



Phase 2 Goal 3

Better Data Access for Better Decisions

Joint ENLC/NTB Meeting

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Topics to Cover

- Brief review of Goal 3
- Challenges in getting started
- Opportunities for collaboration
- Discuss how we want to approach goal 3

Goal 3 Review

The Network Enables Better Decisions Through Timely, Accessible, and Useful Environmental Information.

- Convene Teams to Develop Data Sharing Solutions That Serve the Needs of EN Partners and Consumers
- Document Business Requirements and Build Publishing Services
- Assist Partners in Implementing and Maintaining Publishing Services
- Support the Development of Tools that Promote Easier Discovery, Integration, and Use of Environmental Data

Goal 3 Challenges

- Knowing where to start
 - Scope can be overwhelming
 - How do we create and build momentum?
- Understanding data demand
 - Who wants what environmental data?
 - What use cases can we meet?
- Incentivizing data sharing
 - Benefits often accrue to data consumers
- Overcoming the Network's perception problem
 - Many view the Network as a submission tool

Opportunities for Cooperation

Several efforts with similar goals are underway

- Federal Open Data Policy and Executive Order
- EPA Open Data activities
 - Environmental Information Management Policy

What can we learn from one another and how can we collaborate to further our common goals?

Discussion Topics

- Connecting the EN with other open data efforts
- Using APIs to achieve the Network's data access goals
- How could the Network add value to APIs?
- How would this impact our scope?
- What are the implications for governance?
- Identifying next steps and development opportunities