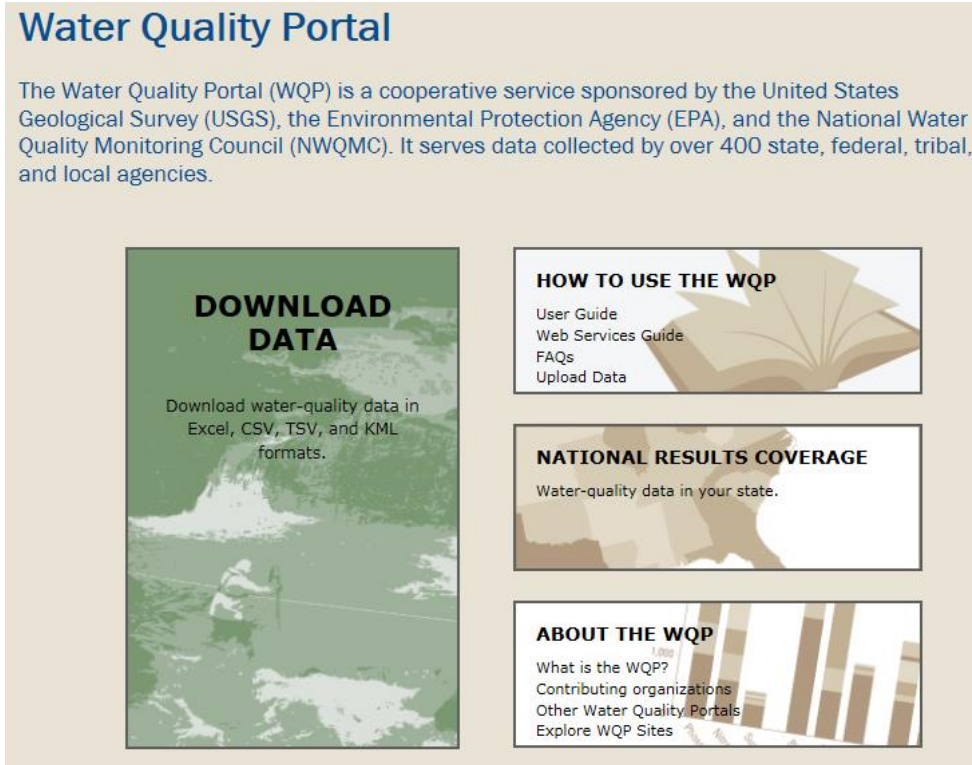




## Instructions on Downloading PA DEP Water Quality Network (WQN) data from the Water Quality Portal

- 1) Go to: <http://www.waterqualitydata.us/> and click **DOWNLOAD DATA**.



The screenshot shows the Water Quality Portal homepage. At the top left is the title "Water Quality Portal". Below it is a paragraph: "The Water Quality Portal (WQP) is a cooperative service sponsored by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC). It serves data collected by over 400 state, federal, tribal, and local agencies." The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column has a green background with a photo of a person in a boat and the text "DOWNLOAD DATA" and "Download water-quality data in Excel, CSV, TSV, and KML formats." The middle column has a white background with a book icon and the text "HOW TO USE THE WQP" followed by "User Guide", "Web Services Guide", "FAQs", and "Upload Data". The right column has a white background with a map icon and the text "NATIONAL RESULTS COVERAGE" and "Water-quality data in your state." Below that is another white box with a bar chart icon and the text "ABOUT THE WQP" followed by "What is the WQP?", "Contributing organizations", "Other Water Quality Portals", and "Explore WQP Sites".

- 2) Under **SITE PARAMETERS**, type or select 21PA\_WQX for the Organization ID.
- 3) The Site ID is the OrganizationID-WQN0####. For example, to obtain data for WQN0191 – Wild Creek use the following as the Site ID: 21PA\_WQX-WQN0191.
- 4) Under **SAMPLING PARAMETERS**, the period of record or other restrictions on the dataset can be specified.
- 5) Under **DATA SOURCE**, select STORET.
- 6) Clicking  easily allows users to view and zoom in on the selected stations.
- 7) Under **Select data to download**, there are options for downloading only site information or sample results.
- 8) Click  to obtain the data.