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## Newsletter Supplement

### Note from the Editor

Good news—we have material for another supplement! Please feel free to give call me to discuss your ideas about the Newsletter and Supplement.

Because the Supplement is electronic-only, there is no practical limit to how many images and articles we can share, so send your items to Bill Boning at [wrdretirees@usgs.gov](mailto:wrdretirees@usgs.gov) or my email address at [whozit1130@aol.com](mailto:whozit1130@aol.com).

For this August 2012 Supplement we are including three photographs. One from 1976 and another one is from 1985, from the personal collection of Charles Nethaway. Both were taken outside of Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Lakewood, CO. The third photo is a "traveling fish story" showing Hal Langford's success this year.

--Charles

### **How to Submit Items to the WRD Retirees Newsletter Supplement**

Our Newsletter Supplement will be online and will be capable of publishing color and black-and-white photographs along with articles, stories, histories, and movie clips.

Please send your material to the WRD Retirees Newsletter addresses as shown on our web site at <http://www.wrdretirees.org/newsletter.htm>, using email to [whozit1130@aol.com](mailto:whozit1130@aol.com) or US Mail to 2370 Albot Road, Reston, Virginia 20191. The desired formats are Word and .jpg digital photographs; however, we will accept other formats and typed material. If you have video items, please call me so that we can discuss format. Feel free to call me at 703-476-6782 (home) or 703-609-8271 (cell) to discuss anything about the Supplement.

We hope that you can identify the date, place, and people in your photos. If you have only partial identification, we will invite readers to write in and help complete names and captions for the shots. We can scan your paper photographs if you do not have them digitally and we will save copies of these photos in the Retirees Archives in Reston.

So, enjoy the Supplement, and we hope to hear from you soon.

# SEMINAR FOR WATER RESOURCES DIVISION MANAGERS

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION  
FEBRUARY 4–8, 1985



**Front Row (L to R):** Hanson, Anttila, Nethaway, Puente, Jeffcoat, Hayes, Lee, Bryant

**Middle Row (L to R):** Shulters, Hughes, Buchanan, Grason, Burchette, Doyle, Livingston, Richards, Ayers

**Back Row (L to R):** Buono, Druse, Hubbard, Case, Sherrill, Anderson, Ratzlaff, des Fontaines

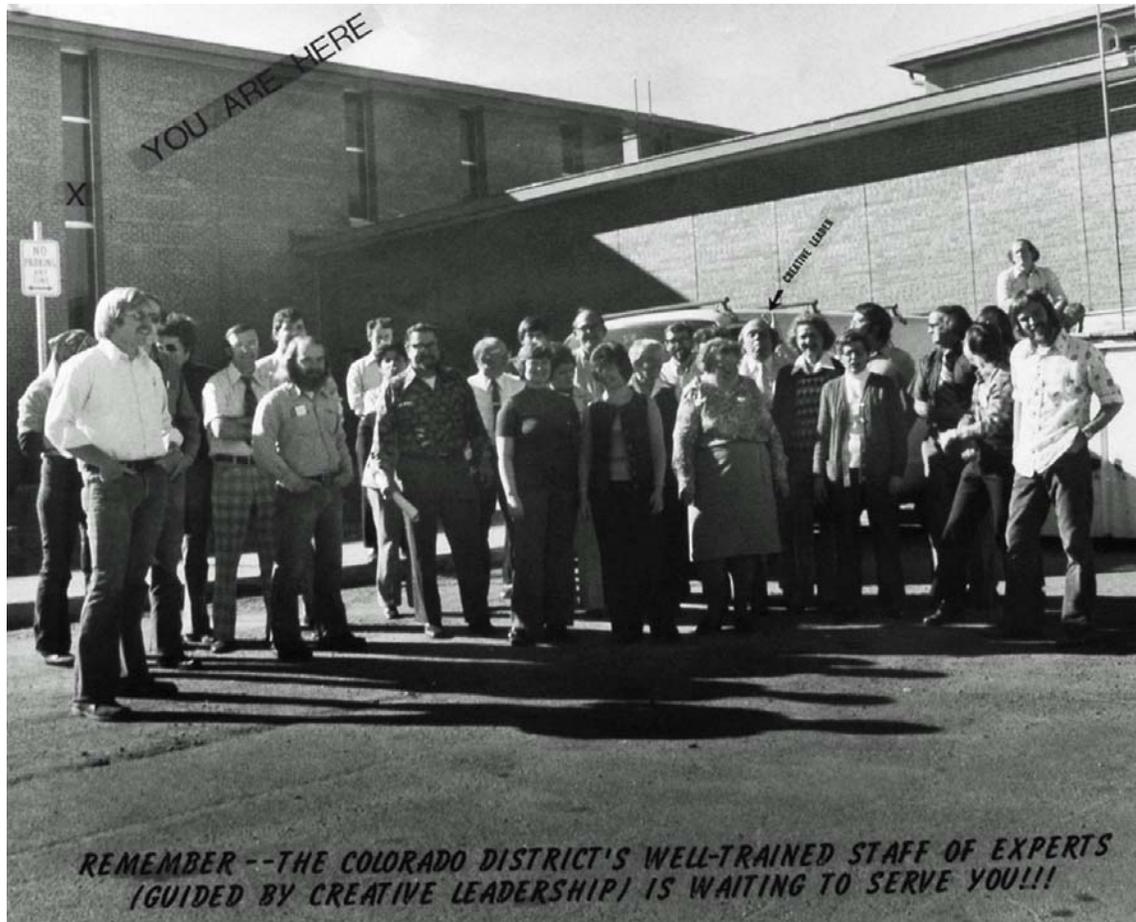
This photograph was taken on the west side of Building 53, not far from the main entrance of the U.S. Geological Survey National Training Center. Like many photos made for and distributed to students, this photo lists the names of 25 employees. The photographer took us outside on a break. You can see the snow! It isn't easy to align the names of the students with the rows. Sometimes images include instructors, sometimes not. If you have any comments about this picture or the course, the first names of the employees, and so on, we would be glad to hear from you!

