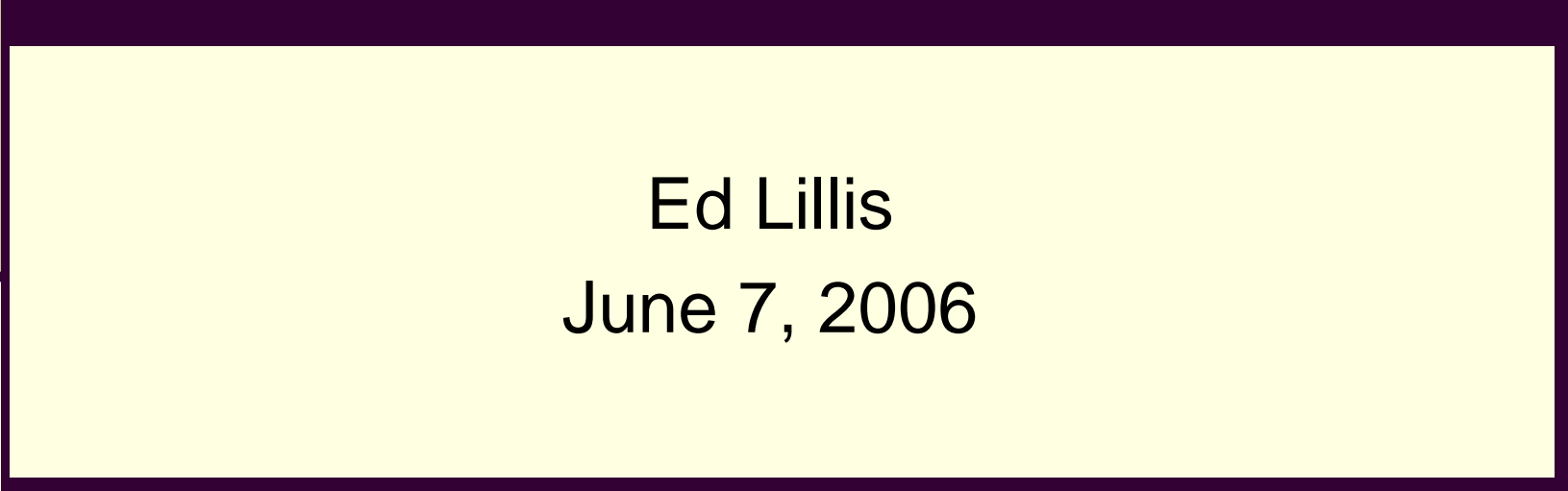





# AQS CONFERENCE 2006



Ed Lillis  
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# Welcome

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- Thanks for coming
- Appreciate your agency's interest in supporting the Conference
- Want the Conference and training sessions to be helpful to you
- Want your input and feedback on what we can do better

# Introduce the AQS Team

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| ■ Jake Summers    | AQS Team Lead               |
| ■ Bill Frietsche  | Precision and accuracy data |
| ■ Bonnie Johnson  | Discoverer                  |
| ■ Chuck Isbell    | User Support                |
| ■ Jonathan Miller | IMPROVE data                |
| ■ Nick Mangus     | AQS Data Mart               |
| ■ Jerry Husketh   | AQS Conference              |

# 2006 has been a year of change

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- We've been reorganized
  - Essentially same group and same function but different name
  - Information Management Group (IMG) became the National Air Data Group (NADG)
- Some personnel changes among EPA's AQS folks:
  - In OAQPS
    - Tami Laplante – now in tribal program
    - Jerry Husketh - plans to retire in Jan. 2007
  - 2 RO AQS Contacts have retired
    - Ruth Tatom, RO 6
    - Karen Rush, RO 7

