

STORET/WQX Conference Call – July 25th, 2013 12:00- 1:00 P.M. Eastern Time

Introduction (Michael Brennan)

- 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 August 2013. The exact date will be emailed via the list server when the call gets closer.
- Please email 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.
- 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 server for announcements regarding conference calls: <http://www.epa.gov/storet/listserv.html>

**Presentation on the Nitrogen and Phosphorus Data Access tool -<http://gispub2.epa.gov/npdatt/>
(Rosaura Conde –Watershed Branch)**

Please refer to the following URL for a presentation on the Nitrogen and Phosphorus Access Tool

URL: http://www.epa.gov/storet/download/NPDAT_back_up_slides_STORET.pptx

Agenda for August 22nd call.

On the August call we would like to discuss associating water quality monitoring data with their respective levels of data quality. We would like to hear your feedback on the best approach for capturing this type of information, whether it be through describing levels of data quality at the project level, adding a new field to WQX, etc.

Call for abstracts for the National Water Quality Monitoring Council Conference, April 28-May2, 2014 in Cincinnati, OH <http://acwi.gov/monitoring/> (Dwane Young)

http://www.epa.gov/storet/download/NWQMC_2014_Call_for_Abstracts.pdf

http://www.epa.gov/storet/download/2014_guidelines_for_session_champions.pdf

- Themes of the 2014 National Water Quality Monitoring Conference include advances in technology. Improving water quality and creating new jobs.
- The EPA STORET team is looking to organize sessions focused on the utility of water monitoring data, building awareness of how water monitoring data is utilized and the portal.
- The EPA STORET team is looking for new tools, new approaches, case studies where water monitoring data is being used.
- The STORET team mentioned a number of specific areas of interest, including:
 - Demonstrations on the use of WQX to streamline state or tribe data management or data sharing efforts
 - Participation in discussion on the use and sharing of continuous monitoring data
 - Participation in discussion on the use and sharing of data collected by citizen scientists (volunteer monitors), including any ideas for mobile apps that could be used to facilitate the sharing of this data
 - Examples of states developing automated approaches for performing water quality assessments

General Discussion

Dave Chestnut (South Carolina) - Requested whether WQX monitoring locations could be linked by station aliases, so a user would have the option to download data associated with all monitoring locations linked together.

Re: Dwane Young (USEPA) - While the ability to link stations together was an option in distributed STORET, this same relationship is not part of the WQX schema. The STORET team will look into addressing this request.

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

Claudia Mitchell	Pueblo of Acoma
Dawn R Hintz	Susquehanna River Basin Commission
Fred Schenerman	Maryland Department of the Environment
Alexander Yeboah	Maryland Department of the Environment
Vimala John	Maryland Department of the Environment
Rick Langel	Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Diane Stevenson	Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs
James F. Hudson	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Donald Kean	North Carolina Department of Natural Resources
Dean Tucker	National Park Service
Philip Ketcher	Cherokee Nation
Kayren Pittman	Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Mike Butler	Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Charles Bell	Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Henry Brewer	U.S. EPA Region 6
Thomas Dellaire	Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Paul Morton	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Kayren Pittman	Alabama Department of Environmental Management
David Chestnut	South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control
Bruce Tuttle	Idaho Department of Water Resources
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