

## STORET/WQX Conference Call – February 26, 2009, 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 March 2009. 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>

### Domain Values for WQX

- To access the most current domain values list, use the 'get domain value' service available through WQX Web or through a node/ node client.
- We have added standard definitions to the activity types so that users can accurately map their data to the appropriate activity type. Please check the downloads page for the list.

### WQX Web Tool

- Please check the website for instructions and information on getting started with WQX Web. The first step to getting started is contacting the STORET team at [storet@epa.gov](mailto:storet@epa.gov). We will create or update your organization ID or update your WebSIM/STORET Organization ID and help you obtain a CDX account. It is important that you contact the STORET team first so that we can get you started submitting data as quickly and efficiently as possible.
- A NAAS ID is not required to use WQX Web. For a full WQX data flow, users will need a NAAS account. For WQX Web, you need a CDX web account, which is different. Please email the STORET team to sign up for any of these accounts.

### Updates to the QC Report function

- QC samples which were submitted via WQX can now be provided in a separate report called 'QC Report'. You can filter and isolate just QC samples or you can include them in the results data and they will be designated as QC samples.
- NOTE: if the QC samples were submitted using STORET (not WQX), the QC data captured in STORET will still be included in the results file however the QC samples will not will not be available in a separate QC report. Only QC data submitted using WQX are designated for the QC report.

### Q and A

- Q: Which activity types should we use for calculated or derived habitat measure calculated values like average channel depth? These values are derived from raw field measurement data.
- A: There is no specific activity type used to designate a calculated field measurement, but you designate that the characteristic has been calculated in the result value type field.
- Q: Is the characteristic crosswalk to SRS available?

- A:** Please check SRS 3.0 new Exchange Network services and download the WQX list. Note: There is a little trick to make sure you are getting the right endpoint. Please check with CDX.
- Q:** Can the STORET team create screen capture tutorials for WQX and WQX Web data submission?
- A:** We will be posting WQX Web tutorial videos shortly in closed caption. We will look into developing other tutorials once we evaluate the success of the WQX Web tutorial video.
- Q:** Are there instructions for signing up for the WQX node?
- A:** Please check the website in the Getting started with WQX page.
- Q:** Will there be new schemas or changes to WQX in the near future?
- A:** The only potential changes to the WQX schema may be the addition of one or two elements. We may investigate adding some addendums to the FCD for WQX 2.0.
- Q:** Can you provide an update on SRS? It doesn't look like there is a node 2.0 endpoint for SRS; will that cause any problems?
- A:** The WQX dependency on SRS is more to align the characteristics. The crosswalk is still manual. It should not affect WQX data flow.
- Q:** Is the deadline still firm for September 2009 for when you will no longer accept data to STORET?
- A:** Yes.
- Q:** Will there be a future effort to adopt the distributed node query spearheaded through CDX?
- A:** Under any distribution changes to CDX, the WQX warehouse will serve the data out through web services. We would pull the data from the Warehouse and send it to the CDX node query.

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

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