

STORET Conference Call – February 24, 2005 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 call will be Thursday March 24th, 2005. The call number is (202)275-0166 4086#.
- 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>

Staff Transitions

- Lee Manning will be retiring in a couple of months.
- Bob King is moving to a new position at EPA within the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. He is leaving at the end of next week.
- With Bob leaving, we will be losing the project lead, but we intend to maintain the same level of support with the existing team.

Reference Table Upgrade

- DBFIX18 was silently released recently. Subsequently, other enhancements have been made. DBFIX19 will be released early next week. Most changes involve new characteristics.

Data Warehouse Refresh Schedule

- There will not be a refresh this weekend. The National Computing Center will be offline during that time. We will push back the refresh to next weekend.
- We are re-evaluating the refresh schedule. A refresh usually occurs at the end of each month, but this is coinciding with downtime at the National Computing Center. We will push back our schedule by one week. So, the monthly refresh will be done at the beginning of each month.
- A new schedule for the warehouse refresh will soon be published on the web.

Open O/A and Comment Period

1. What updates are being made to the reference tables? (NPS)
 - A variety of changes are being made. Mostly added characteristics which were requested by NPS. There are changes to the Analytical Methods table which was requested by the Beaches program. Some units of measure have been changed. And a broken link for the population counts on bio samples has been reverted back to how it was previously. The most frequent changes made are to characteristics.
 - Mike Slattery from OH EPA pointed out inconsistencies in the liters measure. In some places we are using a lower case 'l', and in others an upper case 'L'. Federal standards are leaning towards the 'L'. We are going to making a change to use the 'L'. Will that adversely affect anyone? Or are there any comments on this issue?
 - We will have to check into that. (Maryland)
 - The change will not occur in the next release because it probably will affect some people. We will send a message to the list serve about the 'L' change. It appears that the 'L' is the standard regulated by EPA and we need to head in that direction.

2. **Have the counties and boroughs in Alaska been fixed yet? (NPS)**
 - **Everything will work as it is. The boundary information for boroughs is much larger than necessary. Data entry will not be affected, however searches will be affected. We are looking at lat/longs and this will be changed in the future.**
3. **I am trying to look at STORET through SAS. I am having trouble connecting using ODBC. Do I need to add anything the server? (MD)**
 - **No, you don't need to add anything. If you see SIM tables, you are on a work station, not the server. You are showing the workstation if you see STORET tables, eg. STORET1.TSRRSULT. This is a complicated issue and we can discuss it offline.**

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

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| Grace Hanrahan | US EPA Region 3 |
| Eric Wilson | US EPA Region 9 |
| Jim Porter | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency |
| Dean Tucker | National Park Service |
| Caroline Goughis | National Park Service |
| Mike Matz | National Park Service |
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