

# How to Submit Data to EIM

## FOR PUBLIC USERS

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This document shows you **how to submit discrete monitoring data** to EIM.

EIM also takes times-series (aka continuous) data, including transducer and other data collected by longer-term instrument deployments. Download [How to Submit Time-Series Data to EIM](#) for guidance.

## Overview

### What is EIM?

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The **Environmental Information Management System (EIM)** is the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology's) main database for environmental monitoring data. EIM contains records on physical, chemical, biological, and habitat analyses and measurements. EIM centers on three main elements – Study, Locations, and Results (including Bioassay, Well Water Levels, and Time-Series data).

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Your Study</b></li></ul> <p>A set of data about an area or natural resource.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Location Data</b></li></ul> <p>Where samples are collected, measurements are made, or observations are recorded.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Result Data</b></li></ul> <p>Field measurements, observations, and procedures performed on samples.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Bioassay Data</b></li></ul> <p>Results from tests on organisms for chemical toxicity.</p>
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## What is the EIM Loader?

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The EIM Loader (Loader) is an online application for organizations required to submit monitoring data electronically to Ecology. Examples include grant and loan recipients or consultants working on cleanup sites.

## How do I submit data using the EIM Loader?

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This document explains these **basic steps** in detail:

1. Go to the [EIM Help Center](#) and choose Templates & Guidance. Under Data Entry Documents, download the applicable “How to” documents, templates, and help.
2. Make an account and log in to the EIM Loader via SecureAccess Washington (SAW). We will assign an EIM data coordinator to help you.
3. Enter your Study information into the online form.
4. Fill out the templates with your data. Most labs provide data in an EIM-ready electronic data delivery (EIM EDD).
5. Submit your completed templates via the Loader.
6. Work with your EIM data coordinator on finalizing your submittal.
7. Receive notice of submittal completion.

## Important points about EIM Loader

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- The Loader times out after 30 minutes of inactivity. Unsaved data will be lost. **Note:** loading and check data will continue to run on our server. Log back in to see the results.
- About browsers: Most current browsers will work.
- **Name your files so you and your EIM data coordinator know what they are for.** Identifiers like EIM Study IDs, Facility Site IDs, site names, and grant numbers combined with data type are helpful. **Don't use special characters** like quotes in your file names. Examples of good filenames:
  - FS6653498\_SpecializedAuto\_Locations.csv
  - TFRumfordProperty\_WellWaterLevels.csv
  - WQC-2025-00025\_EIMResults\_Ecoli\_2025.csv
  - CamelDriveSRT\_SW030\_WQC-2021- LuviBC-00217\_DiscreteResults\_final.csv
  - MackinacLandfillQuarter2GWResults.csv
- Your browser's back button might not work. Use the Loader's navigation.

## Get Help

### EIM Help Center

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The [EIM Help Center](#) is a comprehensive resource for getting help on EIM. Features include:

### Data Entry Templates and Guidance

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Download the “How to Submit Data” documents (users’ manuals), data entry templates, and step-by-step template help documents. Find them under [Templates & Guidance > Data Entry Documents](#). We recommend that you print the template help documents in color.

### Topic-Specific Guidance for Data Entry

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We have a library of topic-specific guidance documents such as “Entering Non-Detects.” Find them under [“Templates & Guidance > Topic-Specific Guidance.”](#)

Topic areas:

- Studies
- Locations
- Lab and field result data
- Groundwater
- Taxonomy, tissue, and bioassay
- Valid values
- Program-specific guidance

### Training

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If you are new to EIM, we highly recommend watching our training videos under [“Training”](#) in the EIM Help Center.

### EIM News

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Keep up to date on EIM information and changes in [EIM News](#). If you see an asterisk by EIM News, it means there is a new announcement.

### FAQ

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[EIM FAQs](#) provide answers to many common questions about EIM.

### Valid Values

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Valid values are specific values accepted by EIM. Download our [About EIM Valid Values](#) help document for more info. Most valid values are in our template help documents, but some lists are too long to fit. They include Parameters, Methods, and Taxa. For those we have searchable and downloadable lists under [Valid Values](#).

## Data Dictionary

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The [Data Dictionary](#) has information about all the fields in EIM, including field names, descriptions, examples, and specifications (requirements, field type and size, valid values). This same information is available throughout EIM in the form of pop-up help when you click on field labels.

<b>Field:</b>	Location Name
<b>Description:</b>	The name assigned by the responsible person, typically the Study Lead, to identify a particular Location. Formerly known as a Station Name in EIM. For wells, the Well Tag Number is often used as the Location Name (AAB123).
<b>Example:</b>	Humptulips River Near Mouth; AAB123.
<b>Specification:</b>	REQUIRED FIELD. Alpha/numeric, 40 characters. Free text.

## Contact EIM

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Use online form to [contact the EIM Team](#). You can also contact your EIM data coordinator directly. We assign an EIM data coordinator to you when you make an account to load data. Log in to the Loader to see a list of EIM data coordinators.

