

STORET Conference Call – May 24, 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 June 2007. 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>

Updates to the Legacy STORET Web Site

- The web site for Legacy STORET (STORET data prior to 1999) has been updated to the EPA web site template. Internal testing of the web site has been completed however please email the STORET team at storet@epa.gov if you run into errors or bugs.

WQX Status Update

- WQX has hit the one-million-records-transferred mark. Kudos to Wisconsin for their part in helping us reach this milestone so quickly.
- The monthly refresh will be slightly delayed to run the Watershed Summary Report and include the WQX data in the refresh. We are currently developing a Warehouse update schedule which includes the weekly WQX refresh dates.
- When the refresh process is in progress, all data submitted to WQX will be queued until the refresh is complete.

WQX Biological Pilot

- We have completed a draft database, schema and documentation for the upcoming biological portion of the WQX system and are looking for users to participate in a pilot. We are requesting volunteers to review materials, evaluate ideas and updates to the schema, and/or to submit data during the pilot process.
- Next week, we will have a new web site section with all the draft materials. Please feel free to provide feedback even if you are not planning to participate in the pilot project.
- We are anticipating our first bi-monthly call for the biological pilot program to begin the week of June 4th. The first call will primarily review the materials.

2007 STORET WQX Users Conference

- The 2007 STORET/WQX Users Conference will be held in Austin, TX November 27-29, 2007. Please check the web site (<http://www.epa.gov/storet/2007conf.html>) for conference logistics, draft agenda, etc. There is some travel assistance however we are still discussing the method to receive travel assistance. States, regions and headquarters will have to work together with the STORET team to determine travel assistance.

Q and A

- Q:** What is the status of defining the data criteria for designated uses (EPA HQ)?
- A:** We are reviewing whether it is possible to define criteria based on the 303(d), 305(b) programs as well as water quality data. The direction and status is unknown however.
- Q:** Has a resolution been reached as to how to deal with analytes of characteristics (e.g. Nitrate as N) (IA)?
- A:** For the immediate future, we will keep all characteristics in their original state (e.g., nitrate as total N). In the future, a new data element will capture the distinction between analytes, and the existing characteristics (e.g., nitrate as total N) will be dropped.
- Q:** What is the status of the transfer tool for states to move data from STORET to WQX (i.e. creating an XML file from existing STORET data)?
- A:** The draft version has been developed but is not finalized. The data transfer from STORET to WQX is challenging and the priority on this tool is unknown.

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

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