

About the AQS Conference Agenda:

In addition to the first 2 days of training, the AQS conference agenda will include sessions on the topics listed below. The conference is tailored to provide opportunities for attendees to meet their counterparts in State, Local, and Tribal Agencies, as well as meet with the EPA Regional and Headquarters personnel. Our goal is to provide a venue for information sharing and problem solving to benefit all levels of the air program. The focus of the conference is (1) how to use AQS to submit required and other data (2) introduce new regulatory requirements and how they are implemented in the system (3) explain other features of the system and the process to ensure the quality and timeliness of data. For this reason, both new and experienced personnel can benefit from conference attendance.

Training Courses will include:

AQS "Basic" training: 1 day on how to load data, 1 day on how to retrieve data
Using Discoverer to query AQS data (intro and advanced)
Using the Precision and Accuracy tool to generate transactions

Conference Agenda Topics will include:

AQS Development and Enhancement Plans

Ambient Monitoring and Analysis Topics including:

- Data Certification and Reporting
- Updates on recent NAAQS revisions and monitoring implications
- Lead monitoring reconsideration: new monitoring sites, rule developments, methods and coding issues, calculating compliance
- Potential changes to PM standards including urban visibility
- NCore multi-pollutant program - implementation progress
- Recent improvements in tools to access data in AQS and the AQS data mart
- AirNow data available in AQS data mart

AQS Exceptional Events Report

AQS Design Values Report

Agencies' experience using the EPA Exchange Network

Caucus sessions for EPA Regional Contacts, State, Local and Tribal Representatives

Ask the AQS Team - During the conference, written questions are collected for a session of discussion and solutions.

Identify Potential AQS Enhancements