

Greetings STORET Community

We will hold the monthly STORET User call on Thursday March 27, 2014 at 12 noon Eastern using:

Call number 866-299-3188, access 202-566-0399#

Please remember send an email to storet@epa.gov to indicate that you are on the call.

Thanks,
Charles

Agenda

1. General Update of STORET Activities

2. National Water Quality Monitoring Conference, Cincinnati, OH April 28-May 2, 2014. STORET related sessions:
 - a. Web and Smart Phone Apps for Collecting and Presenting Data
 - b. National Water Quality Portal: Lessons Learned
 - c. Understand, Restore, and Protect Our Waters: The National Water Quality Monitoring Council's Programs, Initiatives, and Products
 - d. Bridging the Gap: Diverse Strategies for Better Decision-Making
 - e. PANEL: Better Data, Better Partnerships: How can new technologies increase the participation and use of volunteer biomonitoring data?
 - f. Megadata: Working with Continuous Time-Series Water-Quality Data
 - g. Geospatial Tools for Data Integration

3. Final Discussion on adding an additional domain value to the Biological Intent Field for Harmful Algal Bloom or Invasive Species

4. Question to Users on Standard Time vs. Daylight Savings Time in WQX
 - a. Question: What is the correct approach for time to be recorded?
 - b. Background:
 - i. 346 organizations in WQX have activities with a start time and time zone.
 - ii. 65% of those organizations don't distinguish between standard and daylight time. Most use standard or daylight time exclusively.
 - c. Option 1: Do nothing. Allow data to be entered and stored as is.
 - d. Option 2: Remove the distinction between standard and daylight time in WQX, only the option for Eastern Time would be available. Users would not have to change anything on their end.
 - e. Option 3: Manually correct existing data and add a routine to automatically correct new data to the appropriate time zone. Users would not have to change anything on their end.
 - f. Option 4: Other