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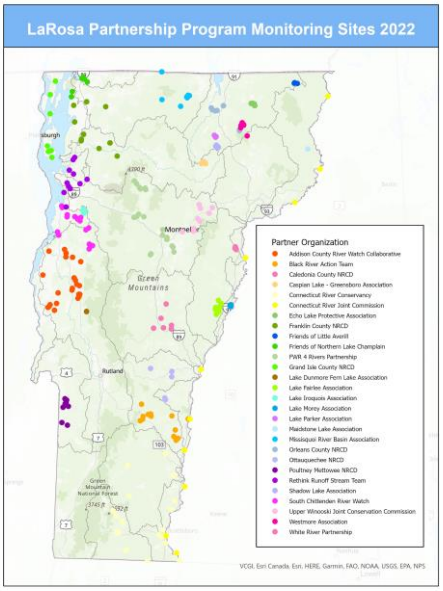
LAROSA PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



LPP Q & A:

Q: When will 2022 LPP data be available?

A: Because our sampling season ends in August, VAEL will finish sample analysis by the end of September. After all LPP samples have been analyzed, the data must undergo a thorough review process by LPP staff. We are hoping that 2022 data will be finalized and uploaded to the IWIS database by mid-November to early December 2022.

REMINDERS:

Please submit any outstanding flow observations before the end of the sampling season via the LPP Flow Data webform. Missing flow data will cause significant delays in the data review process. For this reason, please ensure that flow data for **all sites** and **all sampling events** have been submitted by checking the LPP Flow Data Dashboard.

This week is the last sample pickup for the 2022 sampling season. Thank you all so much for all your hard work, dedication, and patience. This has been a fantastic year and we look forward to working with you again in 2023!

UPDATES

❖ During the last sample pickup on Tuesday, August 2nd and Thursday, August 4th, **please leave the following items** for LPP staff to retrieve:

- Acid kits: safety goggles, sulfuric acid, and disposable gloves
- Test tube racks provided by LPP staff
- Leftover labels or VAEL field sheets
- 250mL square bottles for laboratory dupes
- Leftover sample bottles or test tubes

❖ If you have any parent sample containers, including ripper dippers or buckets, **it is important to properly store them to reduce contamination** during the off-season. River dippers and buckets should be thoroughly rinsed and covered with lids if available. If lids are not available, place the container in a clean Ziploc or garbage bag and store in a safe place.

Olivia Uyizeye of Connecticut River Joint Commission sampling the Connecticut River

MAKEUP SAMPLES

Any samples taken and submitted after the last sample pickup on August 2nd and August 4th should be kept to a minimum. Any partners taking makeup samples after the last sample pickup are responsible for transporting samples to VAEL within their hold times. Samples **must** be submitted at the very latest by the end of August. If for any reason you will be submitting samples after the last sample pickup date, please contact Mel as soon as possible.

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