

**GROUNDWATER PROTECTION:  
BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN WHAT IS KNOWN AND WHAT IS  
PRACTICED**

**Groundwater Foundation to Hold National Conference in Denver, Colorado**

For decades scientists, hydrologists, hydrogeologists, policy makers, and others have worked diligently to find answers to our water related concerns and issues. Much is known about our water resources and policy has been enacted to help protect and manage our water. Yet, how has this information impacted day-to-day groundwater management practices?

The Groundwater Foundation plans to explore this question at its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual conference by focusing on how current science, technology, and policy can promote groundwater-friendly practices at the local level. The conference will be held November 28-30, 2007 at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel in the Denver suburb of Lakewood, Colorado. Invited speakers include: US Senator E. Benjamin Nelson; US Congressman John Salazar; US Geological Survey Office of Ground Water, Chief, Bill Alley, and Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory Hobbs, Jr. Conference co-sponsors include: Awwa Research Foundation, Water Systems Council and the US Geological Survey, and US EPA Region VIII.

Conference topics include:

- water quality and quantity connections
- aquifer-based management
- western water policies
- integrated management case studies
- water rights and water law
- sustainable infrastructure and asset management
- groundwater management on federal lands

The conference will also feature a tour of the U.S. National Ice Core Laboratory and the Bureau of Reclamation's Hydraulic Laboratory. Special events held in conjunction with the conference include an opening reception featuring the presentation of the 2007 E. Benjamin Nelson Government Service Award and Groundwater Guardian Designation Ceremony during which communities participating in the Foundation's Groundwater Guardian program will be recognized for their efforts on behalf of groundwater protection.

Plan to attend this conference to learn more about how science, technology and policy can help you to protect groundwater now and for the future. For more information, visit The Groundwater Foundation website at [www.groundwater.org](http://www.groundwater.org) or contact The Groundwater Foundation at 800.858.4844 or via e-mail at [info@groundwater.org](mailto:info@groundwater.org).

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The Groundwater Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Lincoln, Nebraska

with a mission to educate and motivate the public to care about and for groundwater. Since its inception in 1985, the Foundation has offered various educational programming for youth and adults. To learn more, visit [www.groundwater.org](http://www.groundwater.org).