## Get Started

### Make a SecureAccess Washington (SAW) account

1. Go to [SecureAccess Washington](#) and choose the “Sign Up” button on the right.

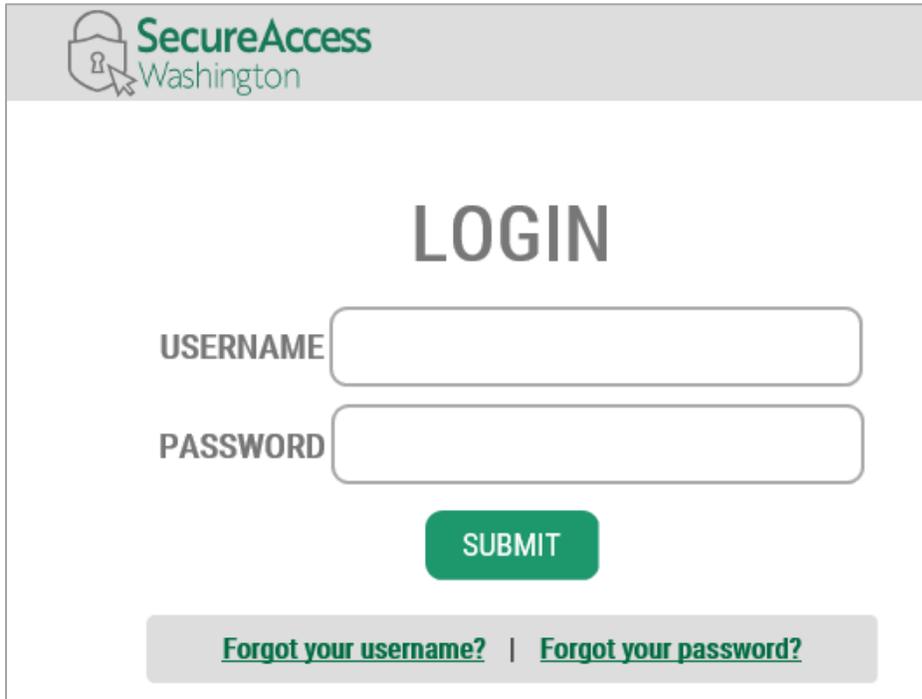


2. Follow the steps to make your account. Use your work email address. **Don't use a personal email SAW account.** We need your work email to contact you.
3. Link your SAW account to the EIM Loader (next page).

## Link to EIM Loader from SAW

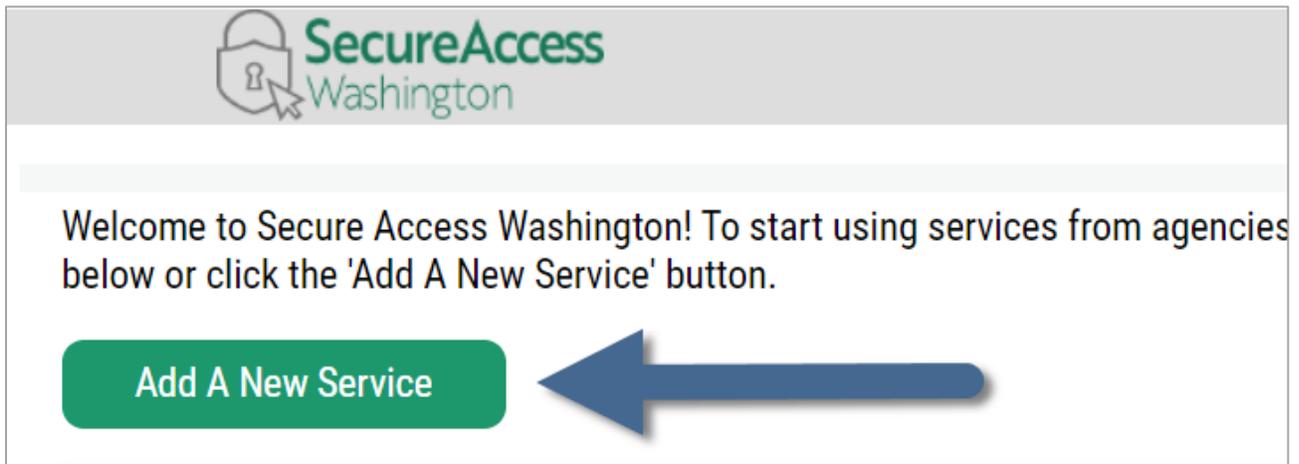
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1. Log in to your [SAW account](#).

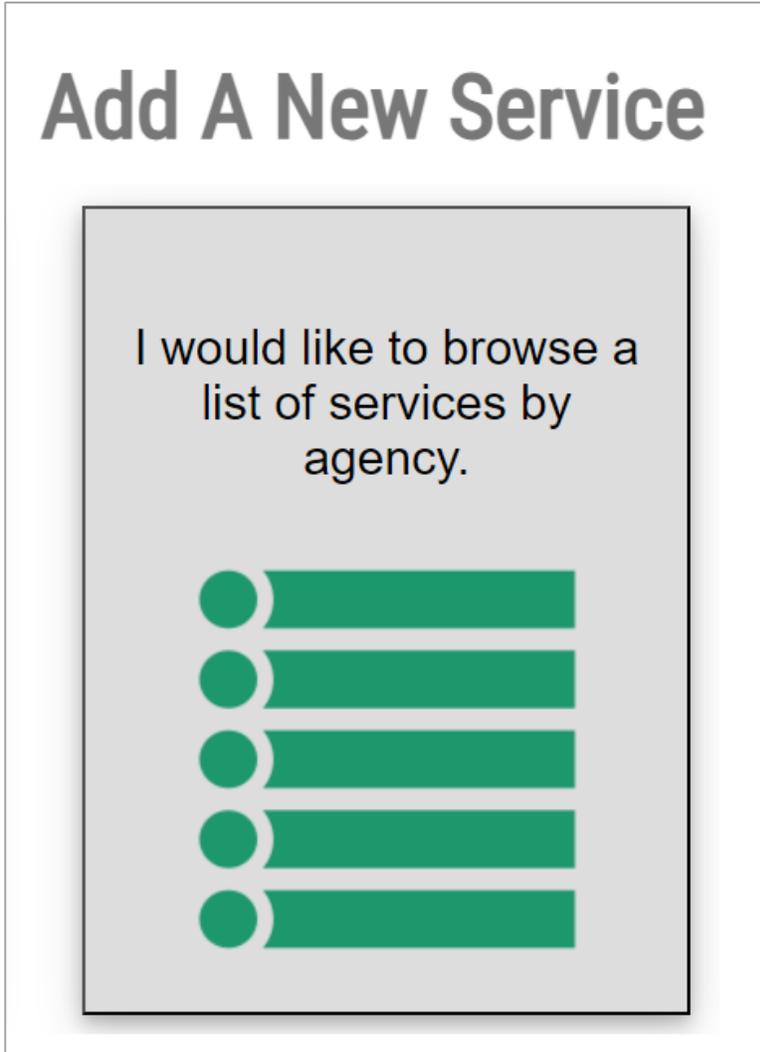


The screenshot shows the SecureAccess Washington login interface. At the top left is the logo with a padlock icon and the text "SecureAccess Washington". In the center, the word "LOGIN" is displayed in large, bold, grey letters. Below this, there are two input fields: "USERNAME" and "PASSWORD", each with a rounded rectangular text box. Underneath the password field is a green "SUBMIT" button. At the bottom, a grey bar contains two links: "[Forgot your username?](#)" and "[Forgot your password?](#)".

