

Project WET – Division of Water staff educating teachers

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Division of Water's Watershed Management Branch conducted Project WET training for thirteen Catlettsburg area elementary school teachers. Project WET, Water Resource Education for Teachers, provides education materials and training courses to teachers, students and the general public.

Project WET raises awareness about actions that can impact water, and how to improve practices to enhance the overall quality of water.

Marathon Petroleum, a Kentucky Excel member, hosted the most recent Project WET class.

Vernon Marcum, Marathon Petroleum representative, said, ". . . it was our pleasure to host another Project WET training session conducted by the Kentucky Division of Water. Thirty-three local Elementary through High School teachers have attended the two training sessions, which are considered

extensions to the classes conducted at Marathon Petroleum's 360 acre Savage Branch Wildlife Reserve. Catlettsburg Refining is committed to providing nature based learning opportunities for our local children and these programs introduce their teachers to a much needed area of study. Ms. Akers and Ms. Haight-Maybriar are outstanding instructors and have made these classes informative and desirable to our local teachers. Catlettsburg intends to provide these courses on a regular basis. Having these classes led by the KDOW provides a level of credibility that could not be gained any other way. Thank you for allowing us to be part of this excellent program."

Participants expressed that the new skills learned about the environment could be used in the classroom to increase students' knowledge of water resources and share methods of water conservation.

In order for educators to utilize Project WET activities in their classroom, they must become certified in the project by attending a Project WET workshop. Please visit [Project WET educators](#) to learn more about becoming a certified educator.

The Division of Water provides a variety of programs to enhance knowledge about safe water practices. For more information about training and Project WET, please visit <http://water.ky.gov/ProjectWET> or contact Lajuanda Haight-Maybriar at Lajuanda.Haight-Maybriar@ky.gov or call 502-564-3410.