

STORET Conference Call – March 25th, 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, May 6th, 2004 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time. Call in number is (202) 275-0166 access code 3937#
- 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

- We're nearing the end of our beta testing period for SIM v2.0.1. We're looking for volunteers for any other beta testers that are interested.
- If you have time over the next few weeks, and would like to test SIM v2.0.1, send an email to storet@epa.gov
- Assuming nothing major is found during this last round of testing, should have a release ready in mid to late April.

National Monitoring Conference

- For those interested in attending the NWQMC National Monitoring Conference, the registration fee for attendees increases after April 1, 2004.
- There will be a number of presentations, posters, and exhibits related to managing water quality data, along with many other monitoring topics.
- Registration info can be found at www.nwqmc.org

Reference Table Upgrade

- A new reference table upgrade for STORET v2 has been posted to the STORET website called DBFIX014.
- It replaces all previous upgrades for STORET v2, and includes many additions to various STORET reference tables

Upgrading to STORET v2.0

- A reminder that we will stop accepting exports from a STORET v1.2 database on March 31, 2004.
- After March 31, 2004, you must be using STORET v2.0 to have exports included in our online Data Warehouse.
- Please let us know if there are any problems with this schedule, and keep us posted on your plans

Preferences and Defaults Replication Application

- We're currently working on software that will copy existing Preferences and Defaults information (adopted procedures, gear configurations, char groups, etc.) into a new Organization.
- This has been requested by those who operate multiple STORET Organizations within an instance of STORET, or who want control over remote copies of STORET within an agency.
- We are working with an early "alpha" version of this software now, and aim to have it available in a few months.

Open Q/A and Comment Period

1. Can you provide more detail on what the STORET Team will be doing at the National Monitoring Conference and any options for side meetings? (NC)
 - The STORET Team will be giving a presentation during one of the main data management tracks during the conference. We also plan to have a large exhibit booth display with demos, outreach materials, and staff standing by.
 - There are also a number of other presentations and posters being given by members of the STORET user community.
 - If there is enough interest, we can look into setting up an informal side meeting to discuss STORET topics. Please let us know if you will be attending and interested in an after hours forum.
2. I'm having problems importing data with multiple activity depths for an activity. (MD)
 - Please call or email with more detail so we can look into issue further.
3. I'm seeing inconsistencies in SIM with respect to numbers of errors in error log (MD).
 - Please call or email with more detail so we can look into issue further.
4. We're frustrated by the performance of SIM when trying to import more than 25,000 records. We've sent information off to SIM developers. (MD)
 - We recognize that the SIM's ability to handle large imports is not great. We'll look at your information and aim to address performance and import size thresholds in a future version of SIM.
5. Can I get a beta version of the Prefs and Defaults Replication App? (Eric Wilson)
 - We need to check and see if it's ready for outside beta testing, but we can send you a version as soon as we think it's ready.
6. Any news on a STORET Users Conference? (Eric Wilson)
 - Not at this point. We would like to have one and we know that most users would like to have another one. We'll continue to push our management to schedule one...probably not till Spring of 2005.
 - Eric mentioned he might consider hosting a "mini" user conference in San Francisco for his EPA Region and anyone else interested in attending.
7. Can you install STORET on UNIX using Oracle Enterprise Edition? (MS)
 - Yes. Must have at least Oracle v8.1.7. Information for server installation is on the STORET v2.0 cd under the "DBA Only" directory.
8. Can you just install the STORET Report Module on certain client PC's or must you also have the Data Entry Module? (MS)
 - You can install just the Report Module to connect to a server copy of STORET if you wish.
9. I requested some Org ID's for STORET v2.0 a few weeks ago and haven't heard back from anyone. (AK)
 - I'll check with Kevin and the rest of the team to see where that request stands and get back to you ASAP.
10. Will anyone from FL DEP be updating their STORET documentation for STORET v2.0? (OH)
 - We're not planning to upgrade to STORET v2.0 for the time being, so we won't be upgrading our documentation (FL DEP)
11. Are minutes or proceedings available for those who can't attend the National Monitoring Conference? (OH)
 - No official "minutes" were taken from the last conference that I recall, but the proceedings, including presentation materials, abstracts and papers are all bundled on cds and available on the web some time after the conference.

- 12. I sent in an export to Kevin and haven't heard if it was received. (NE)
 - I will check with Kevin on that ASAP to see if it was received.
- 13. Have you had a chance to post the Excel file I sent you to the web yet? (AK)
 - I haven't had a chance to proof your documentation and make them available yet.
- 14. I wanted to announce that we have a few slots open for STORET training in Seattle, WA for April 13-15. Info is on the STORET website (Jim Hileman)
- 15. What is the STORET contact number? (MS)
 - 1-800-424-9067

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

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Larry Merrill	US EPA Region 3
Paul Koska	US EPA Region 6
Eric Wilson	US EPA Region 9
Karen Rush	US EPA Region 7
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