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Exchange Network Overview & Update

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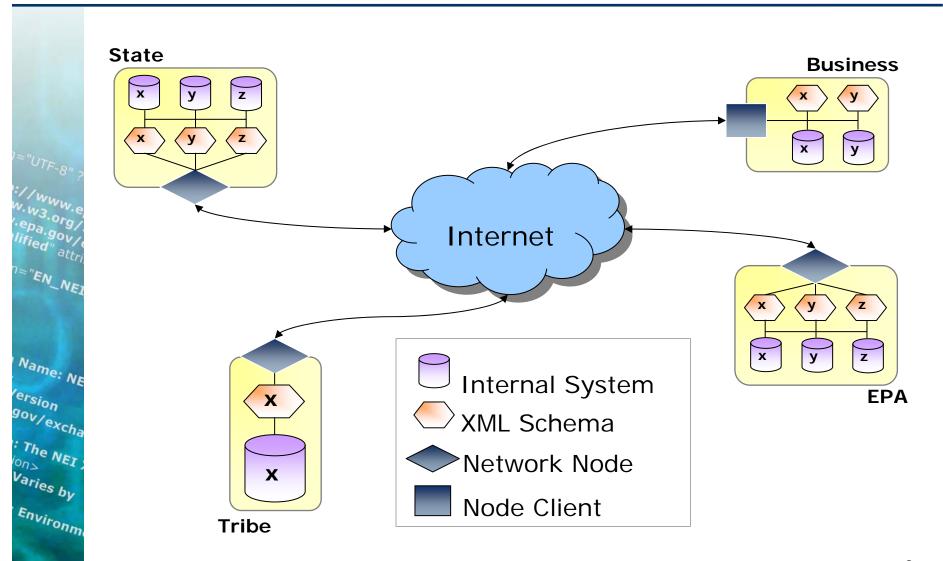


What is the Exchange Network?

- An Internet and standards-based method for exchanging environmental information between partners.
- Major components
 - Nodes web servers that act as data transfer points on the Network
 - Data Standards
 - XML Universal language of the Network
 - Web Services Automated services for pushing, pulling, publishing, and querying data



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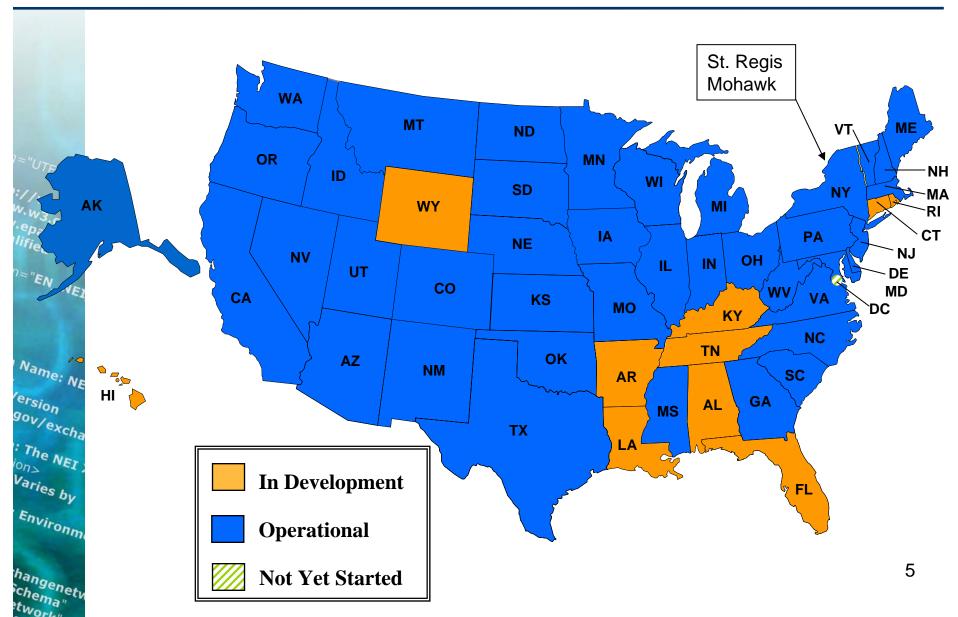
How Does This Help?

