

STORET/WQX Conference Call – October 25, 2012, 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time

Introduction (Charles Kovatch)

- 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 October 2012. The exact date will be emailed via the list server when the call gets closer.
- 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 Kovatch.Charles@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>

Changes to WQX XML schema – Charles Kovatch

- Proposed changes to the WQX schema will be sent out by the STORET team via the listserve.
- Please send in suggestions on schema changes to STORET@epa.gov

Exchange Network Grants FY13 Update – Charles Kovatch

- Applications for Exchange Network grants are due November 9, 2012.

Proposed enhancements to the Water Quality Portal

- Data integration with NHD –Integrate the Water Quality Portal with NHD in order to enable enable users to conduct assessment upstream and downstream monitoring sites.
- Integration with NEMI, enabling users to conduct queries based off specific analytical techniques.
- Community support, community tools using the portal
- Other datasources – USGS EPA, USDA, real time monitoring

Q and A

Q. Is anything in the que that would return exceedances of water quality criteria?

A. Not at this time. Previously the Office of Water did support a service that provided users with information on exceedances of water quality criteria, however it was difficult to maintain due to the fact that states' criteria were continually changing and this service has been discontinued.

Q. Where can I seek assistance regarding issues with the water quality data portal.

A. Please submit issues to the STORET helpdesk at STORET@EPA.gov .

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

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