# Integrated Project Team (IPT) Status Report April 2003

This report contains 1-page summaries on the following data flows using CDX:

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Description:

AQS is a national database that contains ambient air quality monitoring data collected by State and local governments

Air Quality System (AQS)

Representatives

Recommended Lead: Ed Lillis

Program: Mike Letke, Jake Summers, David Updike

CDX: Charles Freeman, Greg Mitchell Region: Not directly involved in collection process

State: Program office solicited requests for participation with State partners at

National Conference in April 2003

Challenge Grant: See above

Contractors: CSC, Dyncorp, Oracle, OAO

File Format:

Data Flow:

Flat File: April 2003

Schema: Summer/Fall 2003 TRG approved: To be submitted

Approval level: N/A

Includes entire National System? Yes

Expected Date for Deployment: Flat file April 2003

XML Fall 2003 (estimated)

Node exchange: Winter 2003/2004 (estimated)

Number of submissions received:

This month: N/A
Year to Date: N/A

Registrations: None yet on CDX, Approximately 600 State and local governments that

submit data and/or retrieve reports

Current Snapshot: Completing Beta testing flat file upload process. Schema development in

process. Will rollout flat file transfer process in April and May 2003. Will

complete and test XML node exchanges.

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Data Flow: Beaches-STORET

Description: The Beaches-STORET System will allow States subject to reporting

requirements (35 States) promulgated under the Beach Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health (BEACH) Act to submit their annual beach notification/closure information to PRAWN (program tracking

database) and beach monitoring information to STORET.

Representatives

Recommended Lead: Andy Battin

Program: Charles Kovatch, Lee Manning, Bob King, Cary McElhinney, Kevin

Christian, Michael Plastino, Leo Gueriguian, Andy Battin, Tim Richards

(OTOP), David Updike (OTOP)

CDX: Mike Hart

Region: Bob Simpson, Region 2

State: New Jersey: Irene Kropp, Mike Matsko, Virginia Loftin

Also: Shannon Briggs (MI), Kendall Dunham (NY), Marshall Brooks (VA),

Dennis Murphy (DE)

Challenge Grant States: GA, NC, CA, DE, NJ (lead)

Contractors: CSC, SAIC, AMS, TRI, Gold Systems, DynCorp

File Format:

Flat File: Beach Monitoring Data

Schema: XML Schema near final for Beach Monitoring Data, Beach Notification

Data; accessible via http://www.exchangenetwork.net

TRG approved: Submitted for approval Spring 2003

Approval level: N/A

Includes entire National System? No. Initially, a minimum requirements systems will be supported that will

allow users to interface with WebRIT (georeferencing) and STORET Web

Registration (metadata).

Expected Date for Deployment: Beaches-STORET is scheduled for a Memorial Day (May 2003) launch.

Node exchange: A prototype for Beach Notification is currently under development.

Number of submissions received:

This month: N/A
Year to Date: N/A

Registrations: 8-10 Beaches States anticipated initially. Thereafter, 100 (2-3 from each

of the Beaches States, Territories, Tribes, Regions).

Current Snapshot: Alpha testing for the initial implementation of the Beaches-STORET

system will be completed by May 2003. Will implement XML schema through CDX. Will perform requirements for backend connectivity to

STORET and PRAWN by Summer 2003.

Data Flow: e-DMR (Discharge Monitoring Reports) Challenge Grant

e-DMR is a schema on data contained in discharge monitoring reports (DMRs)

under the EPA NPDES Program. The e-DMR contains exchange format modules for facility information, contact information, submission information and wastewater characterization

information

Representatives

Description:

Recommended Lead: Michael Beaulac

Program: Michael Beaulac, MI State lead

CDX: John Coates, Pat Garvey, Connie Dwyer, Steve Vineski
Region: Steve Goranson, Noel Kohl (Region 5), Joe Kerry (Region 3)
State: Michael Beaulac, and Bill Geake (MI, lead), Joe Doker, John

