

STORET Conference Call – May 6th, 2004 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 Thursday, June 10th, 2004 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time. Call in number is (202) 275-0166 access code 6947#
- If you have a special topic you'd like to lead for an upcoming call, please email 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
- Please subscribe to the STORET automated listserver for announcements regarding conference calls: <http://www.epa.gov/storet/listserv.html>

Update from STORET Team

SIM v2.0.1

- Thank you to all the beta testers out there that have helped us with final testing of SIM v2.0.1. We've wrapped up final bug fixes and should have a public release ready in the next few weeks

National Monitoring Conference

- For those attending the NWQMC Monitoring Conference, we will be holding a special STORET side session on Tuesday May 18th at 5:15 PM in Room 12 in the Convention Center
- We plan to keep this meeting informal and to about an hour or so. We'll have a few topics to discuss, and leave time open for general "meet & greet".
- Registration info can be found at www.nwqmc.org

Reference Table Upgrade

- A new reference table upgrade for STORET v2 is in the works that adds new characteristics, field/lab methods, citations and other items.
- This upgrade should be called DBFIX015 and will be available on our website in the next few weeks.
- An announcement will go out over the STORET Listserver when the upgrade is ready.

Station Lat/Long Cleanup

- A special thanks to those of you out there who've been correcting ge positioning coordinates in your copies of STORET.
- Now that we have geospatial access to STORET data over the web, we appreciate taking the time to correct inaccurate data.

STORET Users Conference Planning

- We've just begun the initial planning stages to host another STORET Users Conference.
- We hope to arrange for a site to hold the conference sometime this fall, probably in November.
- More information will be coming shortly, including a request for volunteers to assist with conference and agenda planning.

Window To My Environment Available

- EPA's web-mapping application "Window To My Environment" now displays information from modern STORET, along with other environmental data including USGS NWIS data.

- You can access WME at <http://www.epa.gov/enviro/wme>
- Another web-mapping application, EnviroMapper for Water, will also soon be showing modern STORET data, along with other water program data.

Data Warehouse Refresh Schedule

- We had to postpone our end of April refresh of the STORET Data Warehouse due to system failures here at EPA. We plan to refresh the Warehouse with data collected through the end of April this weekend making it available to the public on Monday May 10.
- We will resume our normal schedule for the month of May.

Open Q/A and Comment Period

1. Just a note that the annual AWRA conference will occur the first week of November this year. (ID)
 - We will do our best to avoid scheduling our STORET Users Conference the same week as other meetings of interest to this group. Please let us know of other meetings during the November time frame that we would want to avoid.
2. Will new methods related to Beach monitoring be in the upcoming reference table upgrade? (SC)
 - We've been working with Charles Kovatch of the EPA Beach Program on adding new methods. They will be in the upcoming ref table upgrade.
3. Will STORET work with Oracle 9i on our server? (MD)
 - Yes. The STORET database will install on Oracle 9i. The client applications must be installed with an Oracle 8i client however.
4. Have there been any more STORET v3.0 discussions? (NJ)
 - While we internally talk about future versions of STORET frequently, we haven't fully starting a discussion with the user community about STORET v3.0. We'll keep you posted.
5. I'm preparing a document of recommendations for v3.0 development (Reg 10)
 - Thanks.
6. Has anything happened with the groundwater user group?
 - Mike Slattery from OH EPA initiated a call for this user group, but we aren't aware of any actions or even its existence.
7. Can the list of domain values be returned to the SIM User Guide? (NJ)
 - We decided not to document the various reference tables in a user guide since they change frequently. We're looking at other ways to allow users to easily lookup various domain lists.
8. Are you still working on web services for STORET? (NJ)
 - Yes. We've completed an initial web service that allows remote calls for station description information.
 - We have yet to make that service available as we wait for EPA's architecture to enable web service deployment.

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

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