

Request for Information (RFI)

**Tap Water Sample Collection
and Data Capabilities**

WQRF

**Water Quality
Research Foundation**

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OVERVIEW

Title: Tap Water Sample Collection and Data Capabilities

Purpose: The Water Quality Research Foundation (WQRF) is seeking information from organizations that currently collect, or have the capability to collect, tap water samples directly from:

- Residential homeowners served by public/municipal water
- Private well owners
- Commercial businesses

WQRF seeks to understand data ownership and access rights associated with these sampling efforts. This RFI is intended solely for information-gathering and planning purposes and does not constitute a request for proposals or funding commitments at this time.

Submission Deadline: Friday, May 29, 2026 via this [electronic survey](#) form

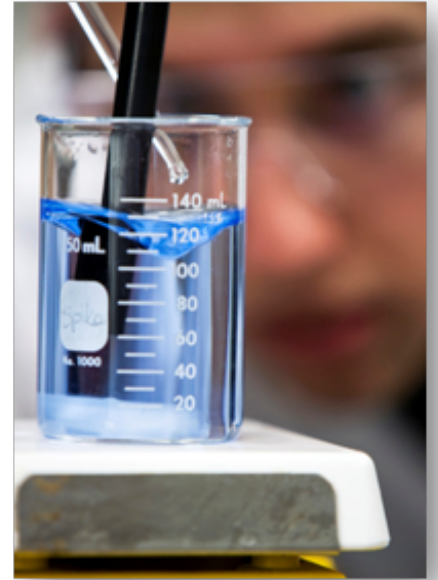
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Who is WQRF?

The [Water Quality Research Foundation](https://www.wqrf.org/) (WQRF) was formed in 1952 to serve as a universally recognized, independent research and education sponsorship organization.

The mission of WQRF is advancing knowledge and the science of high quality, sustainable water. WQRF's vision is water quality improvement through relevant research.



About Our Research

WQRF-funded research provides third-party **validity** and **credibility** for the drinking water treatment industry.

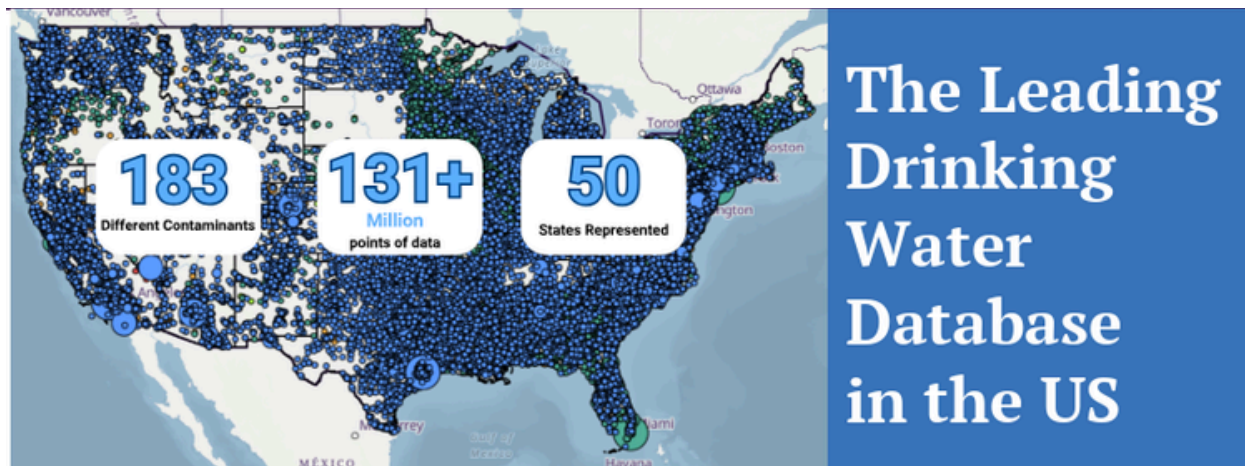
Since inception, WQRF has sponsored numerous research studies which have examined a broad range of water chemistry, technology and environmental impact issues.

These studies generated essential data on water quality and technology, positively impacted legislative change, and helped advance efficiencies in POU/POE product certification testing.

Additionally, in an effort to position the industry for the future, WQRF launched its Research Grant Program in 2017. The purpose of the grant program is to solicit and potentially fund unique and interesting ideas from the research community. This allows academic and independent researchers more flexibility for submission of study proposals which are topical to WQRF's mission, bylaws and research agenda.

Background

- Since 2018, WQRF has been collecting data on contaminants occurring in water in the United States through a collaboration with Corona Environmental Consulting.
- The resulting database, built on information from state primacy agencies and the US EPA, currently contains over 131 million data points for 183 contaminants in publicly supplied water.
- WQRF's map (wqrf.org/map20) displays a subset of this data, focused only on water that has been treated for consumption and is entering the distribution system.



- **WQRF is interested in expanding its database to include tap water samples, taken at the point closest to consumption, to provide the public with a more accurate representation of the quality of their drinking water.**
- Understanding both sampling capabilities and the legal/technical usability of resulting data will help inform future research funding and collaborations.

Scope of Information Requested

An [electronic survey](#) is provided for responses.

However, we've provided an overview below, so that necessary information may be gathered before beginning the survey.

- **Organization Information**
 - Organization name
 - Primary contact
- **Tap Water Sampling Experience**
 - Do you currently collect and/or analyze tap water samples from end users?
 - Types of taps sampled
 - Sample collection approach
 - Contaminants analyzed for
 - Geographic range of samples
 - Approximate number of total samples
 - Sample date ranges
- **Data Ownership and Rights**
 - Ability to transfer or license to 3rd parties, such as WQRF
 - Intellectual property rights
 - Releases from homeowners, landlords, etc.
 - Restrictions

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