Coates, Barbara Kennedy and Terri Rein (FL), Charles Dunn and Gayla Mullin (IN), James Fansler, Leslie Goldsmith and Edward Meyer (MN), Mark Hyland and Marilyn Phillips (NY), Anna Rump (RI), Bob Jacoby (TX), Gail Mills (WI), Joseph Bennett, William Ewer, Gail Jackson, Matthew Nielsen, and Matthew Stahl (PA)

Contractors: Enfotech

File Format:

Schema: XML Schema developed in 2002 and uses modules and XML

Tags from the Facility ID Schema

Web Interface: Completed in 2002

TRG approved: In Process

Approval level: Candidate recommendation

Includes entire National System? Facility to State data requirements only, Project is attempting to

support State-to-CDX data flow as well.

Expected Date for Deployment: May 1, 2003 (Michigan) other States to Follow

Node exchange: Summer-Fall 2003 (estimated) with CDX and Other States

Number of submissions received:

This month: N/A
Year to Date: N/A

Registrations: None on CDX. Michigan facilities will begin enrolling for

participation Spring 2003

Current Snapshot: Data flow from Facility to State has been developed and tested

and will be implemented May 1, 2003 in Michigan. Data flow from State to CDX has not been completed but is planned for late Summer 2003. Held States Meeting in early February

2003.

Data Flow: e-DWR (Drinking Water Reports)

e-DWR pertains to the schema developed for drinking water reporting. The

e-DWR system contains modules for monthly operating reports and lab reporting information. It has been harmonized to the

Facility and e-DMR schemas.

Representatives

Description:

Recommended Lead: Michael Beaulac

Program: Michael Beaulac, MI State lead

CDX: John Coates, Pat Garvey, Connie Dwyer Region: Steve Goranson, Noel Kohl (Region 5)

State: Michael Beaulac and Mike Breithart (MI, lead), Joe Doker, John

Coates and Kenna Study (FL), and representatives from IA, MT,

WI, PA

File Format:

Schema: e-DWR XML Schema has been approved

Web Interface: Completed in 2002 TRG approved: Submitted for review

Approval level: Working Draft

Includes entire National System? Facility to State data flow only

Expected Date for Deployment: Testing has occurred in winter 2003 (Nebraska)

Node exchange: Undetermined

Number of submissions received:

This month: 2-3 successful test submissions (February 2003)

Year to Date: N/A

Registrations: None on CDX. Michigan facilities will consider implementation

from facility to state, and possibly state to SDWIS(?) by

calendar 2005, funding permitting.

Current Snapshot: Data flow from Facility to State has been developed. A pilot

test demonstrated the e-DWR schema can be used for DWR submission to SDWIS-State for Laboratory-to-State data flow. Further testing might be useful for other reporting forms. Translation from XML file format to EDI file format could be achieved using XSLT. This translation could be very useful to serve as an interim solution during the EDI to XML transition

period for all SDWIS-State states.

Data Flow: Facility Registry System (FRS)

Description: FRS is a national database that contains the facility identification data

which is collected from national systems, States and web resources.

Representatives

Recommended Lead: Pat Garvey
Program: Pat Garvey
CDX: Pat Garvey
Chris Clark

Region: All Regional Data Stewards, Ken Blumbey, lead

State: NE, MN, DE, PA, SC, UT, MS, OR, CA, MD, NJ, GA, TN, NC, NY, HI, SD

Contractors: CSC, SAIC

File Format:

Flat File: Yes, completed Schema: Yes, completed

TRG approved: Submitted in October 2002
Approval level: Candidate recommendation

Includes entire National System? Yes both in Flat & XML Schema

Expected Date for Deployment: Flat file - February 2000

XML - Spring 2002

Node Exchange: April 2003

Number of submissions received from CDX:

This month: N/A
Year to Date: N/A

Registrations: None yet on CDX, Approximately 45 States expected

Current Snapshot: Presently testing retrieval and upload processing through CDX Node.

