

STORET Conference Call – July 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 August 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>

SIM 2.0.2.

- SIM Build Patch 01 is currently on the website. This patch corrects minor issues from the May release. There are 5 fixes.
 1. NPS – SIM was only allowing for 999 visits on a single trip. The fix corrected this to be 999 visits on any given station per trip.
 2. There was a fix to the Routine Habitat Assessment and Replicate Habitat Assessment Activity Categories.
 3. During the Migrate to STORET action in SIM, a Migrate Project Error was appearing. This was not actually an error and the message will no longer appear after the fix.
 4. Single Taxon Frequency Results were putting the date into wrong fields. This is now corrected.
 5. SIM had a restriction in deleting records from STORET, but this is now working.
- This patch only needs to be run on the database, not on the user forms. If you are running STORET on a Client/Server, have your DBA run the patch on the server.
- If you have STORET on your local PC, run all of the packages.
- There is a section on the website that will guide you through running the patch.
- If you are running a new install today for SIM 2.0.2, the patch is already in that install package, so you do not need to run separately.

Water Quality Exchange (WQX)

- All of the STORET/WQX Outreach meetings are now complete. All meeting minutes are now posted on the website with slide shows. They can be downloaded at the Future of STORET website.
- Schema changes will be posted on the web.
- We are currently working on getting the WQX data structure into an Access format and finalizing the domain value list.

WQX Production Schedule

- We plan to go live in January 2007.
- The Flow Configuration Document will be posted on the Exchange Network soon. An email will be sent out when this happens. It will include information such as how to submit data through CDX and a description of web services to help you interact with your data.

- We are still making final decisions on the suggestions that came from the outreach meetings. Those decisions will be posted on the web within the next couple of weeks.
- We are currently updating the domain value list and will post to the web soon.
- We are reviewing the characteristic names against the Substance Registry System and those will be posted by the end of August.
- We are getting the WQX data structure into an Access format.
- The final schema and domain list will be ready in September 2006.
- EPA is looking for Test Cases. We are currently working on mapping the XML files and we need test users. Send an email to storet@epa.gov if you would be interested in doing an in-house test of the system in November.

Flow Configuration Document overview

- The Flow Configuration document will be posted on the Exchange Network and the STORET website soon. This will include information on how the exchange flow will work and current updates.

Open Q/A and Comment Period

1. At the Chicago meeting we discussed the domain values for methods needing standardization. Will this happen? (NM)
We have decided to include this into the domain list for the analytical methods, but not for the collection methods. We will get these from STORET and the NEMI system. But, it will not be enforced if a user adds their own methods to WQX.
2. EPA would like thoughts on adding Ephemeral/Perennial Station types to WQX. This is currently not in STORET, but do people think it is important for monitoring data?

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

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