

## STORET Conference Call – April 27, 2006, 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time

### Introduction (Kristen Gunthardt)

- The minutes from all previous conference calls are available over the web: <http://www.epa.gov/storet/confcalls.html>
- The next scheduled call will be late May, 2006. The exact date will be emailed via the listserver later this month.
- Please email [storet@epa.gov](mailto:storet@epa.gov) and let EPA know you have attended the call so that meeting rosters may be kept.
- If you have a special topic you'd like to lead for an upcoming call, please email [Gunthardt.Kristen@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Gunthardt.Kristen@epamail.epa.gov)
- EPA would like to hear comments you have on the quality of these conference calls. Please send them to [storet@epa.gov](mailto:storet@epa.gov)
- Please subscribe to the STORET automated listserver for announcements regarding conference calls: <http://www.epa.gov/storet/listserv.html>

### Updates on SIM 2.0.2 Release

- STORET Import Module version 2.0.2 will be available on the STORET website the week of May 8, 2006. One issue was not able to be addressed during beta-testing: SIM 2.0.2 randomly closes during user sessions. This bug is due to the version of Oracle forms and can be resolved with an Oracle patch. If you would like help installing or obtaining this patch, please contact the STORET team at [storet@epa.gov](mailto:storet@epa.gov).

### Updates to STORET

- All reference table update requests are now being assigned a tracking number. Once the reference table request has been added, the update will be sent to the users via email.
- If you would like to have a chemical added in STORET, please check the SRS to determine if it is already present in the SRS. If it is currently in SRS, submit the information to the STORET team and it will be added immediately. If you would like to have a chemical added in STORET and it is not currently in SRS, there may be some lag time as the substance is checked for duplicative existence in the SRS, assigned a registry name and entered in STORET.
- We are in the process of performing this month's data warehouse refresh. The updated warehouse will be available Monday, May 8, 2005. Please email the STORET team at [storet@epa.gov](mailto:storet@epa.gov) if you would like a complete Data Warehouse Refresh schedule for the 2006 calendar year.

### Water Quality Exchange (WQX)

- The STORET team has scheduled a series of WQX outreach meetings to answer questions about WQX, get feedback from states and tribes, and discuss various elements of the WQX program. The outreach schedule is as follows:
  - May 23-24, 2006                    EPA Region 4, Atlanta, GA
  - June 7-8, 2006                    EPA Region 3, Philadelphia, PA
  - June 20-21, 2006                EPA Region 9, San Francisco, CA
  - July 12-13, 2006                EPA Region 5, Chicago, IL
- To attend one of these meetings or obtain additional information, please visit the website at [www.epa.gov/storet/future\\_outreach.html](http://www.epa.gov/storet/future_outreach.html).
- WQX is projected to be available for physical/chemical and fish tissue data exchange beginning in January 2007, however a draft interim WQX schema will be available for mapping purposes at the end of May 2006.

- Please email the STORET team at [STORET@epa.gov](mailto:STORET@epa.gov) for any questions, comments or issues you would like to discuss. Additionally, please contact us with any issues you would like addressed at any the five WQX transition meetings so that we may tailor the agenda and transition solutions to the concerns of the data providers.

### Open Q/A and Comment Period

1. Is it possible to wait until WQX is available to submit data, or will it affect our 106 grant? (AL)
  - Please contact your regional coordinator to discuss this option. Please keep in mind that WQX capacity for biological data will not be available until 2008.
2. Should a group of characteristics be related to a Project or can they be related to an Activity ID or Station ID instead? (AL)
  - It may be beneficial to relate characteristics by Project since users may use Projects to retrieve data.
3. Are there planned enhancements to the Data Warehouse? (NJ)
  - The user interface will be updated, web services will be employed for station and result data updates, and it will be possible to query the warehouse by criteria (e.g., watershed). Additionally, the STORET team is helping the Office of Water to update Enviromapper in order of to enhance the communication between Enviromapper and STORET.

### National Monitoring Conference

- There will be an informal WQX meeting Tuesday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m., location TBD. Please email the STORET team at [storet@epa.gov](mailto:storet@epa.gov) for more information.
- WQX will be discussed during the Wednesday (May 10) session from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. entitled "Improving Data Management and Exchange". Other presentations during this session include "Water Quality Data Elements (WQDE): Enhancing comparability of monitoring information", "Compiling a baseline water quality database from heterogeneous data sources: lessons learned" and "Data Comparability and Modernization of Environment Canada's Water Quality Information Holdings"

### **Participants on call (based on who emailed [storet@epa.gov](mailto:storet@epa.gov))**

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