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**Office of Water Quality Water-Quality Information Note 2017.05**

**Subject: Office of Water Quality Internal Homepage Being Discontinued**

As part of the Water Mission Area (WMA) re-organization, WMA is migrating to a centralized and unified internal web presence to better meet WMA and Water Science Center (WSC) needs for internal communication, training, and technology transfer. As part of these efforts, the [main Office of Water Quality internal homepage](#) will be permanently taken offline the week of September 18, 2017.

Internal users are encouraged to bookmark and use the new [Water Mission Area Intranet](#) (aka, the Water wiki) as your starting place for internal USGS water-quality resources including policies, methods, training, seminars, and more. Many of the resources previously available on OWQ internal webpages are now accessible under the WMA Intranet “Resources” and “Learn” sections. For example

- The “Quality Assurance and Science Best Practices” pages provide information on technical reviews, the National Field Manual, quality-assurance guidance, and Fundamental Science Practices,
- Policies and technical memoranda can be accessed on the “Policies” web pages,
- The “Laboratory Resources” pages link to the new “Laboratory and Analytical Services Division” (LASD), and
- The “Field Computing” pages include PCFF, field forms, parameter and method code requests, software among other resources.

As the new WMA offices move forward, all content currently hosted under the OWQ internal site will be updated and migrated to new locations or will be taken offline. If there are existing internal online water-quality resources you rely on, please be sure [the appropriate WMA office](#) is aware of your needs.

For suggestions or questions related to the new [Water Mission Area Intranet](#), please contact [Emily Read](#), Chief, WMA Web Communications Branch.

Signed,

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