

WQX User Call

May 28, 2026

There were approximately 47 participants on the call.

Agenda:

1. WQX Status Report (5 min)
 - WQX Project Status Report (Kevin)
 - WQX helpdesk report (Tim/Kevin)
 - Next User Call: Thursday, June 25, 2026 @ 12 – 1pm ET

WQX HelpDesk Stats for April 2026 (from Tim Strick)

Category	Count	% of Total
New user requests	48	41%
General inquiries (Misc)	23	20%
WQX Web assistance	39	33%
Water Quality Portal inquiries (data)	7	6%
Total (relevant tickets)	117	100%
Total emails (includes NA = 344)	344	

2. Water Quality Portal Status Report (5 min)
 - WQP General Status Report (Candice/USGS)
 - Review of new BETA Portal User Interface (UI)
3. Open Discussion/Office Hours (10 min)
 - WQP/WQX frequently asked questions/comments (Kevin)
 - WQX Web, Setup, My User Preferences
 - WQP, Explore WQP Sites, NWIS/WQX
 - Any other topics/questions

Provide feedback, Email [wxq@epa.gov](mailto:wqx@epa.gov).

Access the **My User Preferences** page in WQX Web under the **Setup** tab to customize your account settings, including your default Organization ID and import file behaviors.

Navigating to My User Preferences

1. Log into your **CDX Account** and open the **WQX Web** application.
2. In the top navigation menu, click the **Setup** tab.

3. Select **My User Preferences** from the drop-down menu.

Available Settings & Customization

Use this page to tailor the system to your workflow:

- **Organization Default:** Set your primary Organization ID, which will auto-select as the default criteria on WQX Web list pages.
- **Import Configuration Page:** Set default file types and column labels for your import setups.
- **Import File Page:** Choose whether WQX Web should automatically ignore the first row of your import files.
- **List Page Defaults:** Dictate the number of rows (e.g., 500) to display on data table screens for easier viewing.

For more information, you can reference the full [EPA WQX Web User Guide](#) or explore general [Water Quality Data Upload \(WQX\)](#) resources on the US EPA website

The [Water Quality Portal \(WQP\)](#) is a centralized repository that integrates data from over 2.6 million sites, combining information from the USGS, EPA, and USDA. It allows you to freely explore monitoring locations, physical/chemical sample results, and biological data across the U.S. and globally.

How to Explore WQP Sites

1. **Use the Interactive Map / Portal**

Head over to the Water Quality Portal Website to access the main query interface. You can search for sites using parameters like location, site type, and date range.

2. **Search by Area or Organization**

Filter for monitoring locations using specific criteria such as:

- a. **Location:** State, county, HUC (Hydrologic Unit Code), or latitude/longitude bounding boxes.
- b. **Organizations:** Specific state agencies, tribes, or watershed groups (e.g., searching for local Department of the Environment IDs).
- c. **Upstream/Downstream:** Map out Water Quality Portal stations up to 10 miles upstream or downstream of specific locations using the beta watershed search feature

Minutes from past meetings can be found [here](#).