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Subject: RE: CT fish tissue data and WQX

Thanks Laura! I have an account for uploading volunteer water monitoring data that is submitted to CT DEEP; Mary Becker manages the 'main' CT DEEP account which includes only data directly collected by our group. I don't believe we've uploaded any fish tissue data yet, so help with that task in particular would be welcome. We are in the early stages of data collection and management relative to PFAS but I'm trying to be proactive to make sure we can manage it effective if/when we collect more. I'll put in a ticket – thank you! Monique, I'll follow up with you separately as well.

Thanks!
Meghan

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Hi Meghan,

We would be happy to help you. When you are ready, please email wqx@epa.gov and we will create a ticket for you and get you assigned to an expert.

Also, I am sure you already know but CT submits data to WQX already. If you ever have questions about coordinating data submittals, Monique Dulac is the R1 Data Management Coordinator. She is Cc'd here.

Thanks,
Laura Shumway

From: Barrette, Michael <Barrette.Michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 2:06 PM
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Hi Meghan,

Thanks for your message. Regarding ECHO Gov access, it usually takes only a day, so if you can't get in by tomorrow morning, let me know and I will prompt my security folks to move it along.

I can connect you with the right people if you have problems with WQX data loading. Maybe you can try a small test to see if it works. The screen capture from the tool shows the organizations that have successfully loaded PFAS fish tissue data into the portal. The lead coordinator for the portal at EPA is Shumway.laura@epa.gov in the EPA Office of Water. Our Research and Development Office is working with my office (enforcement) on state data sharing pilots, so I'm copying them, along with our contractor as well so they know of your interest in this area. We are working on a data best practices guide that is supposed to help states with these questions, but it is not quite ready yet. It would be great to have success story here that shows your data in our tool and I'm happy to facilitate this going forward.

Mike

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From: Lally, Meghan [mailto:Meghan.Lally@ct.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Barrette, Michael <Barrette.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Materials from Yesterday's ECOS PFAS Caucus Call

Hi Mike –

I participated in the ECOS call yesterday. I am very interested in the data explorer tool that you presented on. I applied to receive a government log-in to the ECHO website and used your name/contact information where an EPA contact was required. I'm not sure how they handle requests, but thought I should email you in case you receive a confirmation request since we have never met!

I work for the CT DEEP in the Water Monitoring Unit and am leading efforts to develop a statewide surface water monitoring strategy. We've previously done some very preliminary data collection (primarily fish tissue) and are hopeful that we'll be receiving funding to do more extensive statewide monitoring in the next year or two. I was glad to hear that WQX can handle all of the data types we'd be considering collecting – the data explorer tool seems like it would be of great interest to us as well as we currently do not have a central PFAS database or data visualizer. Do you know any groups that currently upload PFAS fish tissue data and/or surface water data to WQX? Bruce thought MN did but I reached out to Summer after and she indicated that they did not... I've successfully uploaded several years of volunteer benthic macroinvertebrate data to WQX but it took a lot of head scratching – I'd like to get our fish tissue database up next so it would be great if there was someone I could reach out to for help trouble shooting.

Thanks in advance!
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From: Sarah Grace Longsworth <slongsworth@ecos.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 10:00 AM
Subject: Materials from Yesterday's ECOS PFAS Caucus Call

ECOS PFAS Caucus,

Thank you for the large number of you who participated in today's call! And to our speakers for your presentations.

Below are the speakers' emails, and attached are the PowerPoint presentations.

- Michigan: John Esch: eschj@michigan.gov
- Massachusetts: Andrew Durham: andrew.durham@state.ma.us
- Minnesota: Bruce Monson: bruce.monson@state.mn.us, Summer Streets: summer.streets@state.mn.us
- EPA: Renee Morris (OGWDW- SDWIS States Database): morris.renee@epa.gov, Mike Barrette (OECA- PFAS Data Explorer Tool): barrette.michael@epa.gov

Also, EPA provided this information in the webinar chat if you missed it:

- For EPA's PFAS Data Explorer Tool, government employees can access the PFAS Analytic Tools via echo.epa.gov. Log in, then select Analyze Trends menu, then select Data Visualization Gallery and choose PFAS Analytic Tools.
- Water Quality Data Upload Instructions: https://www.epa.gov/waterdata/water-quality-data-wqx#wqxoverview

Please feel free to reach out to any one of us with questions.

Best,
Sarah Grace Longsworth

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