

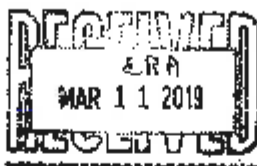


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Dear Colleague,

As we in the Central Midwest Water Science Center (CMWSC) look back with great pride on the many changes, challenges, and accomplishments of 2018, we look forward with eager optimism to 2019. We wrapped up our first full year as a merged Water Science Center combining the States of Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri. The merger has expanded our science capabilities available to cooperative projects and streamlined our Administrative functions. Through the merger, we are now able to share each State's resources amongst the three States – not only very skilled staff, but also state-of-the-art equipment – enhancing our science portfolio of flood-inundation modeling; characterizing groundwater availability, transport of water-quality constituents and emerging contaminants; and continuous real-time monitoring of surface water, water quality, and groundwater.

We look forward to working with you in 2019, and along the way, we hope you can use the enclosed 2019 USGS Water Mission Area Calendar. The calendar highlights some of the activities in the USGS across this great Nation. Although many of the photos are of locations outside of our WSC, most of the activities pictured are also performed by the USGS in Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri.

If you need any information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support of the USGS.

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