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Clemson named Center for Excellence for Watershed management by EPA

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CLEMSON — Clemson University was recognized as a Center of Excellence for Watershed Management by the Environmental Protection Agency Tuesday morning, according to a university news release.

The center at Clemson is the third in the Southeast and the first in the nation that focuses on using remotely sensed monitoring data, enabling scientists to collect and analyze information through a certain type of data network.

Clemson officials signed a memorandum of understanding with the EPA and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control during a ceremony on the Clemson campus Tuesday. The center is part of Clemson University's Restoration Institute.

"The Restoration Institute's work in protecting South Carolina watersheds is vital to our future," said Clemson Vice President John Kelly through the news release. "This center can be an important resource for local governments, industries and community groups who recognize the need for a comprehensive approach to water management."

Gene Eidson, director of the Restoration Institute ecology program, said the center would provide innovative resources to support development of cost-effective watershed management for communities throughout South Carolina.