- Automates submission and exchange of data at prescribed times
 - Reduces the cost of data exchange
- Enables timely and more accurate exchanges
 - Improves data quality
- Allows for secure publishing of data on the Node
 - Trusted partners can have access to your data and you can have access to their data
 - Allows new and efficient ways to combine environmental and human health related data
- Reduces reporting burdens
- No need for partners to change their data systems





ange Status of Network Nodes – June 2006



Exchanges' Implementation Progress





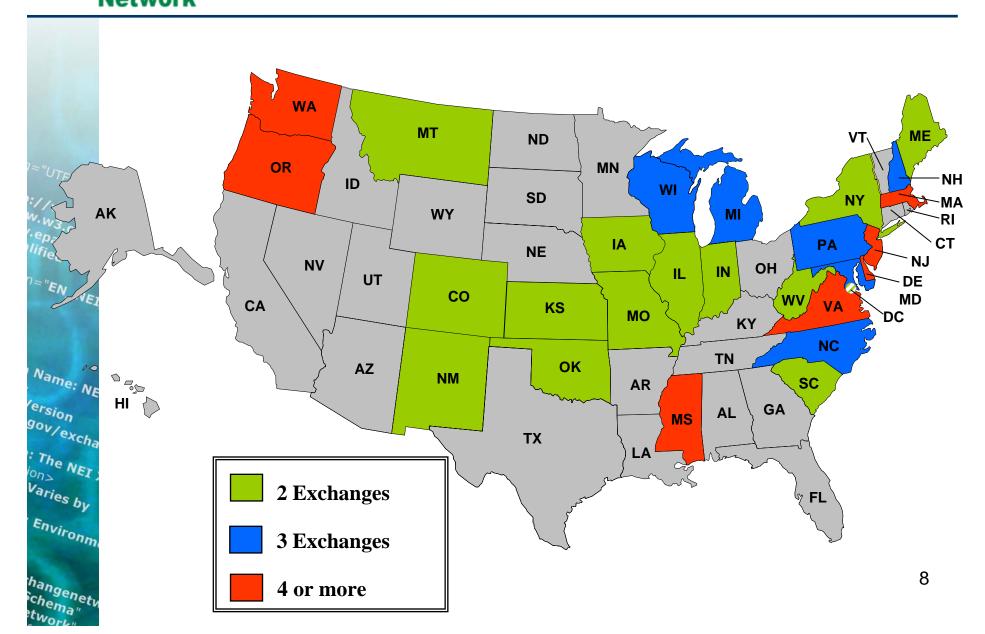
Exchanges' Implementation Progress







ange States with Multiple Data Exchanges





- Better data quality
- Better data access and integration
- Data is available on a more timely basis
- Reduced operating costs
- Reduced reporting burdens

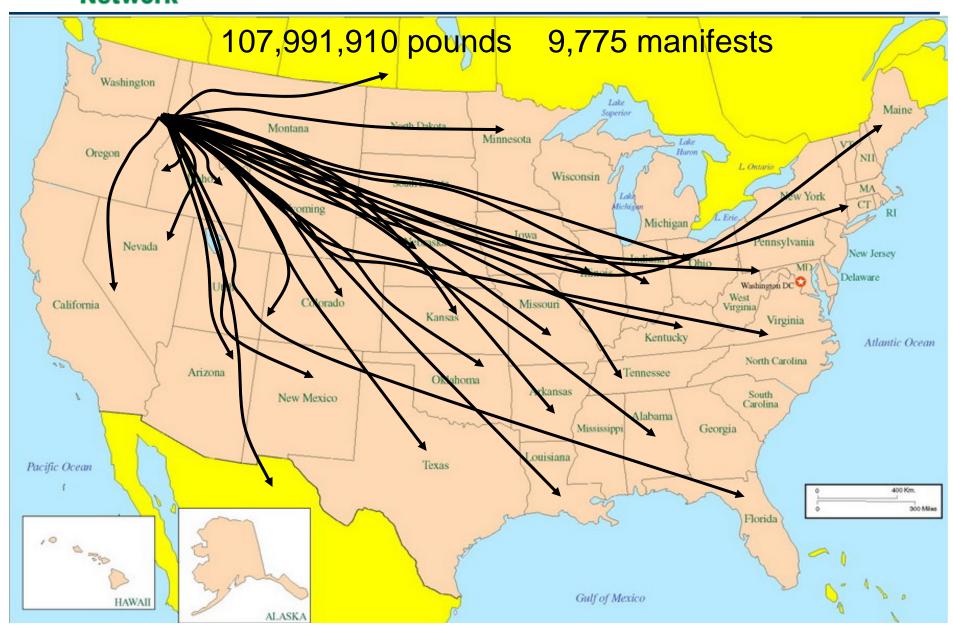


Better Data - WA/OR Haz Waste

- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
 - Cradle to grave management of hazardous waste
- WA/OR Haz Waste Exchange
 - No easy means of tracking and reconciling interstate shipment data
 - Did you receive what I sent?

