

## STORET Conference Call – October 30, 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 December 4th, 2003 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time. Call in number is (202) 275-0170 access code 8365#
- If you have a special topic you'd like to lead for an upcoming call, please email [mcelhinney.cary@epa.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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

#### Release of redesigned STORET Warehouse

- The first "production" release of the redesigned Data Warehouse was made available September 29, 2003
- We announced our refresh cycle with dates over the STORET Listserver.
- 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 20<sup>th</sup> of that month.
- We will attempt to abide by this schedule as best we can, and will announce any changes or delays to the STORET Listserver.
- We're continuing to work on enhancements to the Data Warehouse which should come online before the end of the year
- Enhancements should include: delivery of pictures and documents; option to "zip" download files; enhancements to user interface; performance tuning.
- Please let us know what you think of the new Data Warehouse

#### SIM v2.0.1

- We're working on a small update to the SIM v2.0 software that we'll deliver over the web as a patch.
- It will include a few minor bug fixes, ability to batch import documents and pictures, import data logger results
- We'll be beta testing for the next month or so, and should have the patch ready by the end of the year.

#### National Monitoring Conference

- We wanted to put a plug in for the upcoming National Monitoring Conference sponsored by the National Water Quality Monitoring Council
- The conference will take place May 17-20 2004 in Chattanooga, TN
- Abstracts are due November 21, 2003
- <http://www.nwqmc.org>
- EPA is one of the co-chairs of the Monitoring Council and will be helping to organize this conference
- We're encouraging anyone interested to submit a poster or paper session demonstrating unique data management tricks – this is a way to tell your story
- Contact us directly for further insight into this conference

### Open Q/A and Comment Period

1. Is any of the Legacy STORET data in the redesigned Data Warehouse? (Region 7)
  - No. We only redesigned the “modern” STORET System. Access to Legacy STORET data is still available online via the Legacy Data Center. It’s worth noting that even though we call the current STORET the “modern” STORET, there are some agencies putting historical data into the current system.
2. Dianne from Alaska introduced herself as a new member to the STORET community. She’s taken over for Russell Kunibe. She had compliments about the install guide and thought it was very well written. She will be entering data soon once she gets STORET v2.0 up and running.
3. Is there any training scheduled soon? (AK)
  - Not anywhere on the West Coast at this point. We have trainings scheduled in Washington, DC and Boston, MA in December. Eric Wilson mentioned that he’ll be looking to host training in January or February.
4. What’s the purpose of SIM? Why can’t you batch import data directly into STORET? (AK)
  - There is a mechanism for batch loading data directly into STORET, but the batch module contained within the Data Entry Module is not user friendly with no user interface. SIM provided more flexibility with the batch import files and provides a user interface to set up your imports.
5. Are there any EPA grant opportunities available to help with using STORET? (MDE)
  - There are no official “STORET” grants, but many existing EPA grants include language for using STORET, so therefore those grant dollars could go to help STORET duties. The STORET/HQ team will attempt to compile a list of all known grants where data management duties could apply and send it out over the STORET Listserver.
6. Is the National Monitoring Conference the same as the STORET Conference? (Region 9)
  - No. The National Monitoring Conference is hosted by the National Water Quality Monitoring Council – EPA is a co-chair on the Council. We had mentioned a while back of trying to schedule another STORET Conference. That has been pushed back due to budget decisions and probably won’t happen till late in 2004.
  - Eric Wilson mentioned that he’ll probably schedule a Region 9 STORET Conference that would be open to anyone sometime in spring 2004

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

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