2. Choose "Add a New Service."



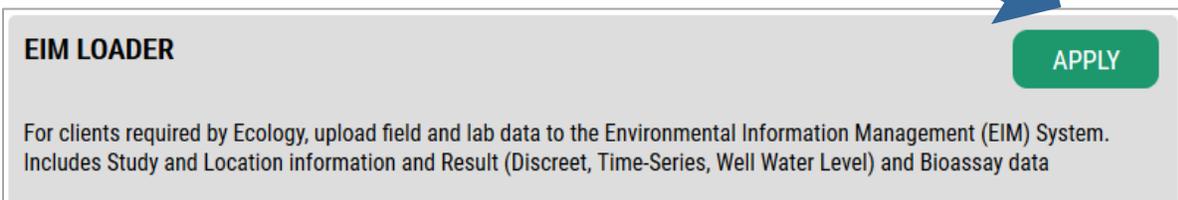
3. Under “Add a New Service,” choose “**I would like to browse a list of services by agency.**”



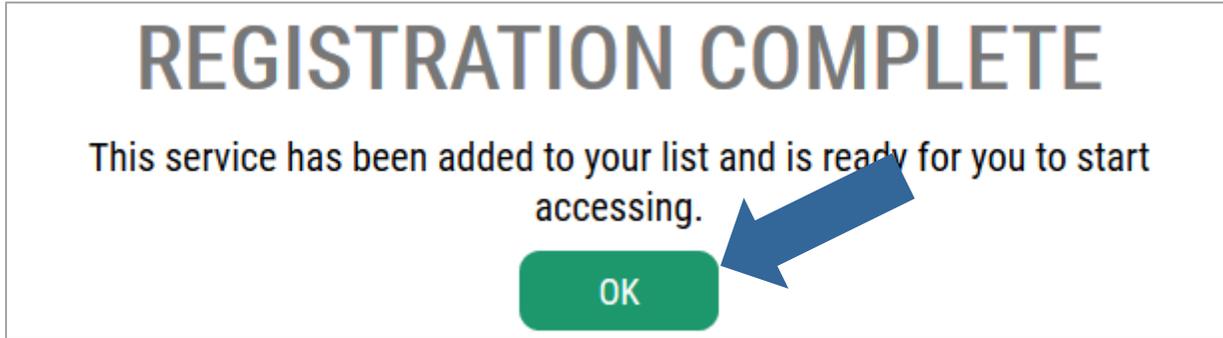
4. Scroll down and choose “**Department of Ecology.**”



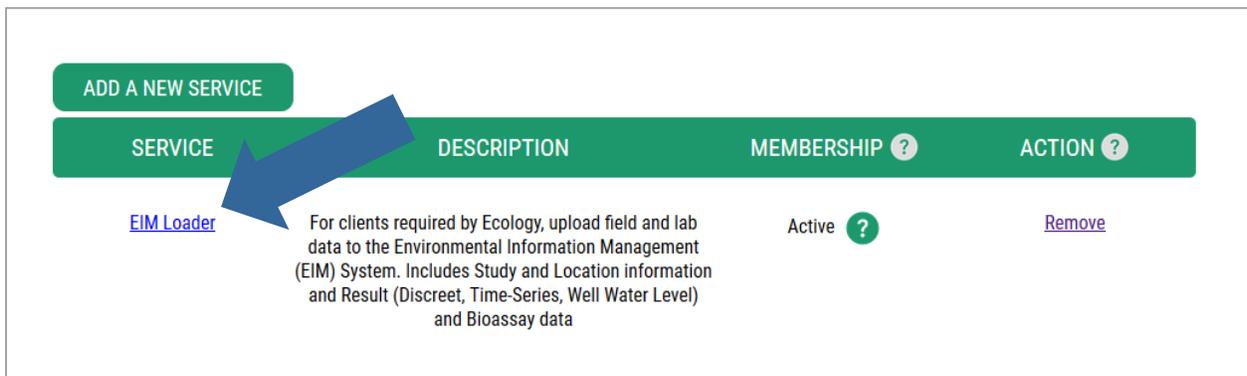
5. Scroll down to EIM Loader and choose “**Apply.**”



- 6. Choose "OK."



- 7. Choose "EIM Loader."



- 8. Choose "Continue."



- 9. Sign In

If you know your organization is already in EIM, continue to **“Make a User Profile”** (next section). You can also check in the next section to see if your organization is already in EIM.

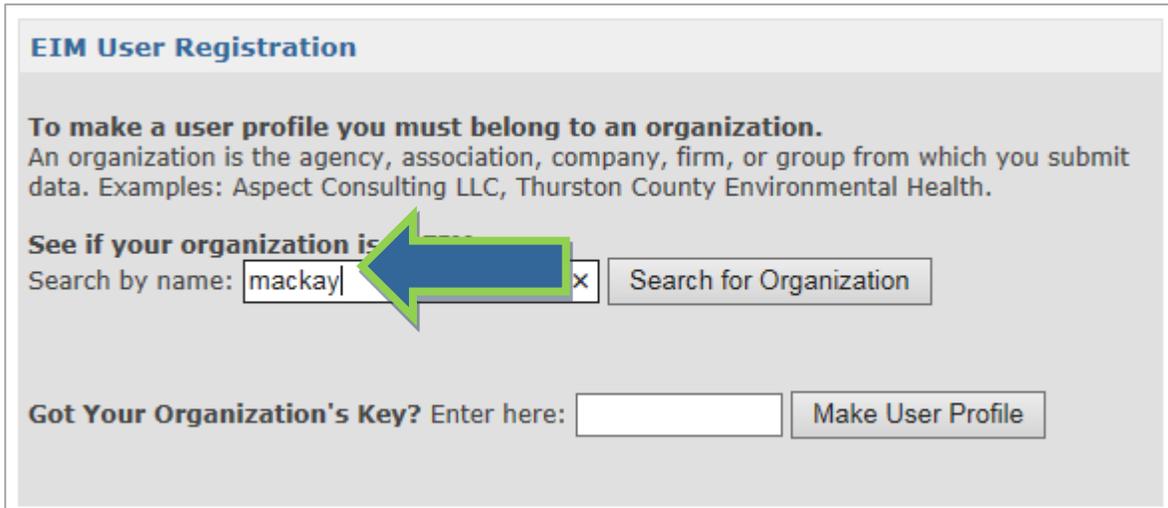


If your organization is not in EIM, make a [New Organization Account](#) first.

