



Data Management Work Group
Conference Call Meeting
January 26, 2009

Meeting Notes

- I. Welcome and Self-introductions - Karen Bassett, Chair; Melanie Morris, Co-Chair
17 States participated

- II. Draft Resolution – *USEPA/State Commitment to the Full Implementation of the National Environmental Information Exchange Network*
 - A substantial investment has been made to get the EN up and running
 - The time has come to turn off other flows and focus on making the EN a success
 - Data reporting under the jobs recovery legislation may have to be discussed in the future
 - Bi-directional flows of data and publishing of data were discussed
 - Adding tribes to the resolution or encouraging tribes to pass a similar resolution was discussed – ECOS cannot speak for tribes so the latter course of action will be pursued by Mike Beaulac
 - The draft resolution was approved by the 17 participating members and will be sent to the ECOS Planning Committee for their consideration and a plenary vote at the ECOS Spring meeting.

- III. Environmental Information Technology Leadership Council [EITLC]
 - States were well represented at the December 10 organizational meeting of the new EITLC
 - Laurie Beamish (IN) was appointed by the ECOS President to assume the State co-chair and Lisa Schlosser (EPA Director, Office of Information Collection) was appointed EPA co-chair.
 - Steering Committee members were appointed as follows: Mike Ahern (OH) and Roy Walker (OK) for ECOS and Rick Marin (Deputy Director, Office of Information Analysis and Access) and Vaughn Noga (Deputy Director, Office of Technology Operations and Planning) for USEPA.
 - The co-chairs are scheduled to meet via conference call this week.
 - Through ECOSWIRE, Lee Garrigan will ask ECOS State commissioners/directors to submit the name of an appropriate potential state representative to participate on the Council.

- IV. CROMERR – status of state applications from Adele Vogelgesang (OH) and David Schwarz (EPA)
 - EPA has received 28 formal applications from 23 states
 - EPA published one formal approval (OK)
 - An additional six applications have been approved by the TRC and are in process to have the approval formalized;
 - Two additional applications have been determined to be complete

- 15 incomplete determinations where the applications have not yet been amended (EPA expects to have most of these applications on track toward approval within the next 3 - 6 months.
 - There is still the expectation that systems using PINs as e-signature devices require a second-factors, and that appropriately implemented challenge-questions can meet this requirement.
 - Massachusetts was disappointed to receive a request from USEPA for additional, detailed information in over 160 areas of administration.
 - USEPA requested very little from Delaware and it was handled via telephone
 - The groups discussed the value of gathering information on the implementation of the rule prior to meetings with a yet-to-be appointed EPA CIO.
 - Karen Bassett will discuss with Planning Committee leaders possibly compiling the requests from EPA in follow-up letters to state CROMERR applications. Such information would likely help States identify was EPA is/is not accepting.
 - Karen Bassett would like to identify a small group of DMWG members to participate in a conference call with Lisa Schlosser to discuss CROMERR (possible participants include: Karen Bassett (AR), Melanie Morris (MS), Adele Vogelgesang (OH), Scott Nally (IN), Mike Beaulac (MI), Roy Walker (OK))
- V. Exchange Network – update on the greenhouse gas pilot –Mitch West
- The EN engaged the Climate Registry a year ago and has established a good relationship
 - Neither EPA nor OMB has shared the GHG reporting rule with states or industry.
- VI. Other Business – Karen B. plans to meet with the new CIO in Washington, DC
- Next face-to-face meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2009 ECOS Annual Meeting, September 21, 2009 - September 23, 2009, Whitefish, MT
- VII. Next Conference Call – February 23, 2009, 2:00 –3:00 pm Eastern