Production to and from States in April 2003 through CDX. Schema is

awaiting the TRG Approvals.

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Data Flow:	Interim Data Exchange Format (State NPDES to PCS)
Description:	IDEF is an XML format for delegated States to submit National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) data to EPA's Permit Compliance System (PCS). EPA's Permit Compliance System requires certain key data elements to locate records. States that can provide all of these key data elements are considered "pass-through" states, since the State can provide all the requisite data available to update PCS records. Some States do not have these requisite key data available, so IDEF is developing middleware to generate these keys on behalf of the States and add it to their data submissions.
Representatives	
Recommended Lead:	John Hovell
Program:	Glendora Spinelli, Steven Rubin, Jefferey Clark
CDX:	Steve Vineski  Pagion 3: Dit Choung, Coorgo Noorgo Rogion 6: Pagion Himas
Region: State:	Region 2: Dit Cheung, George Nossa Region 6: Becky Himes Pilot States: VA and NJ (NJ is pilot State for Middleware)
Glate.	Melanie Morris (MS) co-chairs IDEF IPT with Mark Luttner and Mike
	Stahl; Also working with Charles Furrey (IA), Warren Opfer (WA)
Contractors:	CSC, LMI
Ella Faccad	
File Format: Flat File:	No
Schema/DTD:	No DTD
TRG approved:	No
Approval level:	N/A
Includes entire National System?	Yes
Expected Date for Deployment:	Pass-through: In production April 2002 for States (VA) that can provide all PCS key fields. Middleware: May 2003 for States that cannot provide key data (estimate 12 States).
Node exchange:	Modernized PCS (ICIS) is scheduled for deployment in 2005.
Node exchange.	IDEF DTDs will be incorporated into a new ICIS XML schema with plans for Node, HTTPS, on-line, and flat-file submissions.
	NJ and MS have expressed interest in using Node exchanges with the current XML DTDs. OIC is considering supporting that option once Middleware is completed.
Number of submissions received:	
This month:	N/A
Year to Date:	N/A
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Registrations:	5 Total. VA in production, NJ (not in production) and IA(in test)
Current Snapshot:	For States without the required key data elements, Middleware has been developed and tested in the test environment. IA has successfully tested

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all submission types with the exception of measurement violation. Testing will begin with Washington state April 14 and will be completed by June

Data Flow: National Emission Inventory (NEI)

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Description: NEI is a database containing data to help characterize emissions

of criteria and hazardous air pollutants. Data are submitted by

State and local governments tri-annually. The collection process also includes annual resubmissions and periodic

corrections to the data.

Representatives

Recommended Lead: Phil Lorang

Program: Lee Tooly, Sally Dombrowski

CDX: Chuck Freeman

Region: Not involved in collection process

State: Dennis Burling, NB and Buzz Asselmeier, IL
Challenge Grant: Renee Martinez (NM), State Challenge grant lead

Contractors: CSC, LMI

File Format:

Flat File: Yes, Completed
Schema: Yes, Completed
TRG approved: Requested, in process

Approval level: N/A

Includes entire National System?

Expected Date for Deployment: Flat File through CDX, May 2001 - June 2004 and beyond

XML test transmissions through CDX, Summer 2002 & 2003, Production

June 2004

Node exchange: To be pilot tested Summer/Fall 2003

Number of submissions received:

This month: 16

Year to Date: 32 (237 for 2002)

Registrations: 119 Total, including 34 States, 5 local governments, 5 Tribes

Current Snapshot: Preparing for roll out for NEI Input Format (NIF) and XML formats in June

2003. Will update schema and translator to incorporate EPA data

standards and NIF 3.0 format by Fall 2003.