# Make a User Profile

If your organization is already in EIM, follow these steps to make an EIM user profile under it:

1. Find your organization - OR if you know your organization's key, enter it and go to Step 5.



**EIM User Registration**

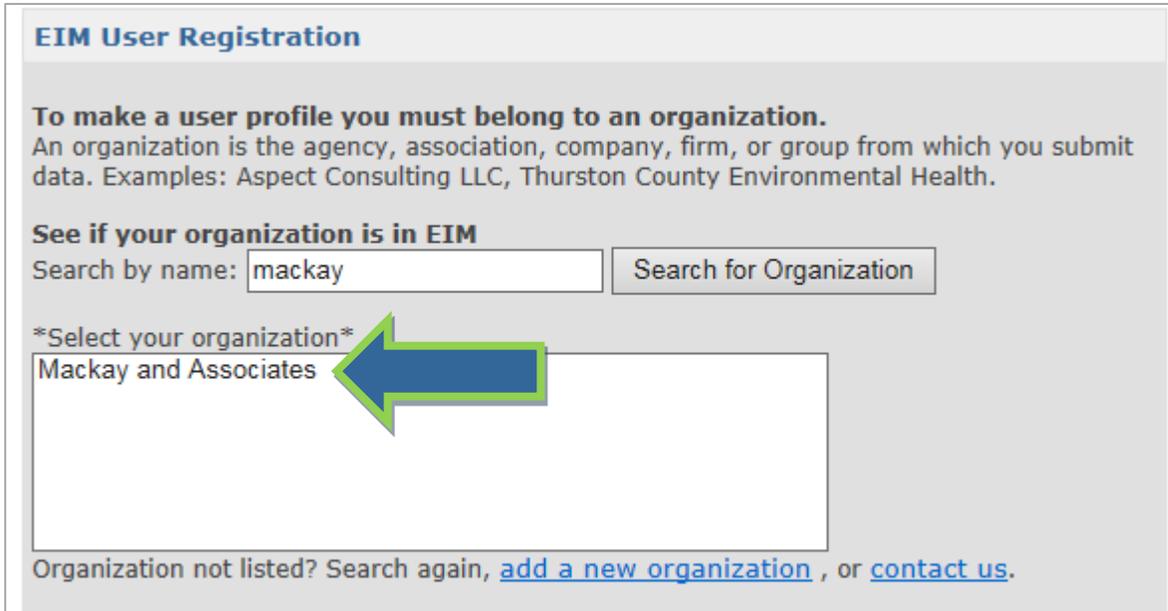
**To make a user profile you must belong to an organization.**  
An organization is the agency, association, company, firm, or group from which you submit data. Examples: Aspect Consulting LLC, Thurston County Environmental Health.

**See if your organization is in EIM**

Search by name:

**Got Your Organization's Key? Enter here:**

2. Select your organization. If it's not listed, [make a new EIM organization account](#) first.



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**See if your organization is in EIM**

Search by name:

**\*Select your organization\***

Organization not listed? Search again, [add a new organization](#) , or [contact us](#).

3. Request your organization's key so you can make a user profile.

**EIM User Registration**

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**See if your organization is in EIM**  
Search by name:

Organization selected: Mackay and Associates



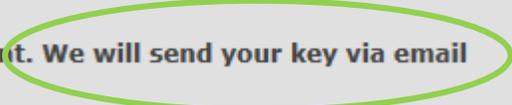
4. We will email the key to you.

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**To make a user profile you must belong to an organization.**  
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**See if your organization is in EIM**  
Search by name:

Organization selected: Mackay and Associates

**Your organization key request has been sent. We will send your key via email shortly.** 

5. Enter your organization's key once you receive it by email. Then choose the Make a User Profile button.

**EIM User Registration**

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An organization is the agency, association, company, firm, or group from which you submit data. Examples: Aspect Consulting LLC, Thurston County Environmental Health.

**See if your organization is in EIM**  
Search by name:

**Got Your Organization's Key? Enter here:**

6. Make an EIM user profile by filling out the form and choosing the Create button.

**EIM User Registration**

**Make a New User Profile**

Enter your information. When you are done you will be logged into the EIM Loader and can begin submitting data.

**\* Required Fields**

Organization Key: 78m23ode  
Organization Name: Mackay and Associates  
Organization Address: test test Olympia WA 98504 US

**Data Type \***

**First Name \***

**Last Name \***

**Phone Number \***

[Cancel](#)

## 7. You're done! You can now submit data.



## EIM Loader

Environmental Information Management System

[Home](#)   [Study](#)   [Locations](#)   [Results](#)   [Bioassays](#)   [Help Center](#)   [Log Off](#)

Data Type of [IT Services-Lab](#) for organization [EIM Ecology Testing Group \(testing only\)](#)



Welcome to the  
**EIM Data Loader**

### Steps for submitting your data

1. If you need help during any part of the process contact your EIM data coordinator.
2. If you are new or need a refresher watch the [EIM Training Videos](#).
3. Download [How to Submit Data to EIM](#) and use it as guidance.
4. Download the data entry templates and help documents from the [Help Center](#).  
Print the help documents in color.
5. Enter your Study Information into the online form.
6. Populate your templates (Location, Result, Time-Series Result, Well Water Level, and Bioassay.)
7. Submit your templates.
8. Run Check Data (valid value and business rule verification.)
9. Work with your EIM data coordinator on finalizing your submittal.
10. Receive notice of completion.

