

From the Chancellor:

Ensuring safe and sufficient drinking water for a growing population is a challenge facing all of us. It is a challenge in North Carolina, where finding funding to repair and replace aging water and wastewater utility infrastructure is a major issue. It is a challenge for the United States, where some areas face increased demand for a scarce resource, and other areas find that development in watersheds has a negative effect on water quality. And it is a major global issue—in many parts of the world, a lack of safe drinking water contributes to hunger, poverty and disease.

“Safe Drinking Water: Where Science Meets Policy” was designed to give water resources professionals new knowledge to help address these important issues. It offered tracks focusing on the relationship between water and human health; emerging contaminants in drinking water; water supply management; and watershed protection.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, through its Carolina Environmental Program, Drinking Water Research Center and Environmental Finance Center, is pleased to publish the *Proceedings* from this timely symposium. At Carolina we are committed to finding solutions to water resources challenges. Our programs, centered in the School of Public Health’s Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, are among the best in North America. They originated with a sanitary engineering program that found a home within the first school of public health at a state university in the United States. Today, Environmental Sciences and Engineering at Carolina has over 150 students—and about 25 faculty, in this department and elsewhere on campus, work on water resources issues.

On behalf of everyone at Carolina, I hope that you find these proceedings useful.

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