STORET Conference Call – February 16, 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 mid-March, 2006. The exact date will be emailed via the listserver later this month.**
-   **Please email 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**
-   **EPA would like to hear comments you have on the quality of these conference calls. Please send them to storet@epa.gov**
-   **Please subscribe to the STORET automated listserver for announcements regarding conference calls: http://www.epa.gov/storet/listserv.html**

STORET and Substance Registry System configuration

-   **John Harmon of the National Substance Registry System (SRS) was available on this call to discuss the organization of SRS as well as answer questions:**
    -   **The SRS is EPA's central system for information about regulated and monitored substances. The SRS supports and conforms to EPA's Chemical Identification Data Standard using four data elements: chemical internal tracking number, Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) Number, CAS name and EPA chemical registry name.   New substances are catalogued by entering the EPA registry name (agreed upon by a committee of state and EPA members) into the SRS database.   The database creates the Internal Tracking number, CAS number and CAS name.**
    -   **If you would like to have a chemical added in STORET and it is currently in SRS, submit the information to the STORET team and it will be added as soon as possible.   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 to STORET.**
    -   **STORET Characteristics names are still in the process of being matched to EPA Substance Registry System (SRS). Over 50,000 (of the 90,000) characteristics have been processed and given identifiers. Tools to help identify standard chemical information before submittal to STORET are being developed.**
-   **For more information on the National Substance Registry System, please visit: http://www.epa.gov/srs/.**

Updates to STORET

-   **STORET Report Module Updates – Report Module 2.0.07 was released February 10, 2006. This version provides improved QA/QC capability on physical/chemical, biological and habitat results on the web default. The user can filter and flag samples which have values which fall inside, outside, above or below the queried data range. The "character range" QA/QC control is also capable of converting units of measure and will eventually serve as a tool to retrieve data from STORET data warehouse based upon result values.**

- **SIM 2.0.2 Beta-Testing – Call for Volunteers – STORET Import Module version 2.0.2 is currently undergoing internal beta-testing and will be available for outside testing at the end of the month. The STORET team is requesting volunteers to test the new version. Please email Dwane Young at Young.Dwane@epa.gov. SIM 2.0.2 offers several new features, including batch removal of data from STORET and batch updates to station characteristics such as latitude/longitude and station name.**

National Monitoring Conference
- **The National Monitoring Conference is being held May 7-11, 2006 in San Jose, CA. Please see the website http://www.tetratech-ffx.com/nwqmc06/ for more details.**

Open Q/A and Comment Period

1. **What is the status of STORET-Substance Registry System biological characteristic matching? (MD)**
- **Chemicals are presently being matched. Biological characteristics will be matched upon completion of the chemical characteristics.**
2. **What are the system requirements needed to help beta-test SIM 2.0.2? (NM)**
- **The only major requirement is the ability to run SIM 2.0.2 apart from your state/tribal data production to ensure no data is altered or lost during beta-testing. If you would like to beta-test, please email Dwane Young at Young.Dwane@epa.gov.**
3. **Is there a way to change the status of results already entered into the warehouse from preliminary to final en masse? (MD)**
- **This can most likely be completed by performing a SQL query to join user ID's and projects. Additionally, NJ has developed an access query to change the results flags. Please contact storet@epa.gov for more information on these queries.**
4. **Are there any STORET meetings, presentations or workshops planned during the National Monitoring Conference? (AK)**
- **Yes. The WQS Pilot is being presented during the conference. In addition, the STORET team will have a booth where we will answer any questions you might have.**
5. **What is the status on the WQX pilot? (NJ)**
- **The pilot was completed at the end of January. We are in the process of finalizing the Lessons Learned document and the WQX handbook. Please contact Dwane Young, Young.Dwane@epa.gov, or Kristen Gunthardt, Gunthardt.Kristen@epa.gov for more information.**

Participants on call (based on who emailed storet@epa.gov)

Dianne Denson – Alaska DEC
Dean Tucker – NPS
Deb Soule – NH DES
Mellony Hoskinson – RTI International
Jim Dorsch – Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, Denver, CO
James Hileman – EPA R10
Larry Merrill – EPA R3
Grace Hanrahan – EPA R3
Mary Ann Silagy – OH EPA
Mike Matz – NPS
Andrea Thomas – NC Div of Water Quality

Jim Porter – MN PCA
Dwane Young – EPA HQ
Kevin Christian – EPA HQ
Dan Parker – EPA HQ
Rome Arquines – EPA HQ
John Harman – EPA HQ
Andy Crossland – EPA HQ
Kristen Gunthardt – EPA HQ
Jennifer Schimek – RTI International