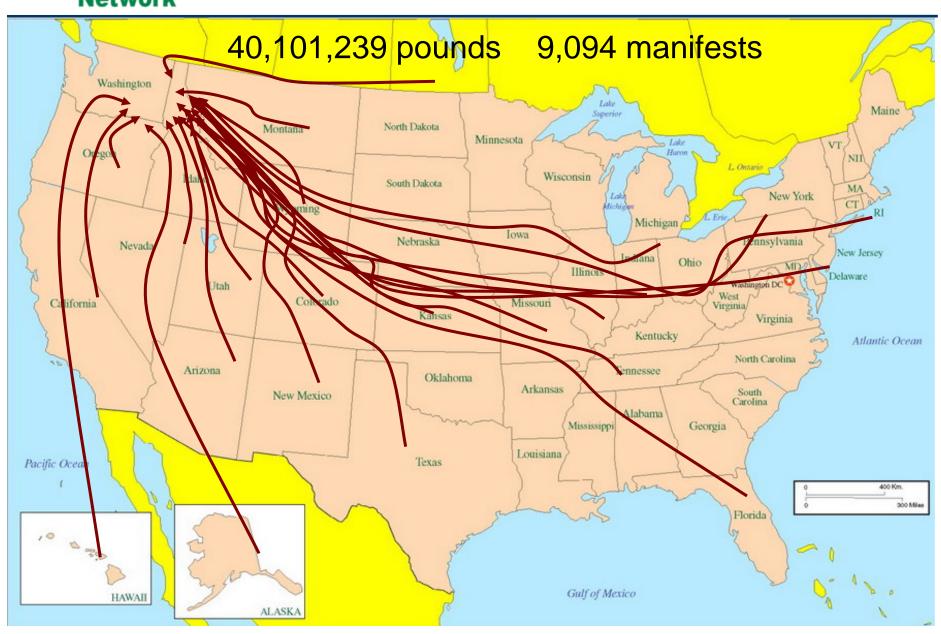


Manifested Hazardous Waste Leaving Washington in 2005





Manifested Hazardous Waste Entering Washington in 2005





■ Better Data – WA/OR Haz Waste

- WA DOE and OR DEQ used their Network Nodes to help mitigate the problem
- Both agreed to "publish" their hazardous waste transporter data on their Nodes in a secure place
- Makes the data accessible to "authorized" parties
- Authorized each other to access and query the other's hazardous waste data
- Built a simple web application to view the data for each state



Data Access and Integration

- Name: NE
- WA Department of Ecology collects fish tissue sampling data of interest to state Health officials
- DOE granted Node access to the Department of Health
- DOH application "consumes" fish tissue data in real time for analysis against birth defect data
- Very low cost and very short development time



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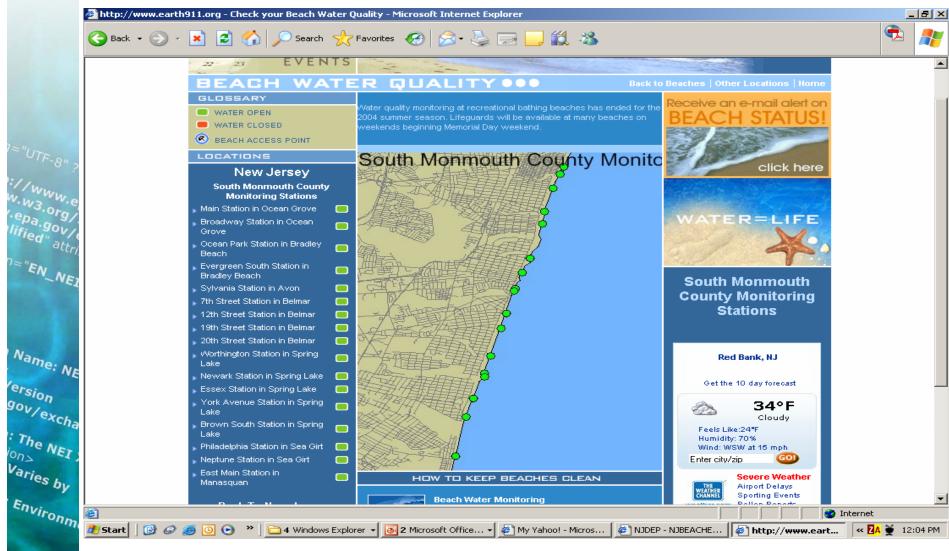
NGC More Timely Data

