

“Can't Do” List of Suggestions from RBLC Workshops

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Action Item Description	RBLC Workshop	Status / Response
Add drop-down lists to Advanced Query	Den	This would make the advanced query overly complicated. Instead, we will focus on simplifying the standard query.
Queries should be able to "reach out" to other databases outside RBLC.	RTP	Cannot do at this time.
Generate standalone database query software	RTP	Focus for now is to improve web-based queries.
Include the ability to search for specific control technologies	Den	Not necessary. This can be done already in the standard search.
The RBLC must do a better job distinguishing between BACT determinations and LAER determinations (It is difficult to find LAER).	Chi	Users can search on the "Basis for Limit" and specify "LAER." However, it is more important to determine the most stringent limit applied to a source, regardless of whether it is BACT or LAER. EPA is currently working to restore the ability to rank results from most stringent to least stringent.
Include a search option that allows the searcher to find the most recent entries or entries over the past year.	SF	Already available. The current standard query already allows users to search based on the date an entry was added to the RBLC.
Allow more than 3 data enterers per agency	RTP	Cannot do at this time. Instead, States should feel free to distribute standalone editor, available at www.epa.gov/ttn/catc/products.html .
"Avoidance" permits should be entered into RBLC	RTP	Nothing prevents States from entering such data. Data should be entered if it sets a precedent on control.
Eliminate "area source" information	DC	Not necessary. Very little area source info is in the RBLC.

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Include a field for "actual emissions" from compliance tests	DC, Den	Concerns were expressed about adding more fields. RBLC is a clearinghouse of construction permits. Actual emissions may be determined by contacting the agency who issued the permit.
Include data fields indicating whether hearing transcripts are available and where they are available.	Chi	Concerns were expressed about adding more data elements (there are too many already). We may even eliminate the field that indicates whether a public hearing was held.
Data entry form should be a mandatory part of a permit application. This would remove some burden from the States.	Chi	Such a requirement is beyond the authority of the RBLC. This issue is being considered in the NSR Reform rulemaking. In the meantime, States can require permit applicants to fill out the form.
Eliminate RACT and focus on BACT/LAER	RTP	Clean Air Act calls for a RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse. RACT must be included.