

STORET Conference Call – October 26th, 2006 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 November 2006 from 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time. The exact date will be sent out on the listserver later this month.
- If you have a special topic you'd like to lead for an upcoming call, please email Guntthardt.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 listserver for announcements regarding conference calls: <http://www.epa.gov/storet/listserv.html>

Deb Soule (NH) – Managing Water Quality Data with WOX

- New Hampshire has an in-house database based on STORET. They received an Exchange grant in 2005. They are currently matching their in-house database to WQX and the ESAR data standard.
- The main problem they have run into is that their database is integrated with other programs and attempting to update those programs. There are many things they have to change.
- They hope to be finished with the process either late winter or early spring.
- NH will be using WQX as a basis for a Gulf of Maine Ocean Data Partnership pilot project. This partnership will use the data exchange ESAR standards to start exchanging data. They currently have many different standards among the partners and are in the process of crosswalking to the ESAR standards. They hope to receive a collaborative grant which will help them to set up a host node, share data, and modify the programs to meet the partners' needs.
- Rhode Island question: What is the tech status of the data group to supply data in XML format? How difficult was it to get the other data partners on board? A) With the pilot project, they are starting small. They have a wide variety of groups, so they are keeping their data format in Excel. They plan to use one excel template that has XML tag names.

WOX Characteristic Names

- The STORET team sent out a link to the website that has a spreadsheet with special chemical names. There are four worksheets containing a breakdown of registry names and different substances rolled into registry names within SRS.
- The Registry name will be the final WQX characteristic name.
- Please look at the website. Others will be posted soon. A special chemical group went through these very carefully. Please let us know if you have any issues.
- We are not planning on changing any previous submittals that were reported under the old characteristic names, just the new ones. We do not want to change anyone's data.

WOX Current Status

- The final schema has been released on the website. It is currently going through technical review by the Exchange Network NTG (Network Technology Group). There may be a few changes, if any. Once through review, the schema will be posted on the exchange network site as final.
- The final flow configuration document will be posted soon.

- WQX development is near completion. The coding and programming will be done by the end of November. Internal testing is set to begin during the beginning of December. Please let Dwane know if anyone is interested in testing the schema.
- Example files based on the Demotest data will be available on the website.

Open Q/A and Comment Period

1. What is the status with the SIM bug fix for the 50,000 record issue? (National Park Service)
 - Gold Systems is currently looking into that. Dwane will call them to check on the status.
2. Where are we in the schedule on requirements for web services? And, are you anticipating meeting with users for feedback? (R3)
 - We will begin work in mid-December. We had not planned on direct meetings for web services. We were planning to put together a list of how we think they should work and then posting that to the web for review.

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

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Mellony Hoskinson	RTI International
Ronald E. Travis	Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Bruce Tuttle	Idaho Dept of Water Resources
Arne Sjodin	Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment
Andrea Thomas	NC DWQ
Jim Porter	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Dean Tucker	National Park Service, Water Resources Division
MaryAnn Silagy	OH EPA
Linda Cartwright	TN DEC
Jim Hudson	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Laura Madsen	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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