

STORET/WQX Conference Call – Sep 24, 2009, 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 October 2009. 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 Gunthardt.Kristen@epamail.epa.gov
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Distributed STORET Desupport – Kevin Christian

- September 30, 2009 is the final day to get data in for final Warehouse refresh. We have had several e-mail questions on the helpdesk line on published schedule for warehouse refresh.
- EPA is expecting to receive a large volume of final exports due to the large number of users (over 300 Organizations in STORET). Refresh may be run more than once due to the large volume, so other opportunities may be available during this time if you call.

WQX Testing Environment Update – Kristin Gunthardt

- Had major issue over the last couple of weeks we had a major issue in the WQX test environment
- CDX environment has physically moved due to change in contract, so was no longer talking to WQX. This led to lack of communication between CDX and WQX in the test environment over the last couple of weeks.
- It is fixed now.
- Deb from RI asked about the best contact for flowing data through their state node. Kristen said that they should call her.

STORET ORG ID changes and new USGS webservices– Kevin Christian

- Taking advantages of the USGS mini Portal features.
- USGS webservices have the feature of concatenating list of station IDs. ORG and station IDs uniquely identify sampling site. The delimiter between these is a hyphen. Therefore, if your ORG_IDs in STORET use a hyphen, it will have to become an underscore to avoid problems.
- Kevin will contact the affected Organizations. Example PR-River would become PR_River.
- This has been changed in WQX production and test. This change will be made in the STORET Warehouse once distributed STORET is frozen.
- We are in pre-release and coordination stages of these WebServices.
- Will be made public before the end of the fall.
- This service engine can stream all data without the current limits of current EPA web services.
- We are doing a joint Portal project for Webservices, but WQX/STORET team is going to adopt and replace current webservices.
- Will improve performance.

Upcoming WQX Web Enhancements – Kristen Gunthardt

- Had a lot of feedback. There will be additional enhancements.

- Many enhancements are related to enhancements by Gold Systems to AWQMS.
- These will be put into the test environment in the next couple weeks:
 - ability to save import configuration files out of the tool as .bin file,
 - at bottom of screen in configuration a refresh button will allow you to see the column headers in a tab or other delimited file based on the configuration you created,
 - on list pages you can change in preferences the number of rows that you can see in the event log,
 - dataset summary page will provide autorefresh to update status of export to CDX,
 - an estimated completion time of imports and exports,
 - the ability to review projects, monitoring locations, and indices that you submitted to WQX Web using the lookup tables list,
 - lookup tables no longer requires to click edit for each row, you can enter all rows then save,
 - logout button.
- These will be available in production soon after, probably by end of October.

Centrally Hosted Tribal STORET Instance – Kevin Christian

- Organizations' projects and stations in Tribal WebSIM has been migrated to WQX flow.
- Activities will be migrated soon.
- Lessons learned can be shared with others needing to migrate their data.

Q and A

- Q:** Paul from NJ – Will joint USGS EPA webservice mean that EPA service will still be maintained? Will all USGS search criteria be adopted?
- A:** Kevin said that EPA will still maintain custom webservices, but adopt the webservice engine. Will be 2 sets webservices, 1 for USGS supported by STORET Warehouse and EPA custom format that is supported, now. All features of their webservice engine will be adopted.
- Q:** Jim in MN – Will there be a final export of reference tables?
- A:** Kevin said it is on the schedule September 30, but not a lot of new domain changes since May. You can continue running STORET after this deadline and you can take over stewarding your own domain lists after Sept. 30, but the EPA centrally managed database and domain list makes information shareable. Your own domain lists are not shareable.

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

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