Why Borders Matter: The Challenges to Managing Groundwater Across Political Boundaries

This presentation would act to summarize our current understanding of the issues concerning transbouldary groundwater across political boundaries in North America. The focus would be on identifying how disputes originate, how they are addressed from both a policy and politics standpoint and what organizational structures are engaged in such disputes. Examples will come from both U.S. Canada and U.S. Mexico transboundary issues as well as internal issues within the continental United States. The presentation would be aimed at engaging participants in a broader discussion of transboundary issues as they were approached throughout the symposium.

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