

# Select Questions and Answers during the Water Quality Portal Webinar on Oct. 24, 2012

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**Q1. Does a search for HUC miss sites that may fall within the area of the HUC but did not have a HUC code associated with the data submission into STORET?**

A1. The HUC field is generated within STORET system based on the location, the submitter doesn't have to enter the code by hand.

**Q2. Who can submit data to WQX?**

A2. Anyone can submit:  
Federal agencies, states, tribes, counties, watershed groups, and universities, etc. To submit data, get ORG ID. Need to be able to align data with common data elements.

**Q3. How do you see local environmental/public health depts. using WQP?**

A3. Source of data for WQX submittal, especially for beaches. Hopefully they use WQP to link related data to the data that they submit. And, hopefully, pull data from WQP and create their own applications tailored to their specific community needs.

**Q4. Is Biological data going to be available through the portal?**

A4. Charles: "We are working on it, maybe in 2013, maybe not."

**Q5. Is groundwater quality data available in the WQP? What proportion of the data in WQP is from groundwater?**

A5. Nate: "Hedged a bit, didn't have exact number. Most of the groundwater data is from NWIS, not STORET."

**Q6. Is there Microbiological data available on the WQP?**

A6. Nate: "Yes"

**Q7. Is there QA/QC on WQX?**

A7. Charles went over the QA/QC policies for submitting to STORET.

**Q8. Is a question about non-detects in WQX.**

A8. There is a requirement in WQX schema if a non-detect is submitted for the sensitivity of the instrument to also be included (Detection Limits).

**Q9. If states have info in their own data systems, does that mean that they end up in the national system all the time?**

A9. Nope, they have to do more work to actually get it up to the national level.