

# STORET User Call Minutes 4/28/2016

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## Agenda Topics

### 1. Update on QA Workgroup

- a. Discussions for improving the nutrient best practices document and adaptations for WQX 3.0 are ongoing.
- b. Updates on Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Characteristics:
  - "Total" is ambiguous
  - New rule for Total Nitrogen:
    - o Characteristic: Total Nitrogen, mixed forms
    - o Fraction: Filtered/Unfiltered
    - o Speciation: as N
  - New Rule for Total Phosphorus:
    - o Characteristic: Total Phosphorus, mixed forms
    - o Fraction: Filtered/Unfiltered
    - o Speciation: as P
  - Comments: None
  - Synonyms, such as ammonium and various forms, are being reviewed
  - Characteristics that have seen little use in the past 3 years will be retired
  - These changes have been implemented in WQX, currently active.
  - Questions:
    - o Will users have to resubmit data to implement changes?
      - Resubmit or use two potential solutions:
        - Characteristic will be replaced with alias when downloaded
        - EPA avoids changing submitted data, but will do so if provided with explicit instructions for changes by user.
    - o How does this reconcile with ESAR data standard?
      - This is separate. Connection here would be with SRS.
    - o Including speciation in characteristic name can be a workaround for users who do not support speciation with internal databases. Renamed characteristic can then be mapped in WQX.

## **2. Demo of Tribal Water Quality Data Roadmap**

- a. Tool was deigned to create data submission program guidance document without internet access and provide initial framework for analysis.
- b. Final version will be released by end of May 2016.
- c. No questions or comments.

## **3. EPA is considering a decommission of the STORET Warehouse, shifting all data download needs to the Water Quality Portal**

- a. Would allow increased resources for developing the Water Quality Portal.
- b. Legacy data would be moved to Water Quality Portal and flagged.
- c. Synchronization to the Water Quality Portal will not be affected immediately, but may occur more often.
- d. No comments.

## **4. Miscellaneous items:**

- a. Monitoring conference next week. Please stop by and say hi
  - i. No live feed, but, all PowerPoints will be available online.
- b. R 'STORET Data Discovery Tool' is on the website.

## **5. Open discussion**

- No comments.