

STORET/WQX Conference Call – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 12:00- 1:00 P.M. Eastern Time

### **Introduction (Charles Kovatch)**

- 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 2013. The exact date will be emailed via the list server when the call gets closer.
- Please email [STORET@epa.gov](mailto:STORET@epa.gov) and let EPA know you attended the call so that meeting rosters may be kept.
- If you have a special topic you would like to lead for an upcoming call, please email [Kovatch.Charles@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Kovatch.Charles@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 server for announcements regarding conference calls: <http://www.epa.gov/storet/listserv.html>

### **Protocol for deleting data (Kevin Christian)**

As a reminder, records in the WQX/ STORET Warehouse can be changed/ updated in one step. Records resubmitted to WQX will replace previously existing data. Users do not need to completely clear data out of the warehouse before resubmitting.

### **STORET Warehouse data use (Charles Kovatch)**

The STORET team is interested in getting feedback on your use of the STORET warehouse. Please send an email to [Kovatch.Charles@epa.gov](mailto:Kovatch.Charles@epa.gov) discussing how frequently you download data, and if there are any specific any tools or enhancements you would like to see made available for the STORET Warehouse or Water Quality Portal.

### **Submitting waterbody reach codes to WQX (Charles Kovatch)**

Please submit Waterbody reach code information to through the NHD Event Flow. For more information on the NHD Event Flow, please access the following URL <http://www.exchangenetwork.net/data-exchange/nhdevent/>

### **WQX XML schema discussion (Charles Kovatch)**

- Result Analytical Method Context is a required field when Analytical Method is reported.
- Taxon Functional Feeding Group - The max length for this field is being extended to 50 characters.
- Taxon Trophic Level. The max length for this field is being extended to 50 characters.

### **Data Submittal (Charles Kovatch)**

- How do Users indicate parent samples? Parent samples are a parameter that was used in Modernized STORET, and we are seeking feedback on how people indicate parent samples in WQX. Is this Sample Routine? How do you identify when samples are created from other samples by compositing, splitting, or sub-sampling while linking the new sample to its parent(s), so that it can be geo-referenced and traced back to all the events which might influence its results.
- Portable Data Logger and Result Time Basis Text. When inputting portable data logger information, its important to include information on the time interval i.e. the exact time breakdown in which samples are collected, i.e 15 minute intervals. Is Result Time Basis Text the correct field for this data? How do you identify time intervals? This information was included in modernized STORET and is essential to capturing data logger information.

***Comment– Jolene McQuilan (Montana DEP) responded that her organization puts this information in the title of the file.***

### **“Water Quality Exchange: A Tool for Tribes, Volunteer Monitors and Others to Share WQ Data” Demo on March 6**

Join us for a webcast on March 6, 2013 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm EST to learn more about how Tribes, volunteer monitoring organizations and others can enter their water quality monitoring data into the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and make the data available to the public via the Water Quality Portal. While the webcast is open to anyone, the focus of this webcast will be on simple methods smaller organizations can use to transfer their water quality data into WQX Web. WQX Web provides a framework for users with small data sets to share water quality monitoring data over the Internet.

WQX Web is a web-based data entry tool that enables data owners to upload their data to EPA’s STORET Data Warehouse using a MS Excel spreadsheet. Once the data are in STORET, they can be safely stored and can be viewed and downloaded by a wide variety of potential data users. The webcast will help water quality program managers, data managers, and others understand WQX, how it relates to STORET and the Water Quality Portal, and how to begin submitting data using WQX Web. For more information on WQX/STORET, visit [www.epa.gov/storet](http://www.epa.gov/storet). For more information on the Water Quality Portal, visit [www.waterqualitydata.us](http://www.waterqualitydata.us).

To register for this webinar, please visit [www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts](http://www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts). The webcast presentation will be posted in advance at this url. Finally, webcast participants are eligible to receive a certificate for their attendance. Webcast is Available at the following URL <http://water.epa.gov/learn/training/wacademy/archives.cfm#w20130313>

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

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