

**WQX/STORET User Call
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 24, 2018
12:00 – 1:00 PM EST**

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Next WQX/STORET Workgroup Meeting – June 28, 2018 at 12 p.m. EST

There were approximately 32 participants

Agenda

- 1) User Feedback Discussion
- 2) STORET Training Videos Update
- 3) Metals Best Practices Guide Update
- 4) Demonstration of Data Discovery Tool
- 5) E-Enterprise Conference

1) User Feedback Discussion

Dwane Young opened the floor to the user community to ask questions or bring up issues. No one had questions.

2) STORET Training Videos Update

Kiki Schneider has been working on WQX/STORET training videos. There are five videos.

- Intro to WQX
- Searching for data in WQP
- Getting Started with WQX Web - Gaining Access
- Prepping for Data Submission
- Bringing data files together – WQX Web Template

These will be posted to the WQX/STORET Website in the next few months. An email will be sent out when the first few videos are posted.

3) Metals Best Practices Workgroup Guide Update

The workgroup is done working on the guide. There was a series of QA workgroups to cover data tools, nutrients and now the metals. Once management approves the guidance it will be posted to the WQX/STORET page. The mapping changes will not break a

submission but are meant to have user submissions fall in line with the guidance. Users are encouraged to make the mapping changes on their side as soon as possible.

Laura covered a few highlights for submitting metals data:

- Speciation is not required to be reported with metal
- Ions will be captured in the metals name. i.e., Chromium-6 is in the metals name. It would be captured in the characteristic name and not in the speciation
- Total and Dissolved are recommend approach for metals

4) **Demonstration of Data Discovery Tool Updates**

The tool is an open source tool that has had other user enhancements incorporated into the tool's functionality and made available to user community. TetraTech added in additional QA/QC functionality for Region 8. Shelly Thawley also added some of the enhancements to the functionality of the tool. Dwane demonstrated the new features. The tool will be released soon.

Possible options for future enhancements:

- Handle different detection limits

The user community was encouraged to make enhancements to the tool. It is available on GitHub. Dwane asked users to be cautious when packaging such as a different version of R, or there is another install for it to work. It has to stay vanilla so it can be easily distributed to users.

5) **[E-Enterprise Conference](#) - October 23 – 25, 2018, Dallas, Texas**

The conference is the replacement for then Exchange Network Conference. The WQX Team is considering holding a listening session for continuous monitoring data and continuous monitoring data standards. Dwane would like to have listening session to discuss what has been done so far, the possibilities and the direction EPA is moving and the architecture based on what has been learned. Dwane encourages users to provide ideas for the listening session.