Data Flow: PCS/ICIS (OECA) ICIS is a modernized version of PCS built on a relational database Description: platform, removing many of the requisite key data requirements, and providing additional user features. ICIS will also expand the data set to include other sources, such an Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and non-point sources. Representatives Recommended Lead: John Hovell Program: Glendora Spinelli CDX: Steve Vineski, Charles Freeman Region: Becky Himes, Region 6 (data flow design team) State: Charles Furrey (IA), Terry Behm (NJ), MS, CA, OH, NC Contractors: CSC, Booz Allen Hamiliton File Format: Flat File: Yes Schema: Yes TRG approved: Not submitted yet Approval level: N/A Includes entire National System? Yes Expected Date for Deployment: 2005 2005 Node exchange: Number of submissions received: This month: None Year to Date: None Registrations: None **Current Snapshot:** Developing design for the system. A draft design is expected in May, and then undergo a 3-4 month review process. OECA is also revising its ICIS schedule to address recent SMF decisions.

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Data Flow: Radionuclide NESHAPS

Description: NESHAPS requires regulated facilities to report data related to the

emission of radionuclides into the atmosphere.

Representatives

Recommended Lead: Frank Marcinowski

Program: Khesha Jennings (OAR-ORIA), Sanjib Chaki

CDX: Charles Freeman

Region: Jeanette Eng (Region 2), Lloyd Generette (Region 4), Michael Murphy

(Region 5), George Brozowski (Region 6)

State: Dick Sharpe and Susan Jenkins (SC), Al Conklin (WA)

Contractors: LMI

File Format:

Flat File: Deployment Spring 2003 for Subpart H facilities

Schema: Not applicable at this time

Web Form: Used in combination with flat file (see above)

TRG approved: Not applicable at this time Approval level: Not applicable at this time

Includes entire National System? No National System in existence for Radionuclides or NESHAPS

submissions

Expected Date for Deployment: Spring 2003 for Subpart H facilities

Node exchange: Not applicable at this time

Number of submissions received:

This month:

Year to Date:

Not applicable at this time
Not applicable at this time

Registrations: Not applicable at this time. Approximately 40 federal and commercial

facilities required to report annually.

Current Snapshot: Testing front and back-end application with Regions and States from

December 2002-April 2003. Working with Ohio and Tennessee to get feedback on the back-end application. Scheduling demonstration on the

submission process with select facilities in late April 2003.

Data Flow: RCRAInfo

Description: RCRAInfo is the national database containing data collected from

delegated States and Regions on hazardous waste. RCRAInfo primarily

consists of 5 modules: Permitting, Corrective Action, Handler, Compliance Monitoring Enforcement, Waste Activity Report

Representatives

Recommended Lead: Lionel Brown

Program: Eric Schwarz, Michael Hillard

CDX: Charles Freeman Region: Mike Lee, Region 3

State: Meeting scheduled in March 2003 with Region 5, Michigan, and Mario

Baroni (MS) to solicit participation. Program Office is currently

considering other participants.

Challenge Grant: Melanie Morris, Mississippi lead for Challenge grant

Contractors: CSC, Booz Allen Hamilton

File Format:

Flat File: All 5 RCRAInfo modules

Schema: Draft schema for three of five modules (Permitting, Corrective Action,

Handler)

Web Form: SiteID Form (Part A Notification of Waste Activity)

TRG approved: Submitted for approval

Approval level: N/A

Includes entire National System? Yes, for flat file

Schema includes 3 of 5 modules (see above)

Expected Date for Deployment: Flat file May 2003

XML Winter 2003 (estimated)

Node exchange: Summer 2004 (estimated)

Number of submissions received:

This month: N/A
Year to Date: N/A

Registrations: None on CDX, approximately 35 State and Regional Entities. Total

universe of SiteID forms is 70,000 and CDX expects to support 3,000 of

these forms in 2003.

Current Snapshot: Currently testing flat file upload. Deployment planned for May 2003.

Completed draft schema for three of five State modules (Handler, Corrective Action, Permitting). Schema revisions planned for Summer

2003.

