EQUIS Air Quality Data Management Integrated Field Logbooks

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EarthSoft Overview



Who are we?

- EarthSoft is our company, EQuIS is our product
- Worldwide leader in environmental data management systems
- Over 100 staff with large Help Desk and Development team
- EQuIS is all we do continuous development since 1994



What is EQuIS?

Environmental Quality Information System

EQuIS™

An advanced environmental data management and decision support system

- Manage large amounts of air quality data and associated monitoring data
- Modular and scalable system capable meeting the needs of a multi-site portfolio
- Meets requirements of power users, casual users, and management
- Designed for workflow automation and quality control of the entire data management cycle



Data Management Workflow



- ✓ Field Planning
- ✓ Field Data Collection
- Sensor/Logger Integration
- LIMS Integration
- Data Verification & Validation
- Reporting (AQS)
- ✓ Visualization



Field Logbooks

Collect field data – samples, measurements, or inspections

Enter data into phones, tablets or laptops

Submit data to laboratories and the database

Goal: Integrate data collection with your data management workflow





Data Management Workflow



EQuIS Collect & EDGE

Task planning/tracking

Discrete samples (eCOC)

Continuous monitoring

Sensor/logger datafile download

Instrument Calibration/Maintenance

Field Notes

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CURRENT STATE

Redundant and manual systems

Limited or varied data quality

control (QC) procedures

Limited data ownership

Limited process automation

No external collaboration ability

Limited project management

Limited accessibility

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tools



- **DESIRED STATE**
- Single centralized system
- High quality, consistent data



- Established data QC standards
- Full client ownership



- Unlimited web accessibility
- Cost savings via automation
- Easy collaboration outside your internal network
- Efficient tools to help manage projects





- Hosting & Security: Software-as-a-Service vs. On-premise
 Hardware & Browsers
- ✓ Flexibility, Supportability, & Integration
- ✓ Implementation: Timeline, Budget, Requirements, UAT, Go-Live
- Technical: Validation, LIMS Integration, Instrument QC, AQS Deliverables, CARB Deliverables



Where to host your data?

Cloud vs. On-Prem

EarthSoft supports both models for a diverse client base

Considerations: Maintenance, security, upgrades, backups, etc.







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Cloud Hosting: Microsoft Azure

Why Azure?

FedRAMP Compliant

Security, Accessibility, Reliability

Point-in-time restore
Backup Retention
Geographic Redundancy
Integrated Monitoring/Alerts
Threat Detection

SSL Data Encryption (in motion) Transparent Data Encryption (at rest) SSMS Access for Power Users





Manage Permissions

Create data management plan and workflow documentation

Define/assign roles: field, lab, data manager, validator, end user, etc.

Manage User: Multifactor authentication, Windows authentication, password manager

AUDIT, AUDIT, AUDIT

One Database — Different User Interfaces



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Hardware & Browsers

EQuIS Professional: Laptop + Windows 10

EQuIS Enterprise: Browser

EQuIS Collect: Mobile





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Flexibility Supportability Integration

- Data management workflows have similar objectives but are different in the way tasks are assigned and completed
- System should accommodate these differences while maintaining a sharp focus on quality management and automation
- COTS vs. Custom: EarthSoft supports clients in 52 countries with a team of over 100 people
- Quarterly releases include new tools, bug fixes, patches, and tailored development
- What other systems need to integrate with your database? Field instruments? GIS? Air dispersion models? Statistical software? Public data portals?
- EarthSoft's Open System Business Model attracts 3rd party developers to build on top of EQuIS



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Implementation

Timeline

Budget

Scope

UAT

Go-Live





Waterfall: Business value realized only at the end of the project.

Agile: Business value delivered in increments, benefits realized sooner.

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Technical Functional Requirements

- Data Quality Objectives (Automated Validation)
- LIMS Integration (Onsite vs. 3rd Party Lab)
- Instrument QC: Make sure your database is configured as a vibrant tool in the workflow, not just a black box repository
- AQS Deliverables
- CARB Deliverables
- Internal Reporting
- Public Data Display

Transaction types available for submission:

AA - Site Basic AB - Site Street AC - Site Open Path AD - Site Sampler AE - Site Sampler Channel MA - Monitor Basic MB - Monitor Sampling Period MC - Monitor Type MD - Monitor Agency Role ME - Monitor Objective MF - Monitor Sampling Schedule MG - Monitor Tangent Road MH - Monitor Obstruction MI - Monitor Regulatory Compliance MJ - Monitor Collocation Period MM - Monitor Method MN - Monitor Network Affiliation MO - Monitor Primary Period MP - Monitor Channel MX - Monitor NAAOS Exclusion

RC - Raw Composite RD - Raw Data **RB - Raw Blanks** QA - 1-Point QC **QA - Annual PE OA - Flow Rate Verification** QA - Semi Annual Flow Rate Audit QA - Flow Rate Verification for PMc QA - Semi Annual Flow Rate Audit for PMc **QA - Performance Evaluation Program** QA - National Performance Audit Program **OA - Field Proficiency Test** QA - Duplicate **OA** - Replicate QA - Pb Analysis Audit QA - Lab Proficiency Test QA - Ambient Air Protocol Gas Verification Program QA - Ozone SRP and Ozone Transfer Standard Verification **QA - Speciation Flow Rate Verification** QA - Speciation Semi-Annual Flow Rate Audit



Thank you! Questions?