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EPA sponsors water quality video contest with two \$2500 prizes

BATON ROUGE – Calling all movie makers! Lights! Cameras! Action! The Environmental Protection Agency is sponsoring a water quality video contest to get the word out about the problems facing the nation's waters and what can be done to improve them. There will be two \$2,500 prizes – one for a 30 to 60-second video and one for a longer one to three minute-video. The videos will be featured on the EPA Web site. These videos should be about current issues and simple steps to address the issues.

Less than 30 percent of the nation's streams support healthy biological communities. The water problems are derived from a variety of human activities. Polluted run-off from over fertilized lawns and farms, dumping chemical or trash on the streets or throwing things such as oil and grass down the storm drains damage aquatic resources such as fish and other aquatic life. It is important for people to change their behavior and the videos will be a tool to help educate others on the importance of protecting the waters.

For more information and for complete contest rules, visit the EPA website at www.epa.gov/owow. The deadline for entries is Earth Day, April 22. Make a video and help be part of the solution for water pollution.

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