## **About the National Training Center**

In the 1960s, the need for a new and better training facility was fostered by an agreement with the U.S. Civil Service Commission in which WRD would provide 6 months of classroom training to new hires as a key factor in a fast-track promotion procedure – an important recruiting pitch. Also, Denver was the site of a training facility previously initiated by A. Ivan Johnson in the Hydrologic Laboratory to train foreign hydrologists. Johnson remained with the NTC until he transferred to the National Headquarters. He was replaced by Delbert W. Brown in December 1970. At that time, the NTC was also significantly remodeled and moved to Building 53.

Thousands of WRD employees have attended classes at the USGS National Training Center (**NTC**). At about the same time that Thad G. McLaughlin became the Regional Hydrologist for the Central Region, many newly hired hydrologists were entering on duty with WRD from universities in the Central Region, and a need for an adequate training facility emerged. The first location of the NTC was in Building 25 where the Regional Hydrologist was also located.

## Colorado District, Building 53, February 1976



Some Colorado District personnel are shown in front of Building 53 at the Denver Federal Center. Left to right (all rows): Wendy Barteaux, Ken Vaught, Johnnie Gibbs, Dan Bauer (WI), Jack Weeks (CO), Alan Burns (CO), George Sachier, Stan Robson, Liz Anderson, Ted Hurr, Dick Grozier, Judy Cornwell (CO), Bob Jarrett (CO), Marge Stallmann, Don Hillier, JoAnn Schnepf (CO), Bernice Canzona, Dennis Hall, Lucy Laughlin (behind Barbara Condon), Barbara Condon, Jim Biesecker, Margaret Olsen, Lu Smith, Tim Steele, Jerry McCain (AL), Warren Smalley, Dennis Wentz, Charles Nethaway (VA), and Bob Moran. Included are the State abbreviations where each employee now lives, if known.

### Creative Leader

This picture of Colorado District employees was taken in early February 1976 on the east side of Building 53, Denver Federal Center in Lakewood. These employees reported to Jim Biesecker, District Chief. Jim had been selected as District Chief. In this photo, obviously Jim was labeled as our "Creative Leader." I'm over on top of a storage structure. We may be going to or returning from a conference in western Colorado. As the picture says, "Remember – The Colorado District's well-trained staff of experts (guided by creative leadership) is waiting to serve you!!!"

As with all of the items in the Newsletter Supplement, please give us more details about this event and/or the photograph if you happen to recall anything! Thank you!

## A Fish Story



"On their fishing vacation in April 2012 along Lake Ontario, Andy Anderson, not shown, witnessed Hal Langford catching a 16-pound salmon as the first catch of the day. "