

The AWW Site Code

Once a citizen has decided upon a sampling site and starts sampling, each site is identified with a unique eight-digit site code assigned by the AWW Office. To establish a new sampling site, complete the "Sampling Site Form" on page 84 and submit this form with the data form for the first set of data taken at that site (see Note below about "adopting" existing sites). This Site Code is based on the watershed, group and specific location of the site. An example would be:

05012042

The first two digits represent the major watershed in Alabama where the site is located e.g.

05 = Coosa

The next three digits represent a group monitoring in that watershed. In the example, the twelfth group (since AWW began) monitoring in the Coosa Watershed:

012 = Logan Martin Lake Protection Association

Finally, the last three digits in the Site Code represent the exact and unique location where the water sampling is taking place. The example is the forty-second site sampled by the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association group.

042 = Blue Spring 0.4 miles N of ballfield

0	5	0	1	2	0	4	2
watershed		group			site		

AWW Watersheds

01 Alabama	06 Mobile
02 Cahaba	07 Tallapoosa
03 Chattahoochee	08 Tennessee
04 Coastal Plain Streams*	09 Tombigbee
05 Coosa	10 Black Warrior

*The AWW watershed called Coastal Plain Streams includes the Perdido, Conecuh and Choctawhatchee watersheds. See map on page 15.

Note: If monitors "adopt" an existing site, the Site Code will not change. This eliminates the time lag that establishing a new Site Code typically takes and allows the data taken at that site to continue accumulating for water quality and trend analyses.