### Need Help?

Use our form to [contact the EIM Team](#) or contact your EIM data coordinator directly:

- **RCRA Corrective Action cleanup**  
Erica Fot  
[efot461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:efot461@ecy.wa.gov)  
(360) 407-6692

### What would you like to do?

#### Enter a Study

- [Add new Study](#)
- [Edit Study](#)

#### Submit Template Data

- [Location](#)
- [Result \(discrete, time-series & well water levels\)](#)
- [Bioassay](#)

#### View My Submitted Data

- [Location](#)
- [Result](#)
- [Bioassay](#)

#### Edit My Profile

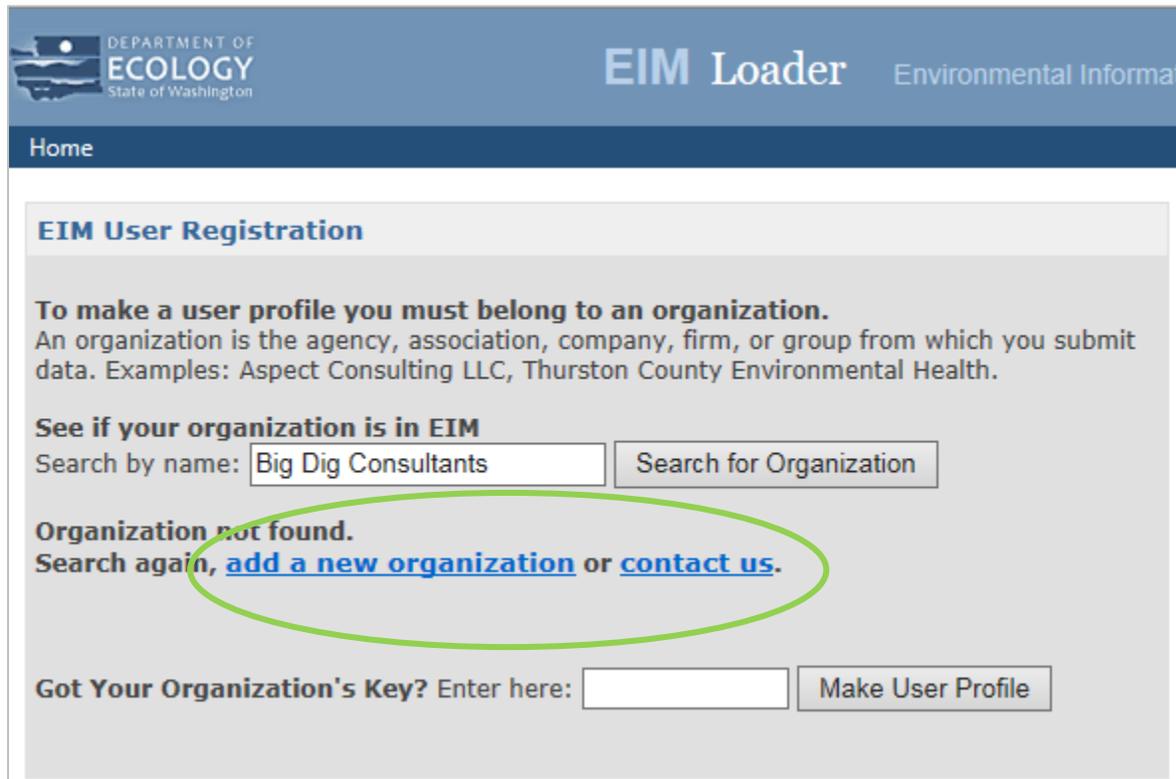
- [Edit User Profile](#)
- [Edit or Add Organization\(s\)](#)

#### Get Help

- [Contact the EIM Team](#)
- Visit the EIM Help Center to
  - Download templates and help
  - Watch training videos
  - Get EIM news
  - See FAQs
  - Look up valid values
  - Search the data dictionary

## Make a New Organization Account

1. Search for your organization first. If it's in EIM, skip this step and [make a user profile](#) under your organization. If you can't find it, choose "Add a new organization."



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### EIM User Registration

**To make a user profile you must belong to an organization.**  
An organization is the agency, association, company, firm, or group from which you submit data. Examples: Aspect Consulting LLC, Thurston County Environmental Health.

**See if your organization is in EIM**  
Search by name:

**Organization not found.**  
Search again, [add a new organization](#) or [contact us](#).

**Got Your Organization's Key? Enter here:**

- 2. Fill out the form to make a new organization account.

The screenshot shows the 'EIM User Registration' page on the 'EIM Loader' website. The page header includes the Department of Ecology logo and the text 'EIM Loader Environmental Information Management System'. Below the header is a 'Home' link. The main content area is titled 'EIM User Registration' and contains a sub-section 'Create a new Organization Account'. A paragraph of text explains that Ecology EIM staff will approve the account and provide an organization key via email. A legend indicates that fields with an asterisk are required. The form fields are: Organization Name \* (filled with 'Movers and Shakers Consulting'), Phone Number \* (filled with '123-456-7890'), Web Site (empty), Address Line 1 \* (filled with '1234 Main Street'), Address Line 2 (empty), City \* (filled with 'Evergreen'), State \* (dropdown menu showing 'WASHINGTON'), Zip \* (filled with '98123'), and Country \* (dropdown menu showing 'UNITED STATES'). At the bottom left, there are 'Create' and 'Cancel' buttons. A large blue arrow with a green outline points to the 'Create' button.

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#### Create a new Organization Account

Enter your organization information below. Ecology EIM staff will approve your account after which you will receive an organization key via email, normally within 24 hours or less. Use the key to complete your user profile and log into the EIM Data Loader.

**\* Required Fields**

**Create Organization:**

**Organization Name \***

**Phone Number \***

**Web Site**

**Address Line 1 \***

**Address Line 2**

**City \***

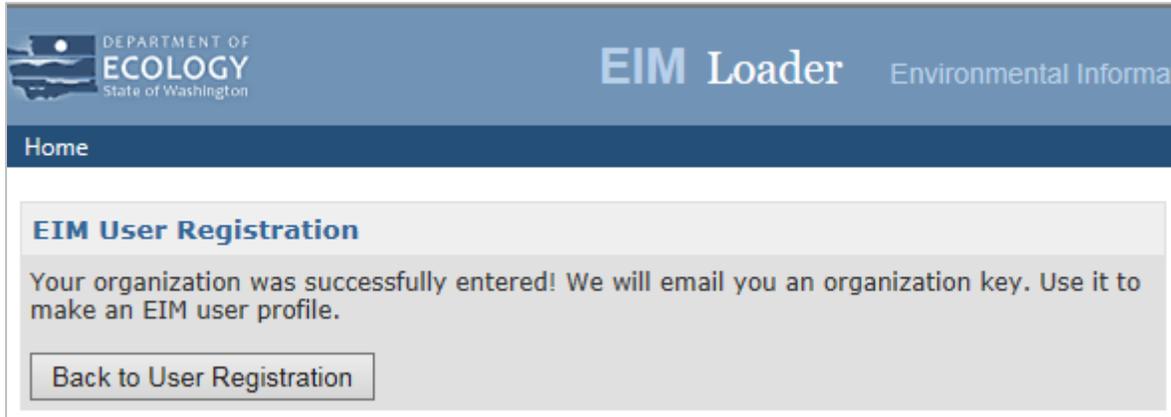
**State \***

**Zip \***

**Country \***

[Cancel](#)

