STORET Conference Call – March 1, 2007, 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 April 2007. 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**

Water Quality Exchange (WQX)
- **All of the code was completed for physical/chemical data submissions and the characteristic list is being resolved with SRS today (March 1). We should be live by COB.**
- **To submit data formally through WQX, you must first run through a test submittal.**
- **New web pages describing WQX and how to begin submitting data are available on the web site at http://www.epa.gov/storet/wqx.html.**

Water Quality Exchange (WQX) Outreach Materials
- **We are currently finalizing WQX outreach materials which include a memo from EPA and WQX handouts. The STORET team will be sending the outreach materials to EPA regional WQX coordinators as well as to the STORET listserv and Exchange Network distribution list.**
- **If you would like the WQX outreach materials to be sent to any other individuals, such as upper management or watershed coordinators in your state or user community, please send the names and email addresses to storet@epa.gov .**

STORET Warehouse Watershed Summary Tool
- **The Watershed Summary tool will be available after next week's warehouse refresh. The STORET team will send an e-mail to officially release the tool when the refresh is complete.**
- **The Watershed Summary tool allows the user to query all of the organization IDs, stations, and types of data available and period of record for a watershed. Watershed information will be based on the 8 digit HUC, which is an optional field capable of being autogenerated based on the latitude and longitude. No information will be overwritten if the state has already populated the field.**
- **Any comments or suggestions to enhance the summary tool or develop other summary tools would be greatly appreciated. Please email all comments to storet@epa.gov .**

Plans for the future of STORET/WQX program
- **The biological monitoring data flow will be established and implemented as planned.**
- **The XML generation tool will be developed, however the original scope may be amended to compare with current WebSIM capabilities.**
- **The ability to help the STORET user community transition from STORET to WQX will not be available in the originally envisioned capacity. All**

scheduled trainings and transition support currently in place will be completed, but may be reduced in scale. Follow-on transition will not happen to the level originally planned (e.g., no contractors will be available training sessions, the STORET team will complete trainings wherever possible).

- The first WQX training will take place SD. This training will include data mapping, XML generation, transfer through CDX and an introduction to WQX web services and summary tools.

- Tentative training opportunities: a mid-summer training in Washington, DC. This would be an opportunity for WQX users and IT folks to become familiar with the web services, data mapping, WQX transfer process and other user transition experiences.   Travel assistance is most likely unavailable.

2007 STORET WQX Users Conference

- The 2007 STORET/WQX Users Conference will tentatively be held in Austin, TX the last week of November 2007.   Please email the STORET team with any suggestions or comments on the anticipated date and location.

Q and A

Q: Will a WQX regional coordinators meeting be held sometime in the spring to aid in the user community's transition process? (R9)

A: We are trying to set up a meeting in April.

Q: Will the data STORET Warehouse data be moved to WQX? (NM)

A: Yes, existing data will be moved from the STORET Warehouse to WQX. In the future, however, States and tribes which use STORET as a primary data system will need to transition to WQX to transfer data to the WQX warehouse.

Q: Is there any additional information available regarding reference table updates? (R9)

A: The last big change to the domain value list is due to an SRS upgrade in which the WQX list was finalized in SRS. There were a number of name changes and duplicate removals. We will still have a few exceptions to what is in SRS. These domain value updates are in WQX and will be available on the web site soon.

Q: Will there be a SQL script available which helps users convert the data structure from the STORET data system to WQX?

A: We are currently testing how to map the different domains.

Q: Will there be a release of the clearinghouse as a web service? (R5)

A: The catalog web service provides the same information. The Results and Station web services are still on schedule to be released in May 2007.

Q: Will the catalog web service work with BASINS?

A: The timing does not appear to coincide. It may be possible to coordinate with next BASINS release.

Q: Will there be future training opportunities?

A: Absolutely. The first round of trainings will likely be very conceptual.   As the user community becomes more familiar with WQX, it is anticipated that the trainings will mature as well.

Q: Is it possible for states to bring test data for use in the trainings? (NM)

A: Yes - Individual trainings will most likely focus on mapping state test data and transfer. Group trainings will most likely use stock test data for example data flows.

Q: Will the STORET team travel to states and regions for trainings in the future?

A: We will try to perform trainings in as many regions and states as possible; however EPA travel budget has been cut and is a finite resource.

Q: Is there any additional information regarding Tribal WebSIM updates? (R9)

A: We are currently researching how it will work with EPA portal. The contractors almost have it done and in the next couple of weeks, it will move to the staging environment. The scheduled release is April 20.

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

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