STORET Conference Call – September 25, 2003 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 October 30th, 2003 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time. Call in number is (202) 275-0166 access code 7946#**
- **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

Enhancements to Report Module v2.0
- **An update to STORET Report Module v2.0 has been released called STORET Report Module v2.0.2. New reports have been added under the "File Exports" area and will export result data.**
- **These new reports are being built based on performance problems we've heard from users using the existing "Result Details" export. For users with really large datasets, you should see the new exports work in seconds, not hours like before.**
- **We've added 10 new reports divided into the 3 major activity types: phys/chem., bio, and habitat. Each of the types has different sized reports based on the number of data elements included (small, med, large).**
- **The update can be downloaded off the STORET website under the "Updates/Downloads" area: http://www.epa.gov/storet/updates.html**
- **You must have STORET Report Module v2.0 installed before installing the update v2.0.2. Please read the "readme" install instructions before attempting to install the update.**

Progress on redesign of central STORET Warehouse
- **We are set to release the first "production" version of the redesigned STORET Warehouse.**
- **We'll be taking down access to the current Warehouse for a few days as we prepare the new Warehouse for public use.**
- **We plan to have the redesigned Warehouse available by COB Tuesday September 30, 2003.**
- **Now that we have a production version of the new Warehouse ready for use, we're planning our update strategy.**
- **We would like to be able to refresh the Warehouse at the end of every month. In order to accomplish that, we request that if you'd like your data available by the end of any given month, that you send us your export by the 20th of that month.**
- **This schedule is subject to change as we experiment with the new Warehouse over the next few months.**
- **The new Warehouse is consistent in structure to the entire STORET v2.0 suite of products, so we encourage you to update your copies of STORET to v2.0 as soon as possible.**
- **We will require that all users interested in exporting data to the STORET Warehouse be at v2.0 by March 31, 2004.**
- **Please contact us if you foresee problems with meeting this upgrade schedule.**

Special Topic: Peter Grevatt – New Chief of EPA Monitoring Branch
- Peter Grevatt joined part of the call to introduce himself to the STORET user group. He has been the new Chief of the Monitoring Branch for a few months.
- He is most interested in learning more about the STORET users and encourages direct feedback to him: **grevatt.peter@epa.gov** or **(202)566-1925**
- Peter mentioned that he plans to make outreach and support a primary task for STORET
- He announced that he is going to start up a "business case" analysis with an independent group that will analyze STORET's ability to meet various needs.
- He envisions this independent group reaching out to the current user community for feedback.
- He also plans to set up a management steering committee in the coming months to help guide future direction and investments for STORET.
- Paul Morton from NJ DEP asked if Peter was aware of the NWIS/STORET issue. Paul would prefer to devote resources towards getting historical "hard-copy" data into STORET instead of spending time converting NWIS data to go into STORET
- Peter mentioned he has been briefed, and noted that we are continuing to work on this issue. He also pointed out that ASIWPCA recently completed a survey of State Monitoring Programs that point out the large amounts of monitoring data that still exist in paper files.
- We will be making the results of the ASIWPCA survey available.

Open Q/A and Comment Period
1. In trying to make sure my data is easy for reporting and downloading purposes, I'm interested in organizing by categories of characteristics like metals, nutrients, etc.   Can I do that by naming my Projects by the respective groupings? (MDE)
- Not really. Projects are linked to an entire Activity, not at the Result level. It's probably best to break the characteristics apart into separate Activities, and then link those to the properly named Projects.
2. Are there any STORET planning documents available that we can read to get an idea on where STORET is headed in the future? (FL)
- Not at this point, but we agree that such information should be made available. We at one point wrote up a 5-year plan a few years ago, but it's already out of date
3. I'm seeing inconsistencies with the install scripts and the written documentation for the client/server install of STORET v2.0. (NJ)
- Please check with the STORET DBA, Kevin Christian, for any issues on client/server installations of STORET.
4. I recently got surveyed about keeping the STORET Legacy Data Center online…what's that all about? (NJ)
- As we've mentioned in the past, it is becoming overly expensive to keep the LDC online and continue to develop Modern STORET. We've asked our various offices at EPA to poll their customers on the need for having this data available over the internet. We know that programs at EPA like the NPDES program have indicated a need to keep the data available, and they are probably filtering questions down to you. Please respond honestly to these types of questions should they come to you.
5. What's the status on the connection of the new Warehouse with Window to My Environment? (EPA Region 3)
- We've been working with a prototype version, which we feel so far demonstrates our need to have STORET and NWIS data available through

a common interface. We're not sure about the overall timeline, since Window is not under our direct control, but we feel confident that a new version of Window will be ready by the end of the calendar year.

6. **I'm having problems running my Report Module v2.0 and keep getting errors in reference to "Group R" when running certain result exports. (CO Metro Waste)**
- **We've seen this error before with certain client/server installations of STORET v2.0. Please contact Kevin Christian for troubleshooting info.**
7. **I'm in the process of installing STORET v2.0 right now. When do I install the Report Module upgrade? (TN)**
- **After everything is installed off the STORET v2.0 cd's and you are comfortable with how things work, then you can install the Report Module v2.0.2 upgrade.**
8. **Is it too early to get an update on the Beaches/CDX process for transmitting STORET data over the web? (OH)**
- **We've finished development and are currently awaiting users of the new web-based applications for sending STORET data. It's premature to give any info on the utility of this new method until we get some users.**
9. **Will the new STORET Warehouse allow query by External Station ID's? (NJ)**
- **Yes.**

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