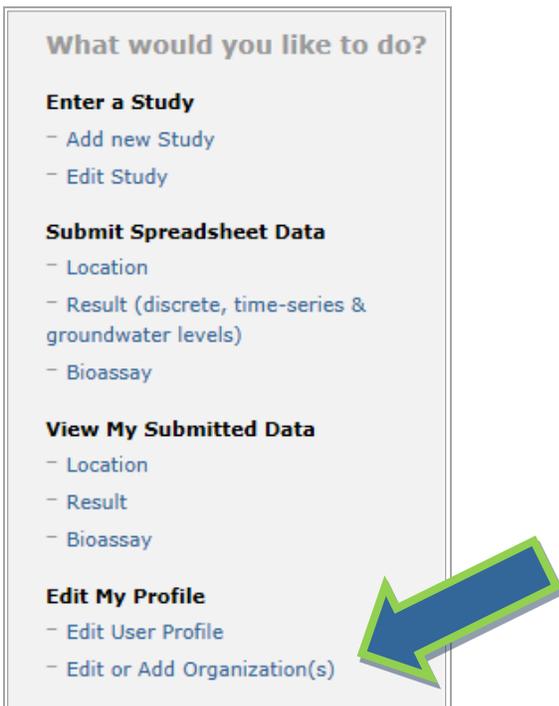
3. You're done making your organization account! We'll email you an organization key. Use the key to [make a user profile](#). You can also share your key with others in your organization so they can make user profiles too. Each person should use their own user account to submit data. That way, our data coordinators know who to contact if we have questions.



## Edit EIM User Profile

**Note:** Editing your user profile in EIM does not affect your SAW account. If you need to edit your SAW account information, go to <https://secureaccess.wa.gov/>. If you need to change your email address, do that through your SAW account.

1. Choose "Edit User Profile" in the right menu box on the Loader homepage.



2. Edit your information and choose "Update."

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## Update User Profile

 \* Required Fields

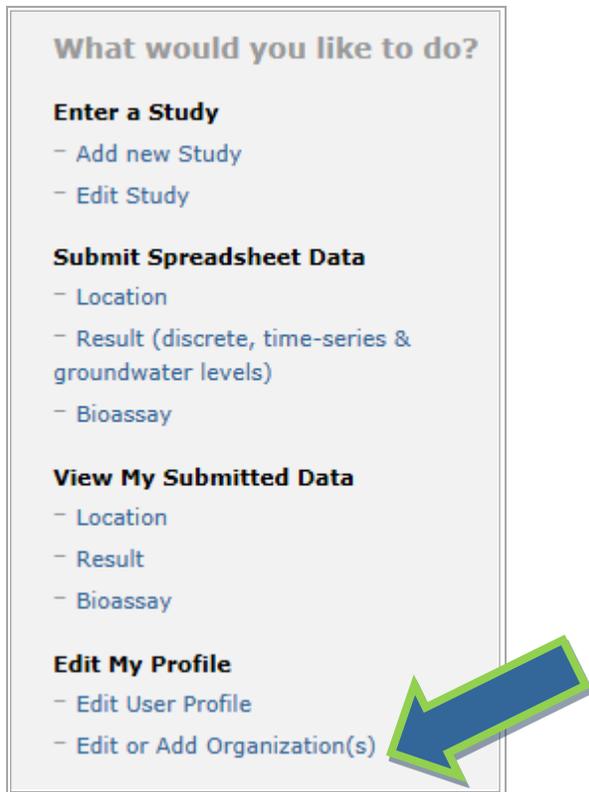
This will update your EIM user profile. It will not affect your SAW account. Log into SAW to update that account.

<b>SAW Username</b>	suzanpooltest
<b>Email Address</b>	spoo461@ecy.wa.gov
<b>First Name *</b>	<input type="text" value="Suzan"/>
<b>Last Name *</b>	<input type="text" value="Pool"/>
<b>Phone Number *</b>	<input type="text" value="(123) 456-7890"/>
<b>Data Type</b>	<input type="text" value="Site or VCP"/>

3. **You are done** editing your EIM user profile!

## Edit EIM Organization Account

1. Choose “Edit or Add Organization(s)” in the right menu box on the Loader homepage.



2. Choose "Edit Organization."

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### Edit/Add Organization(s)

Use Edit Organization to request an update if any information is incorrect.

If you need to submit data for another organization, search for it, select it, then Request Organization Key.

**You are registered to submit data for:**

- EIM Ecology Testing Group (testing only)**  
Phone Number: (555) 555-5555  
Web Site:  
Address: 300 Desmond Drive , Lacey, WA, 98503  
Country: US

**Edit Organization**

**Add another organization?**

Search by name:  **Find Organization**

Got Your Organization's Key? Enter here:  **Add Organization**

**Back**

3. Edit your organization’s information then choose “Request Update.” We will be notified and make the updates to your organization’s information.

The screenshot shows the 'EIM Loader' interface for the 'Organization Update Request' page. The header includes the Department of Ecology logo and navigation links: Home, Study, Locations, Results, Bioassays, Help Center, and Log Off. The main content area displays the organization name 'Movers and Shakers Consulting' and a list of fields to be updated. A blue arrow points to the 'Request Update' button.

