

Subject: Update on the Environmental Monitoring Data System (EnMoDS)



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Hello everyone,

This email is the first in a series of updates that you can expect to receive as the project team works towards an anticipated launch of the Environmental Monitoring Data System (EnMoDS) in summer 2024.

As you know the contract with the previous vendor was cancelled in June 2023 and it has taken six months for the team to get to a place where we can restart this project.

In the last few months of 2023, the team was procuring a new vendor, investigating the Aquatic Informatics (AQI) solution, conducting a legal analysis, and doing their due diligence on the vendor and their system. From September to November 2023, the project core team and AQI carried out a business analysis on the data structure in EMS vs the new solution (called 'Samples') and on December 29, 2023, we signed the contract with AQI.

Vendor update

An official kick-off meeting with AQI took place on February 12, 2024, and it was attended by the project leads and the Implementation Manager at AQI. We are in the process of gathering key documents so that AQI can begin uploading data to their system.

Electronic Data Transfer and Web Reporting

While conducting our due diligence, we identified components of the AQI Software as a Service (SaaS) tool where we felt customization would meet our requirements more fully. The aspects we identified were the Electronic Data Transfer (EDT), Web Reporting, and the Chain of Custody form. We are in the process of carrying out business analysis on the customized pieces, and we are working with a vendor to develop these pieces.

As regards the development of the Chain of Custody form, we will be leveraging some internal tools and will be working with the Ministry Contract Lab to gain their feedback.

We want to thank you for your patience and support during this process. As we look towards a system launch in summer 2024, we are confident in the choice of vendor and excited about the increased user experience capabilities that it offers.

If there's an update you are looking for which I haven't mentioned, please feel free to get in touch with me at Sonia.Fernandes@gov.bc.ca or Project Director Tarik Dessouki at Tarik.Dessouki@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you,

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