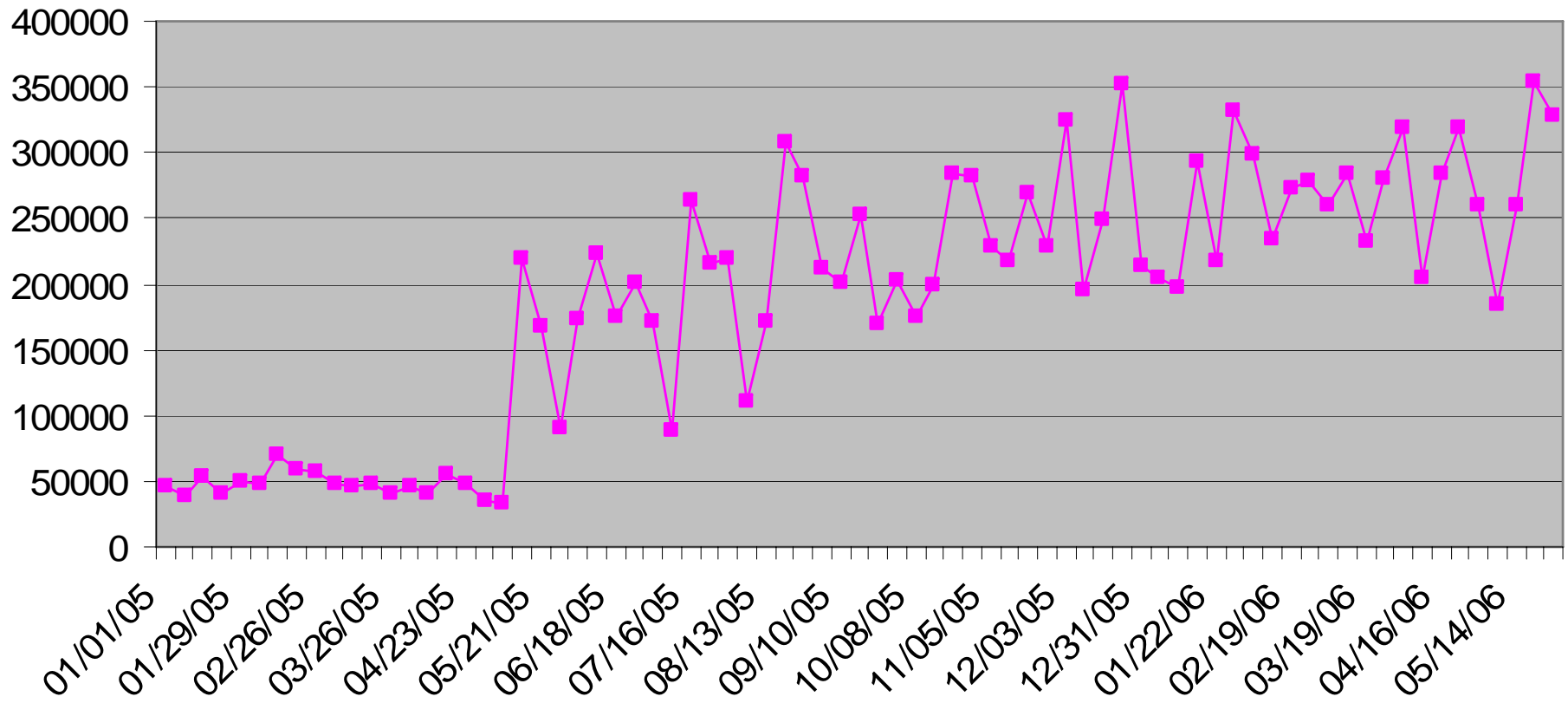
# Other Changes in 2006

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- Began a monthly Orientation session for new AQS users
- Have developed an AQS Data Mart
  - Provide direct access to AQS data to non-registered users
- AQS loads and retrievals run much faster
  - AQS now operates on new technology servers at the NCC

# AQS Weekly Load Rates Before and After New Server

AQS weekly load rate, records/elapsed hr



# 2006 AQS Conference

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- 2 days of hands-on computer training; 2 1/2 days of conference sessions
- More OAQPS data monitoring staff involved
  - Panel discussion and presentations
- AQS user recommended changes
  - what do you think should be done differently
  - Thursday afternoon session to get your input
- RO/SLT agency caucus sessions on Thursday morning
  - discuss regional topics of interest
  - opportunity to identify possible AQS enhancements for Thursday session

# Highlight Some Conference Sessions

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- AirExplorer demo wed @ 10:50
- Monitoring topics wed @ 1:00
- AQS Data Mart wed @ 3:20
- RO caucuses thur @ 10:20
- Enviro. Info. Exch. Network thur @ 1:15
- St. Regis Mohawk Tribe thur @ 2:30
- News from Nat'l Computer Center fri @ 8:30



# Goals of Conference

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- Provide training opportunities for AQS users
  - 5 different training sessions
  - Tom Lewis, Level 2 support for 1 on 1 help
  - Jake and others available to discuss issues with you
- Get feedback and suggestions from users
  - You use AQS more than we do
  - You see things that we sometimes don't see
- We want to improve data transfer between EPA and State, local and tribal agencies
  - the air quality data you collect is important to OAQPS' mission

# In Closing

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- Appreciate what you do to submit your agency's data to AQS
- Encourage you to take advantage of the training opportunities during the conference
- Encourage you to share your ideas on how we can improve AQS
- Thanks for your help