Name *	Movers and Shakers Consulting
Phone Number *	(123) 456-7890
Website	
Address Line 1 *	1234 Main Street
Address Line 2	
City *	Evergreen
State *	WASHINGTON
Zip *	98123
Country *	UNITED STATES

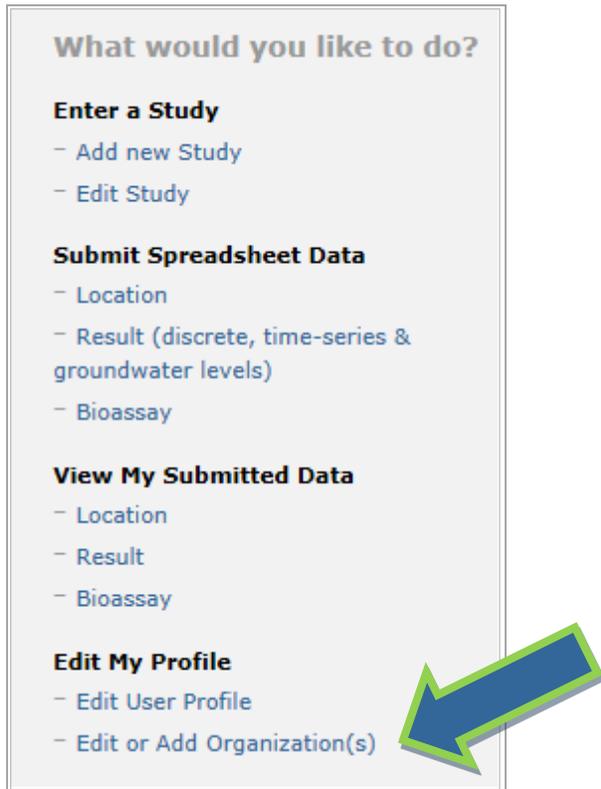
**Your update request will be sent to us for verification. If we have questions, we will contact you by email.**

4. **You are done** editing your EIM organization account!

## Submit Data for More Than One Organization

If you need to submit data for more than one organization, you can add one or more additional organizations to your user profile as long as they are in EIM.

1. Choose “**Edit or Add Organization(s)**” in the right menu box on the Loader homepage.



2. Type the organization's name.

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Data Type of [TCP-Cleanup](#) for organization [Movers and Shakers Consulting](#)

### Edit/Add Organization(s)

Use Edit Organization to request an update if any information is incorrect.

If you need to submit data for another organization, search for it, select it, then Request Organization Key.

**You are registered to submit data for:**

- Movers and Shakers Consulting**  
Phone Number: (123) 456-7890  
Web Site:  
Address: 1234 Main Street , Evergreen, WA, 98123  
Country: US

**Edit Organization**

**Add another organization?**

Search by name:  **Find Organization**

Got Your Organization's Key? Enter here:  **Add Organization**

**Back**

3. Select an organization. If it is not in the list, contact us.



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### Edit/Add Organization(s)

Use Edit Organization to request an update if any information is incorrect.

If you need to submit data for another organization, search for it, select it, then Request Organization Key.

#### You are registered to submit data for:

**Movers and Shakers Consulting**

Phone Number: (123) 456-7890

Web Site:

Address: 1234 Main Street , Evergreen, WA, 98123

Country: US

[Edit Organization](#)

#### Add another organization?

Search by name:

[Find Organization](#)

\*Select your organization if listed to perform EIM you need a key\*



Organization not listed? Search again or Contact [EIM](#)

Got Your Organization's Key? Enter here:

[Add Organization](#)

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4. Choose "Request organization key."



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Use Edit Organization to request an update if any information is incorrect.

If you need to submit data for another organization, search for it, select it, then Request Organization Key.

**You are registered to submit data for:**

- Movers and Shakers Consulting**  
Phone Number: (123) 456-7890  
Web Site:  
Address: 1234 Main Street , Evergreen, WA, 98123  
Country: US

**Edit Organization**

**Add another organization?**  
Search by name:  **Find Organization**

Organization selected: Mackay and Associates (testing only)

**Request organization key**

Got Your Organization's Key? Enter here:  **Request Organization Key**

**Back**

- 5. We will email an organization key to you.



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### Add/Edit Organization(s)

Below are the organization(s) you are allowed to submit data for. If any information associated with the organization(s) is incorrect please request an organization update.

If you need the ability to submit for more than one organization, use the search to verify the organization exists and then contact EIM for the key.

#### Organization(s) submitting for:

- Movers and Shakers Consulting**  
Phone Number: (123) 456-7890  
Web Site:  
Address: 1234 Main Street , Evergreen, WA, 98123  
Country: US

[Edit Organization](#)

#### Add another organization?

Search for it by name:  [Find Organization](#)

Organization selected: Mackay and Associates (testing only)

**Your request for an organization key has been sent. An EIM data coordinator will contact you.**

Got Organization Key? Enter your organization's key:  [Add Organization](#)



[Back](#)

6. Type in the organization key once you receive it by email.

The screenshot shows the EIM Loader web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Department of Ecology logo and the text 'EIM Loader Environmental Information Management'. Below the navigation bar are links for Home, Study, Locations, Results, Bioassays, Help Center, and Log Off.

The main content area displays the following information:

- Data Type of [TCP-Cleanup](#) for organization [Movers and Shakers Consulting](#)
- Edit/Add Organization(s)**
- Use Edit Organization to request an update if any information is incorrect.
- If you need to submit data for another organization, search for it, select it, then Request Organization Key.

A grey box contains the following details:

- You are registered to submit data for:**
- Movers and Shakers Consulting**  
Phone Number: (123) 456-7890  
Web Site:  
Address: 1234 Main Street , Evergreen, WA, 98123  
Country: US
- Edit Organization** (button)
- Add another organization?**
- Search by name:  **Find Organization** (button)
- Organization selected: Mackay and Associates (testing only)
- Your request for an organization key has been sent. An EIM data coordinator will contact you.**
- Got Your Organization's Key? Enter here:  **Add Organization** (button)

A blue arrow with a green outline points to the 'Add Organization' button at the bottom of the grey box.

At the bottom left of the page is a **Back** button.

- 7. **You are done!** You can now choose the organization for which you want to submit data by choosing the radio button next to it.

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- Use Edit Organization to request an update if any information is incorrect.
- If you need to submit data for another organization, search for it, select it, then Request Organization Key.

