

Dates: January 7 to February 7, 2013. This course is self-paced within the constraints of the dates shown. It is recommended, however, that students work with their supervisor to complete course work within the first 2 weeks. The course is scheduled to be offered once in FY 2013.

Registration and Tuition: Registration through DOI Learn is now open. Employees who are interested in this training must obtain approval from the appropriate Center manager or supervisor. After requesting the course in DOI Learn, the student must e-mail GS_OED-TEL@usgs.gov to obtain an ID and password for access to the course on a dedicated Office of Organizational and Employee Development (OED) server. Tuition for the course is \$300.

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