

## STORET Conference Call – June 5, 2003 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time

### Introduction (Cary McElhinney)

- 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 July 24th, 2003 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time. Call in number is (202) 275-0166 access code 7963#
- If you have a special topic you'd like to lead for an upcoming call, please email [mcelhinney.cary@epa.gov](mailto:mcelhinney.cary@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>

### Update from STORET Team

#### SIM v2.0

- SIM v2.0 is still not ready for public release. We've found a few last bugs that require a new "build" of the application.
- We hope to have SIM v2.0 available for download from the STORET web site very soon, but can't give exact date. It may be available in the next couple of weeks.
- Release announcement will go out on the STORET Listserver.
- It's worth reminding everyone that the soon to be released SIM v2.0 only works with STORET v2.0.

### Enhancements to Report Module v2.0

- We are working on designing a few new reports for use with the STORET Report Module. These reports will work under the "File Exports" area and will export result data.
- These new reports are being built based on performance problems we've heard from users using the existing "Result Details" export. For users with really large datasets, you should see the new exports work in seconds, not hours like before.
- We'll be creating new Result exports that will contain significantly less fields in the report.
- Currently the expected release date is July through the web site.

### Progress on redesign of central STORET Warehouse

- We have posted to the EPA Internet the latest BETA version of the new STORET Warehouse. This version will allow the download of all chemical and physical results. Biological results, habitat assessments, and data logger results will be added in the next version.
- We're asking users to please test the BETA warehouse and provide comments to us at [http://oaspub.epa.gov/storpubl/dw\\_home](http://oaspub.epa.gov/storpubl/dw_home)
- The next major development task, along with adding additional result capabilities, will be to upgrade the design to work with v2.0 features.
- We hope to have the final v2.0 warehouse ready sometime in July or August.
- The warehouse now includes data submitted up through the month of May.

### Upcoming Workshops/Meetings

- STORET HQ is hosting a training/workshop for all the EPA Region Coordinators this summer from July 14-18.
- The STORET HQ Team will be hosting a general training open to all users September 16-18.

- Additional training sessions will be held in Chicago, IL and Boston, MA...dates to be announced soon.
- The first Joint Application Design (JAD) meeting for STORET v3.0 will be held in Washington, D.C. September 23-25.
- These meetings are intended to collect new requirements for future versions of STORET.
- Additional meetings will be scheduled for this fall.
- Anyone that can travel to Washington, DC is welcome to participate.
- We're also in the early planning stages for a National STORET Conference, to be held in February 2004. Possible tentative locations are Florida or New Orleans.

#### Open Q/A and Comment Period

1. I'm having problems with the way sample fractions are handled in STORET v2.0. My custom reports are broken. (Arne Hultquist - UT)
  - There were many structural changes to the database made from v1.2 to v2.0. While most of these changes aren't readily apparent through the STORET applications, users who have designed custom applications directly against the database will need to make changes accordingly. In this case, the report was pointing at the old column instead of the new one.
2. I wanted to announce that I'm succeeding in importing biological result data from Mark Vincent's lab. (Arne Hultquist -UT)
3. Where can we find more information on estuary names and the states they relate to? (Eleanor - MD)
  - You can look directly at the estuary name table in STORET, TSMESTRY, for information. Also, all v2.0 reference tables have been posted to the internet on the STORET FTP site  
<[ftp://ftp.epa.gov/storet/reference\\_tables/](ftp://ftp.epa.gov/storet/reference_tables/)>.
4. I'm having problems with the way STORET is handling some of my stations when using the Report Module. (Arne Sjodin - CO)
  - This discussion was taken offline for further technical support.
5. Is training needed for STORET v2.0 if I'm comfortable with v1.2? (Arne Sjodin - CO)
  - Probably not. Not a whole lot has changed in the applications to warrant training on the few new features.
6. How are the new training manuals for v2.0 coming? (Reg 6)
  - Cary McElhinney is working on updating and creating new training materials for all the STORET applications. They should be completed this summer and will be available on the web.
7. Can you give us a release date for SIM v2.0? (John Hill - MD)
  - June 20<sup>th</sup> was thrown out...but don't hold us to it.
8. Has a date been set to discontinue support for STORET v1.2? (Linda Cartwright -TN)
  - Not yet. Once we have our Warehouse v2.0 ready, we'll announce a date we expect users to migrate by. Probably will be sometime later this fall.
9. The STORET Team asked the users for their comments on possibly taking the Legacy Data Center offline. It has been very costly for the STORET

- Team to fund operation of the LDC while still devoting resources to development on modern STORET.
- A number of different users (State and Federal) objected to taking the LDC offline. Analysts still use the data and data owners like to be able to point people to the web for data requests.
  - The STORET Team reminded users that they have converted the entire LDC into flat files that fit on cd's that can be mailed out.
  - NM announced that they had converted some of the flat file data into MS Access for easier use and manipulation of data.
10. I'm having a problem importing benthic data and sediment data from the same station. SIM is blocking my imports when I import some and then later try to import the rest. (MD)
- Since this is legacy data, there may be a conflict with some of the trip dates, visit dates, and activity dates. Also might be a problem with the fact that Activity ID must be unique within the station visit.
11. I'm wondering how to handle continuous monitoring data with STORET? (Barry in Louisville, KY)
- STORET v2.0 can accept the full data file generated by an in place or hand held data logger.
  - You can also enter in the individual data results using the original batch module within the Data Entry Application. A future version of SIM will be able to import data logger results.
12. I having difficulty setting up my characteristic group which includes wind direction. We do not have units but the application insists on one. (Eleanor – MD)
- Lee would have to check the database for specifics. He suggested picking an applicable parameter that did not require units.

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

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