

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM THE MAY 8, 2007
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Q: With regard to synchronization, if there are multiple users, does User A receive any communication if User B makes changes to the Monitoring Plan?

A: There are email notifications from the Client Tool when data is submitted. Each time a user interacts with the EPA Host System, there is a forced synchronization to ensure that the user has the most current data in their Client Tool.

Q: Are the submission notification emails automatically generated by EPA?

A: Yes.

Q: If I enter new RATAs, when synchronization occurs, does it recognize the new data or will it re-baseline?

A: If you are a single user, there is no risk of overwriting data. If there are multiple users, and one user makes changes while the database is out of sync, then there is a chance that the changes could be lost upon synchronization.

Q: What if there are two Client Tools connected to one database and both users are responsible for the same ORIS code?

A: The Client Tool will synchronize with the shared database and neither user will ever be out of sync.

Q: Does any user that has a Client Tool username and password have access to submit data the EPA Host System?

A: No. User A could have permission to view the data only, but this user still needs to be in sync so he/she will be able to connect to the EPA Host System for synchronization only. There will be varying levels of access.

Q: Will all releases of new versions of the Client Tool require an export/import of the data in the Client Tool? What if I have data in my Client Tool that have not yet been submitted when a new version is released?

A: When a new Client Tool is installed, the initial synchronization loads the Monitoring Plan and QA supplemental data that has been submitted to the Client Tool. All other data (Emissions and detailed QA Tests) can be retrieved. Any data in the Client Tool that have not been submitted to the EPA Host System would have to be re-imported into the new Client Tool.

- Q: With the current system, there is ETS, MDC, and Hourly MDC. When we depart from these systems, what will be the "database" that contains our data?**
- A:** The EPA Host System combines all data that you are currently submitting to the three separate systems into one database.
- Q: On the Client Tool side, what does it mean to 'maintain a single database'?**
- A:** The Client Tool database is only for submission purposes. The XML files that you generate to import into the Client Tool can be created using any method that you wish to use, and from any database. The Client Tool is not a repository for your data.
- Q: We have a DAHS that generates XML, but we have to use the Client Tool to import files, which would require maintaining one database.**
- A:** In this case, you would set up a single SQL server database.
- Q: Can there be multiple ORIS codes for a single user using a single machine?**
- A:** Yes. You can have an unlimited number of ORIS codes in a single Client Tool database.
- Q: Is it possible to work offline using the Client Tool?**
- A:** Yes, but you should synchronize before you go offline.
- Q: Will there be a way to view monthly emission totals?**
- A:** This will be added to a list of future functionality.
- Q: How do re-certifications affect Monitoring Plan data?**
- A:** The Client Tool tracks the relationship between components and systems in order to keep current Monitoring Plans up-to-date. The Monitoring Plan components will be updated with new Begin and End Dates. Resubmissions that affect historic Monitoring Plans are more complicated and will require assistance from an EPA analyst.
- Q: If I lose my connection during a submission, will the units be unlocked when I try to resubmit?**
- A:** Yes, the Client Tool is able to track this and the units will be unlocked if a submission fails. Also, an EPA analyst can manually unlock units.

Q: How many decimal places will be required for hourly records?

A: EPA is still determining this, but the current requirements are listed in the draft reporting instructions.