

STORET Conference Call – June 29, 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 late July, 2006. The exact date will be emailed via the listserv 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 listserv for announcements regarding conference calls: <http://www.epa.gov/storet/listserv.html>

Water Quality Exchange (WQX)

- Four of the five scheduled outreach meetings have been held thus far and the STORET team has learned a great deal from the user community. The minutes from each of the meetings are available under the "Minutes" column at http://epa.gov/storet/future_outreach.html.
- The remaining WQX outreach meeting schedule is as follows:
 - July 12-13, 2006 EPA Region 5, Chicago, IL
- To attend this meeting or obtain additional information, please visit the website at www.epa.gov/storet/future_outreach.html and contact Dwane Young or Cary McElhinney.
- Please email the STORET team at STORET@epa.gov for any questions, comments or issues you would like to discuss. Additionally, please contact us with any issues you would like addressed at the WQX transition meetings so that we may tailor the agenda and transition solutions to the concerns of the data providers.

Water Quality Exchange (WQX) Schema

- An interim WQX schema is available on the web site for mapping purposes. The interim schema is considered 95% finalized and includes several suggested user requests from the WQX Outreach meetings as well as updates to keep WQX in line with the finalized ESAR standards. Updates include:
 - Data element changes to comply with finalized ESAR standards
 - Transition of sample preparation procedures and activity depth fields from required to optional
 - Activities grouped at the organization level to associate trip blanks and other QC activities without a monitoring location
 - Addition of a Result Qualifier field
- The final WQX schema will be available in September and is not expected to diverge from the main interim schema elements.

SIM 2.0.2.

- An additional SIM 2.0.2 patch will be available on the web site later this week. The patch rectifies an Oracle error which limits the number of station visits to 99. No reinstall is required with this patch. If you would like help installing or obtaining this patch, please contact the STORET team at storet@epa.gov.

Request for WQX Transition Strategies

- The STORET team would like to hear how the STORET community is planning for the WQX transition. If you would like to share your examples during the conference call, at an Outreach meeting, or by email, please contact the STORET team at storet@epa.gov.

Open Q/A and Comment Period

1. Are minutes and notes from the Outreach meetings available on the website? (AK)
 - Yes. The minutes from each meeting can be obtained on the web site at http://epa.gov/storet/future_outreach.html, under the “Minutes” column.
2. Is the XML schema going to be provided in a diagram? (MS)
 - Yes. We are currently updating the Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD). The ERD, as well as a database model, will be available in mid-July.
3. Is there available grant money to help States and Tribes with the transition to WQX? (EPA)
 - The latest grant guidance will contain information on available grants for transitioning to WQX.
4. Will scripts be available to port existing state data to the Data Distribution System (DDS)? (AK)
 - The data migration method has not been confirmed yet. More information will be available as the WQX system is finalized.

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

Bruce Tuttle	Idaho Dept of Water Resources
Mellony Hoskinson	RTI
Jim Dorsch	Metro Wastewater Reclamation District – Denver, CO
Nancy Ragland	TCEQ
Jolene Berscheid	Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Jeffrey S. White	Tetra Tech, Inc.
Jim Porter	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
John Beebe	NCASI
Dianne Denson	Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation
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