Data Flow:	SDWARS/UCMR
Description:	The Safe Drinking Water Access and Review System supports reporting requirements promulgated under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation. Labs submit their inventory for Public Water Supply (PWS) approval and, upon approval, that inventory can be viewed by the States and EPA.
Representatives	
Recommended Lead:	Jeff Bryan
Program:	Jeff Bryan, Roger Howard, Dan Hautman, Chris Frebis, Mike Cummins, Michella Karapondo
CDX:	Mike Hart
Region:	Robert Burns (Region 4), Jack Rychecky (Region 8), Andy Waite (Region 6), Rita Bair (Region 5)
State:	Program Office's Data Sharing Committee has engaged Damon Guterman (MA), Doug Mandy (MN), Brad Addison (GA), Cliff Bowen (CA), Mary Alvey (OR)
Contractors:	CSC
File Format:	
Flat File:	Yes
Schema:	Yes
TRG approved:	DTD submitted for approval (this project was developed before the decision to use XML Schema)
Approval level:	Pending
Includes entire National System?	Yes
Expected Date for Deployment:	In production as of October 2001
Node exchange:	No
Number of submissions received:	
This month: Year to Date:	487 (454 flat files and 33 XML) 1376 (Approximately 5700 for 2002)
Registrations:	4984 active (485 Labs, 4432 PWS, 45 States)
Current Snapshot:	In production.

Data Flow: Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS)

Description: SDWIS supports the quarterly reporting requirements promulgated under

the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Representatives

Recommended Lead: Jeff Bryan

Program: Chuck Job, Jeff Bryan, Abe Siegel, Ed Cottrill, L.A. Darnell, Lee Kyle, Leo

Gueriguian, Andy Battin

CDX: Mike Hart

Region: Robert Burns (Region 4), Jack Rychecky (Region 8), Andy Waite (Region

6), Rita Bair (Region 5)

State: Program Office's Data Sharing Committee has engaged Damon

Guterman (MA), Doug Mandy (MN), Brad Addison (GA), Cliff Bowen

(CA), Mary Alvey (OR).

E-DWR has 9 States in project, lead is Mike Beaulac, MI

Challenge Grant States: NJ has Challenge grant, NH is lead

Contractors: CSC, SAIC

File Format:

Flat File: To be developed Schema: Completed

TRG approved: Submitted for review in March 2003

Approval level: N/A

Includes entire National System? Yes

Expected Date for Deployment: December 2003

Node exchange: Winter 2003/2004

Number of submissions received:

This month: N/A
Year to Date: N/A

Registrations: 25-30 States anticipated initially; all remaining States, and Territories,

Tribes and Regions thereafter

Current Snapshot: Completed high-level requirements gathering for this State-to-EPA flow.

Development effort to begin, pending adequate funding.

Data Flow: Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

Description: TRI is an EPA database that contains information on toxic chemical

releases and other waste management activities reported annually by

certain covered industry groups as well as federal facilities.

Representatives

Recommended Lead: John Dombrowski

Program: Josh Woodyard, Annette Marion, Larry Reisman, Michelle Price, Wendy

Timm, Dipti Singh

CDX: Kim Orr

Region: Industry-to-EPA flow, Not yet involved in collection process
State: Industry-to-EPA flow, Not yet involved in collection process

Contractors: CSC, SAIC

File Format:

Flat File: For electronic submissions, we encourage the use of the Toxics Release

Inventory-Made Easy Software (*TRI-ME*). In order for data to be properly loaded in the TRIS database, the TRI Program does make available via the TRI web site the magnetic media file structure. The file formats must meet the specifications in the document or the TRIS database will not be

able to load these submissions.

Schema: N/A
TRG approved: N/A
Approval level: N/A

Includes entire National System? Yes

Expected Date for Deployment: The TRI-ME reporting software for reporting year 2002 will be available to

the public in the Spring of 2003, via the TRI web site and provided to all facilities via CD-ROM with the annual mailing of the reporting package.

Node exchange: N/A

Number of CDX submissions received:

Year to Date: For FY 2001, 7,845 TRI chemical submissions were received via CDX

and transmitted to the TRIS database. No submissions have been recorded for RY2002 as the deadline for reporting is July 1, 2003.

