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DMMP STATUS REPORT

UPDATE ON TRANSITION FROM DAIS TO EIM

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INTRODUCTION

At the 2012 SMARM the DMMP agencies announced plans to transition to Ecology's Environmental Information Management (EIM) database as a repository of physical, chemical and biological testing data for dredged material characterization and monitoring activities. This transition has been ongoing throughout DY13.

STATUS

Significant effort on transferring dredging data from DAIS to EIM has been ongoing throughout the last year. As of April 2013, data from 189 projects have been exported from DAIS and entered into EIM. Characterization projects that are ongoing are now required to submit chemical and biological testing data to the DMMO in EIM format. Data from 3 projects completed in DY13 have already been submitted to EIM.

Progress has been made on a number of other procedural and data management issues identified in the 2012 clarification paper. A quality assurance process has been developed within DMMO to ensure the accuracy and completeness of all EIM data submittals.

In addition, guidelines to help consultants and labs make the transition have been developed for marine and freshwater sites. These EIM submittal guidelines are now available on the DMMP website or through the DMMO.

Ecology will implement changes to the EIM templates in August 2013. DMMO will be revising our EIM submittal guidelines in association with these changes and will make the revised guidelines available as soon as possible.

EIM does not capture some of the data that is essential for DMMP, such as the volume and suitability determination for each DMMU and final disposition of the dredged material. Critical data elements that need to be maintained outside EIM have been identified and a suitable method for storing and maintaining this information is being evaluated.