

service or enterprise. EPA will also not use participation in the technical proof of concept as an eligibility factor for participation in potential future related data exchange projects or with any potential production deployment of third-party data exchange. Persons that are interested in participating in the technical proof of concept but cannot attend the webinar should contact Ms. Reed, *see* **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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Appendix A: Technical Proof of Concept Objective, Scope, and Criteria for Success

Objective: The objective of the technical proof of concept is to demonstrate that a third party software provider can offer an interface to the regulated community that can leverage EPA/Exchange Network services and meet the requirements for electronic reporting to EPA's Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS)-NPDES system.

Scope: The technical proof of concept shall demonstrate basic functionality for electronically submitting DMRs using existing EPA standards, protocols, and specifications. For this technical proof of concept, the general scope is expected to include:

Initial Setup. Each software provider selected for participating in the technical proof of concept demonstration by EPA must apply for their own Network Authentication Authorization Services (NAAS) test account by contacting the Central Data Exchange (CDX) Node Help Desk at nodehelpdesk@epacdx.net. All software providers must request the ICIS test user account and data flow configuration information for transferring data to EPA's ICIS system by contacting Ms. Kittle (kittle.alison@epa.gov).

Basic Permit/DMR Information. EPA will provide permit limit data to the participating software provider for a sample permit in EPA's ICIS-NPDES system for the provider to be able to use in their submissions. EPA will provide the algorithms for anticipating DMRs from the limit data for the software provider to identify and extract monitoring data when it is due at EPA. This will be done using the vendor's software and not simply creating an XML file.

Preparing DMR for Submission. Using the ICIS limits data and algorithm provided by EPA, the software provider shall extract the expected DMR data and use it to prepare an XML file based upon the format as prescribed in EPA's ICIS DMR Batch User Guide, ICIS DMR Data Exchange Template, and ICIS DMR Example XML Instance Document. The software provider will be responsible for validating the resulting sample DMR XML against the DMR XML schema before

compressing the file into a format compatible with WinZip.

Electronic Submission of Sample DMR. Using the established connectivity and the standards, protocols, and specifications for the Exchange Network's data exchange services, the software provider shall connect, authenticate and invoke services necessary to electronically submit their sample DMR XML to CDX.

Processing by CDX. Once the sample DMR XML zipped file is received by CDX, it must pass simple validation checks against EPA's DMR XML schema. The software provider will be responsible for tracking the status of the submission, obtaining the results of the submission, correcting any errors that will have occurred, and resubmitting the DMR XML to EPA until it has been properly processed.

Processing by ICIS. Once the sample submission has successfully passed schema validation, CDX will distribute the file to ICIS for processing. ICIS will return an XML file containing the list of key fields for parameters able to be processed ("accepted transactions") along with an XML file of parameters unable to be processed with error messages ("rejected transactions"). The software provider will be responsible for downloading this report through the download service provided by CDX and providing a means for viewing these errors within their software package.

Criteria for Success: The general criteria for successful completion of the technical proof of concept by the software provider are:

- Ability of the software provider's electronic reporting software to use ICIS limit set information to determine when a scheduled parameter is due in ICIS.
- Successful generation of the following types of sample DMR XML files in the format expected by ICIS via the software provider's electronic reporting software:
 - DMRs with change, replace and mass delete transactions being submitted at the same time for one or more permitted facilities;
 - One permitted facility having over 25 unique outfalls with parameters being reported at the same time;
 - One permitted facility having over 25 unique parameters being reported at the same time;
 - Multi-seasonal parameters being reported with non-seasonal parameters at the same time for one or more permitted facilities;
 - Parameters monitored monthly, quarterly, annually and semi-annually being reported at the same time for one or more permitted facilities;
 - Scheduled parameters and unscheduled parameters being reported at the same time for one or more permitted facilities;
 - Monitored and optionally monitored parameters being reported at the same time for one or more permitted facilities;
 - Biosolids data being reported with parameter values at the same time for one or more permitted facilities;
 - Parameters for one or more sewage treatment plants being reported for one or more permitted facilities;
 - Parameters with reported values, parameters with No Discharge Indicators, and

parameters with a combination of reported values and No Discharge Indicators being reported at the same time for one or more permitted facilities; and

- DMRs that are able to pass all business rules specified in the ICIS Batch Technical Specification Document.
- Successful authentication and electronic submission of all types of sample DMR XML files listed above to CDX via the software provider's electronic reporting software.
- Ability to receive, track and interpret CDX notices on the status of each DMR XML file submission.
- Ability of all types of sample DMR XML files to pass initial schema validation by CDX.
- Successful retrieval of CDX schema validation result reports and ICIS error reports in XML format for each submission to CDX, and use the reports to perform defect correction and resubmission of corrected DMR XML files as necessary.
- 100% success in the ability of ICIS to process all of the sample DMR XML files listed above.
- Ability for the software provider's electronic reporting software to receive, parse and process accepted and rejected transaction reports returned by ICIS for each CDX submission with a status of "Completed" in XML format, and translate them into a human readable format for the submitter to review.

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Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

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