Registrations: N/A. For TRI-ME, there are 2217 active registrants and 2627 submissions

were received for RY2001.

Current Snapshot: TRI-ME software with electronic signature feature is now available for

RY2002.

Data Flow: Toxic Substances Control Act Test Submissions (TSCATS) Description: Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics developed the TSCATS database to track health and safety data submissions from industry, required under sections 4, 8(d), and 8(e) of the TSCA, and voluntary non-confidential For Your Information (FYI) health and safety data submissions to EPA and the TSCA Interagency Testing Committee (ITC). Representatives Recommended Lead: Vicki Anderson Program: John Leitzke, John Beier CDX: Chuck Freeman Region: Industry-to-EPA flow, Not involved in collection process Industry-to-EPA flow, Not involved in collection process State: Contractors: CSC, LMI, SRC File Format: Flat File: Nο Schema: Nο TRG approved: N/A Approval level: N/A Includes entire National System? Yes Expected Date for Deployment: Web forms launched into production August 2002 Node exchange: N/A Number of submissions received: This month: Year to Date: None (48 submissions in 2002) Registrations: 23 Companies Current Snapshot: OPPT Federal Register Notice scheduled for release in Spring 2003 may generate more interest on the part of facilities.

Data Flow: Toxic Substances Control Act Premanufacture Notices (TSCA-PMNs) Description: Industry submitters must submit a premanufacture notice (PMN) if they intend to manufacture (import is considered manufacture) any new chemical substance which is not on the TSCA Inventory or otherwise excluded from notification, as discussed below. Representatives Recommended Lead: Linda Gerber Program: Anna Coutlakis, Dave Schutz CDX: Chuck Freeman Region: Industry-to-EPA flow, Not involved in collection process Industry-to-EPA flow, Not involved in collection process State: Contractors: CSC File Format: Flat File: Nο Schema: No TRG approved: N/A Approval level: N/A Includes entire National System? Yes Expected Date for Deployment: Launched into production in January 2003 Node exchange: N/A Number of submissions received: None This month: Year to Date: None Registrations: N/A **Current Snapshot:** TSCA PMNs are not a data "flow", but a PDF form that CDX will be hosting on its Web site under the category "downloadable forms." The CDX Help Desk will respond to all calls related to the PMN.

#### **Glossary of Terms**

#### **Exchange Network**

The Environmental Information Exchange Network is an Internet and standards-based secure data exchange between partners, built on the principles of integrated information, secure real-time access, and the electronic collection and storage of accurate information. The Exchange Network consists of data exchanges between 'nodes' or portals maintained individually by participating partners. Once established, these data exchanges will replace and complement the traditional approach to information exchange that currently relies upon States feeding data directly to multiple EPA national data systems.

Flat file

A flat file is a file containing records that have no structured interrelationship. The term is frequently used to describe a textual document from which all word processing or other structure characters or markup have been removed. EPA program databases typically use a flat file format to move data from state or local systems to the National systems

**Network Node** 

A connection point, either a redistribution point or an end point for data transmissions. In general, a node has programmed or engineered capability to recognize and process or forward transmissions to other nodes.

Schema

An abstract representation of an object's characteristics and relationship to other objects. An XML schema represents the interrelationship between the attributes and elements of an XML object (for example, a document or a portion of a document). To create a schema for a document, you analyze its structure, defining each structural element as you encounter it.

**Technical Resources Group** 

The TRG, a workgroup of the Network Steering Board (NSB), provides specific technical advice to the NSB on issues relating to the implementation and ongoing maintenance of the Exchange Network.

Web services

Services that are made available from an organization's Web server for Web users or other Web-connected programs.

**XML** 

Extensible Markup Language is a flexible language for creating common information formats and sharing both the format and the data on the World Wide Web and elsewhere. XML, a formal recommendation from the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), is similar to the language of today's Web pages, the Hypertext Markup Language