STORET Conference Call – June 10th, 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, July 22nd, 2004 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time. Call in number is (202) 275-0170 access code 0793#**
- **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 release
- **SIM v2.0.1 has been released and is available for download on the STORET website.**
- **Including a host of bug fixes, the new release allows importing of new data elements, the ability to import documents and graphics associated with stations, projects and results, the ability to import portable data logger results, and a new function called "generate" which allows default values for data elements to be included without an empty column required in the import file. Detailed info on new features is included in SIM User Guide.**
- **The installation of SIM v2.0.1 is a complete replace of prior versions of SIM, which will erase all data residing in your current version. Before installing SIM v2.0.1, save out your SIM configurations using the "Copy" function, and make sure all data that's been imported into SIM has been migrated to STORET. You can't save a record of imports as you move to SIM v2.0.1.**

National STORET Users Conference
- **This serves as the first announcement that we will be hosting a STORET Users Conference November 15-17, 2004 in New Orleans, LA**
- **Official announcements will be forthcoming with registration info.**
- **We plan to form a small, diverse workgroup to assist with agenda and other logistical planning. I will be contacting folks directly, and anyone else who's interested in volunteering should contact storet@epa.gov.**

Reference Table Upgrade
- **A new reference table upgrade for STORET v2 is available that adds new characteristics, field/lab methods, citations and other items.**
- **This upgrade is called DBFIX015 and is available on our website.**
- **Most of the upgrades support beach monitoring.**

EnviroMapper v3.0 Release
- **An EPA Office of Water web-mapping application called EnviroMapper for Water v3.0 has recently been released which allows access to modern STORET data along with 303(d) listed waters, 319 grant information, Water Quality Standards and other water program data.**
- **You may notice error messages today when trying to draw the STORET layer, but we're working to fix that as we speak.**
- **http://www.epa.gov/waters/enviromapper**

<u>Data Warehouse Refresh Schedule</u>
- **We're on track to refresh the STORET Warehouse on schedule this month which means that exports must be submitted by COB June 18th and the updated Warehouse will be online Monday June 28th.**

<u>Open Q/A and Comment Period</u>

1. **MDE is interested in storing monitoring data from their permitted dischargers in STORET. They are curious if anyone else has attempted this and what success stories they can share? (MD)**
- **EPA STORET replied that we've heard anecdotal evidence of this being attempted, but don't know of specific examples. STORET wasn't designed to hold anything but ambient monitoring and biological data. So while it's conceivable that one could store monitoring data in and around dischargers, it may not be possible to store other related permit information.**
- **Suggested that MDE send a note to the STORET Listserver to poll other users than are on the phone.**
2. **We're interested in knowing when STORET will work with an Oracle 9i client. (KS)**
- **The STORET Data Entry Module requires the Oracle 8i client, and will continue to until STORET v3.0.**
- **If you have other applications that require Oracle 9i client software, it is possible to run both 8i and 9i clients on the same machine. Please contact STORET Tech Support for more info.**
3. **Has anyone heard more about the reported problem with McAfee Virus Software and STORET? (CA).**
- **No respone. Please check with Eric Wilson, Region 9 coordinator, who reported this problem**
4. **Does anyone know how to store sigma values associated with rad results such as Radium 226, Gross Alpha, Radium 228, etc. These attributes had parm codes in the old STORET such as 11502, 09502 and 11504 for the sigma counting error associated with the sum of Radium 226 and Radium 228. (NM)**
- **If this is something that Legacy STORET supported and modern STORET does not, then send us a description of the requirement and we'll see if we can add support for it.**
5. **Will EPA provide travel funding for those attending the STORET Users Conference?**
- **We hope so, but can't promise anything right now. We supported 50 people to travel to the last conference, so it would probably be in that neighborhood. Stay tuned.**
6. **Has any guidance on ODBC usage with STORET been released? (NM)**
- **We have a training exercise on the STORET website that guides users on how to set up ODBC connections with STORET, and how to use MS Access and ESRI ArcGIS with the STORET Data Views.**
7. **Is there a timetable when we must upgrade to SIM v2.0.1? (TN)**
- **No. We suggest you do since there are bug fixes and new features.**

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

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