

E-Mail

To: AQS REGISTERED USERS

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Subject: AQS Database Availability and Client Version 2.1 Availability

The AQS database will not be available after 9:00 PM eastern time on March 1 for use and will return for use on March 4 at 6:00 AM. This down time is necessary to load additional years of raw data that have been converted from the mainframe and to make database modifications necessary to implement the new AQS client software discussed below.

As mentioned in several previous emails, a new version of the AQS client was developed to implement some new functions as well as correct problems identified in Version 2.0. This new version 2.1 is now available for down load from: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/airs/airsmansnew.html>.

The new features and a description of them include:

1. Implementation of the EPA locational data policy - This policy was partially implemented in the new system. The policy required the addition of three additional meta data fields that are being added with this new version. These new fields are required to add a new site to the database. These fields must also be populated whenever an existing site is updated with Maintain. These data fields provide additional meta data for LDP Vertical Measure (formerly elevation above mean sea level) and include: Vertical Method and Vertical Datum with reference tables and drop downs of valid values and Vertical Accuracy Value in meters. This modification also revises the transaction format for site transactions. The new transaction formats are also available at: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/airs/aqs/index.html>.

2. Password Synchronization - This modification allows users to change password for Canyon, Volcano, and the Oracle database using the client. It is also designed so that the all passwords can be changed to the same value with the client. As before, the password change is located on the user profile screen. This screen is accessed from the initial screen in Read Only mode using the drop down "Admin", "Security" Also, the password field has been removed from all screens used to submit batch jobs since the Oracle password that was used to access the database is remembered and used to submit jobs. The attachment contains more details on this function.

3. User Support Screening Group Access - This phrase will be displayed on the Select Session Access screen but will be grayed out for most users. This special function will allow our staff and the staff at the Customer Call Center to easily access user's screening group records to assist in resolving batch processing questions. This will allow support staff to run reports related to Batch processing and see user's session records.

As mentioned above, this version corrects several problems that were identified in Version 2.0. The attachment below contains a list of known problems with Version 2.1 as well as a list of corrected problems. The Customer Call Center (800-334-2405) has been identified as the first contact point for user support. Although AQS team members enjoy talking and assisting users, the call center has more resources to respond to help you. If they are not able to solve a problem, it will be sent to us for review, analysis, and correction if it is a software bug. Please use the customer support center whenever possible. To prevent the AQS team from becoming saturated with user support functions, in the future, we will be forwarding your calls to them for response.

Thanks,

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(See attached file: [passwd_sync.html](#))

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