# What's New for the 2014 Reporting Year!

<u>Performance Improvement</u>

1. Added an offline job processor for uploads and validations.  This should resolve issues we had with ERIC crashing under heavy load as well as issues with company proxy server timeout settings.  In the past, you had to leave the browser window open while the import/validation steps completed.  Now you can continue to work in ERIC on other inventories or log out and come back later for your results.
    a. Implemented a Job Monitor to watch the progress and get results.
    b. Added an option to be sent an email when the job is complete.
    c. Users that work on multiple inventories at once can work on other things while the job is processing.
2. Data previously stored on local servers was moved to the cloud. This should improve performance by requiring less data to have to pass between the application engine in the cloud and the data servers physically located at LDEQ.

<u>Enhancements</u>

1. A link to download results from validations as an excel file was added.  Rather than having to stay on the results page or print it to work through errors, you can easily save the errors and warnings as an excel file.
2. Added a link to Facility Account home screen to download inventories. You are no longer required to go to Edit or View the inventory detail screen to download the inventory.
3. Added email confirmations.
    a. Account administrators will be sent an email to notify them that a request for access has been submitted for approval. (Administrators may turn off these notifications)
    b. Inventory submitters have the option to receive a confirmation email that the inventory was submitted electronically. The confirmation will be sent by default.  To not receive the confirmation, uncheck the box on the submit screen.
    c. Inventory submitters will receive notification when the certification statement is processed by ERIC staff. (Users may turn off these notifications)
4. Added a way to manage email notification preferences. Use "Manage email notification preferences" link at the bottom the ERIC home screen when logged in.
    a. Opt out of receiving general email notifications from the ERIC system and staff
    b. Opt out of certification statement receipt notifications
    c. Opt out of receiving access request notifications
    d. Globally unsubscribe from all ERIC related emails
5. Coordinate change request system improvements:
    a. Approved change requests are not overwritten when a new spreadsheet is uploaded and the coordinates were not changed.
    b. Validations run on unapproved coordinate requests no longer indicate that there is no coordinate information.  There is an error message indicating that the coordinates are pending approval.

Bug Fixes

1. Certification Statement header will correctly identify the type of inventory submitted. "Criteria" vs "Criteria and Toxics"
2. Hr/yr option for annual throughput, but not for ozone throughput corrected.  Hr is acceptable for both. Hr/yr removed.
3. Invalid column headers was giving an error that made no sense (middle initial is too long when the column is actually missing). ERIC now checks for the appropriate columns in the spreadsheet and gives you an appropriate error if columns are missing.
4. Spreadsheet lookups for parameters and units are now properly limited to active codes.
5. Text only permit numbers, such as "RegEng" will pass validation.

New Validations

1. For active facilities, at least one source reported must have a valid permit number associated with it.
2. For active facilities, at least one source must have an associated permitted subject item.
3. Active sources must have at least one emissions record. Emissions can be zero, but there must be an emissions record or the source must be listed as idle.
4. Negative emissions will not be accepted.

Policy Updates

1. Changes/additions to release point coordinates will continue to trigger a review and require approval. The coordinate approval process has been expanded to require all release points to be updated.
   a. Multiple release points should not have the same coordinates. Exceptions to this are general condition, insignificant activities, and fugitive emissions.
   b. Release point coordinates should not be the same as the front gate coordinates. Exceptions to this are general condition, insignificant activities, and fugitive emissions.
2. A cut-off time for facupdate@la.gov requests and coordinate review/approval has been established. Any requests for coordinate changes or facupdate@la.gov received after 4:00pm on the due date will not be processed until the next business day. Any inventories that cannot be submitted on time because of pending facupdate@la.gov and coordinate review/approval issues will be considered late.
3. Guidance on requests for a variance for inventory submittal deadlines has been established.  Requests for a variance may be submitted by email as well as postal mail or hand delivery.  The variance application and payment of the applicable fee must be submitted at least 2 business days before the due date to be considered valid.  Instructions are available on our website.
4. Confidentiality on process tab reminder – Facilities need to ensure that a written request and approval for confidentiality is on file with the Department before checking the box. Simply checking the box does not provide confidentiality. This is not a change in policy, just a reminder.