- New Jersey partnered with Earth911 to make beach monitoring data readily available to the public
- System allows local coordinators to immediately upload sampling results into system via handheld PDAs
- Laboratories add sample results to data records via website
- System recommends action for agency officials (e.g. closures) from results
- Posting determinations are immediately available on NJDEP and Earth 911 websites.
- Citizens, lifeguards, other stakeholders receive immediate email alerts of closures/advisories via "opt-in".
- Results are immediately available for BEACH Data Flow to EPA.



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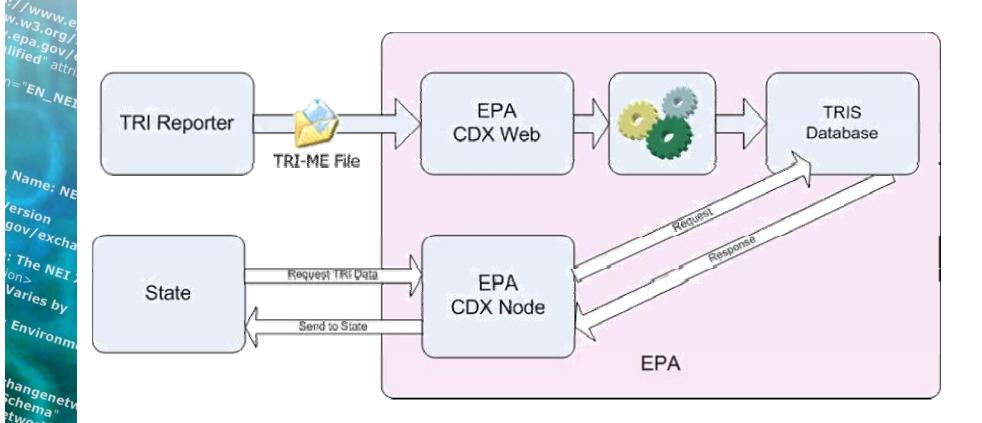
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	Michigan	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Washington
Data Exchanges Examined	AQS eDMR SDWIS TRI	AQS RCRA SDWIS	AQS eDMR RCRA SDWIS	AQS RCRA TRI
Annual Operational Cost Pre-EN	\$1,509,620	\$1,266,519	\$1,352,807	\$311,560
Total Annual Operational Cost Post- EN	\$758,933	\$672,789	\$710,181	\$272,294
Initial Capital Investment (\$)	\$1,095,940	\$845,233	\$1,002,390	\$139,422
Post-EN Annual Maintenance Cost (\$/year)	\$107,983	\$75,831	\$105,609	\$19,014
Post-EN Annual State Savings (\$/year)	\$642,704	\$535,192	\$537,017	\$20,252
ROI Summary				
Average ROI (5 year basis)	59%	61%	54%	15%
Payback period (years)	1.7	1.6	1.9	6.9



ange Reduced Reporting Burden

 Toxic Release Inventory program used the Network to satisfy double reporting requirements





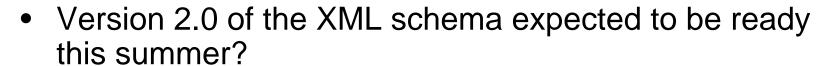
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1998 AQS Data Exchange

- AQS data exchange is ready to begin producing many of these benefits
- AQS team released version 1.0 of XML schema in 2005
 - Allows for a Node to Node exchange of data from state or tribe to U.S. EPA
 - St. Regis Mohawk tribe first to implement
 - Still waiting for that first state



NQC AQS XML Schema Version 2.0 / AQDE



- Built to accommodate both AQS data and a wider set of air quality data
 - 2.0 is more flexible and incorporates more data elements
 - Will accommodate near real time exchange of AirNow data
 - Flexibility allows exchanges with partners other than EPA
 - Publishing from the Node for public access
- Outbound flow of AQS data





199 Exchange Network Grants

- U.S. EPA grant program provides funding for Exchange Network projects
 - States, territories, and tribes are eligible
- Take advantage of the \$\$ while it's still available!!!
- For more info visit EPA's Network Grants page at: <u>http://www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork/grants</u>
- Watch for 2007 Grant application information this summer



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