A grey box contains the following content:

- You are registered to submit data for:**
- Movers and Shakers Consulting**  
Phone Number: (123) 456-7890  
Web Site:  
Address: 1234 Main Street , Evergreen, WA, 98123  
Country: US
- Mackay and Associates (testing only)  
Phone Number: (360) 407-6258  
Web Site:  
Address: , , ,  
Country:

Below the organization list is a blue button labeled **Edit Organization**.

Below the button is the section **Add another organization?** with two input fields and buttons:

- by name:
- Got Your Organization's Key? Enter here:

At the bottom left of the page is a  button. A blue arrow with a green outline points to the 'Add another organization?' section.

## Log in to Loader as a Returning User

When you return to the EIM Loader, log in using the following steps. This is how you will log in from now on.

1. Log in to your SAW account at <https://secureaccess.wa.gov/ecy/eimloader/>

2. **You are done!** You can begin submitting data.

## Enter Study Information

A Study is an organized activity or set of monitoring activities conducted for the purpose of collecting information about a given area or natural resource. Studies typically have specific objectives and most commonly have quality assurance goals described in a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).

For help creating your Study ID and Study Name, download [Naming Conventions for EIM Studies](#) help document. It provides examples of naming conventions used within Ecology.

Submit your Study information by filling out the form in the Loader. To get to the form, choose “Study” in the top menu. Fill out the required fields, and the optional or conditionally required fields if applicable. For help filling out this form, download the [Study Help](#) document.

You can edit your Study until your EIM data coordinator enters it into the main EIM database. Thereafter it will be locked.

*EIM Study form – \* required fields*

<b>Study ID *</b>	<input type="text" value="ANDSW"/>
<b>Study Name *</b>	<input type="text" value="Seawater Intrusion Study, Anderson Island, Pierce County"/>
<b>Study Type *</b>	<input type="text" value="General environmental study"/>
<b>Study Purpose *</b>	<input type="text" value="Determine if groundwater withdrawals have caused head declines and seawater intrusion on Anderson Island. In 1997-98, monitored four times for chloride and water levels in 45 wells and four springs. Water level results found under Study ID SWROGWDB."/>
<b>Ecology Contact *</b> e.g. site manager, grant manager, project lead or other Ecology contact	<input type="text" value="Sinclair, Kirk"/>
<b>Ecology Program or Other Responsible Entity *</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Study QA Planning Level *</b>	<input type="text" value="LEVEL 4: Approved QAPP or SAP."/>
<b>Study QA Project Plan (QAPP) Description</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Study QA Assessment Level *</b>	<input type="text" value="Level 5 - Data Verified and Assessed for Usability in a Peer-Reviewed Study Report"/>
<b>Study Result Description</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Study Comment</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Ecology Funding Number</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Facility/Site (FS) ID</b>	<input type="text"/>
	<a href="#">Click to find FSID and CSID in Ecology's ISIS database</a>
<b>Cleanup Site ID</b>	<input type="text"/>

# EIM Templates

## Template FAQs

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### What are the EIM templates?

The EIM templates are preformatted Excel spreadsheets used to submit data to EIM. They have specific data-entry requirements and are designed to be filled out and submitted online to Ecology per the guidance below.

### Where do I get the EIM templates?

Get the EIM templates from [Templates and Guidance](#) in the EIM Help Center. Download the templates you need, and the help (essential for filling out the template).

### If I downloaded the templates a while ago, can I still use them?

The best practice is to download a fresh template each time you submit data.

### Do I have to fill out ALL the columns?

**No.** The templates cover many different data types. If your field locations are not wells, 11-15 columns are required. For the Results template, as few as 9 columns are required - depending on your data type.

### How do I know which columns are required?

Required columns are color-coded. These colors are explained at the top of the accompanying help documents. Additionally, bold type in the help documents indicates that a column is required.

## Help documents for EIM templates

These documents provide information about each column in the corresponding EIM templates (or Study online form). Bolding and color coding indicate required fields. There is also information on field format (numeric, alpha-numeric, number of characters allowed, etc.) and valid values (specific values accepted by EIM).

There are separate tables in most of the help documents with longer lists of valid values and descriptions. There are also links to online tables of valid values for REALLY long lists, like parameters. You will also find links to additional information on specific topics. The help documents are formatted to be printed on 8.5x11 landscape. We recommend printing them in color.

### *Results Template Help Document*

Col	Field Name	Description	Requirements	Type	Size	Valid Values and Conditions	Examples and Guidance
A	<b>Study ID</b>	UNIQUE ID to identify the Study in EIM.	<b>REQUIRED</b>	Alpha	20	Must be valid EIM Study ID.	Use value from "Study ID" field in your Study form.
B	<b>Location ID</b>	UNIQUE ID to identify the field Location in EIM.	<b>REQUIRED</b>	Alpha	15	Must be valid EIM Location ID.	Location IDs are from Column A in your Location template.  You will commonly have multiple result records associated with the same Location ID. All result records associated with a particular sampling location will use that Location ID.
C	<b>Study-Specific Location ID</b>	Unique ID to identify the field location within a	<b>REQUIRED</b>	Alpha	40	Free text / preferred format  An ID of 8 characters or less will	Ex: If your Location ID for a monitoring well is "CITGO-34586-MW4," your Study-Specific

## Submit Location and Result Data

### Get your EIM templates ready to submit

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EIM can't directly import Excel files (xls,xlsx). **Save your EIM template as a comma delimited file.** Use Excel's Save As > Other Formats > CSV (Comma delimited) \*.csv.

### Or - Export EIM-ready files from your database

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Files exported directly from your database may be submitted to EIM as long as all the column headings match the EIM column headings for any particular template. These files need to be in comma delimited (.csv) format.

### File naming

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**Name your files so you and your EIM data coordinator know what they are for.** Identifiers like EIM Study IDs, Facility Site IDs, site names, and grant numbers combined with data type are helpful. **Don't use special characters** like quotes in your file names. Examples of good filenames:

- FS6653498\_SpecializedAuto\_Locations.csv
- TFRumfordProperty\_WellWaterLevels.csv
- WQC-2025-00025\_EIMResults\_Ecoli\_2025.csv
- CamelDriveSRT\_SW030\_WQC-2021- LuviBC-00217\_DiscreteResults\_final.csv
- MackinacLandfillQuarter2GWResults.csv

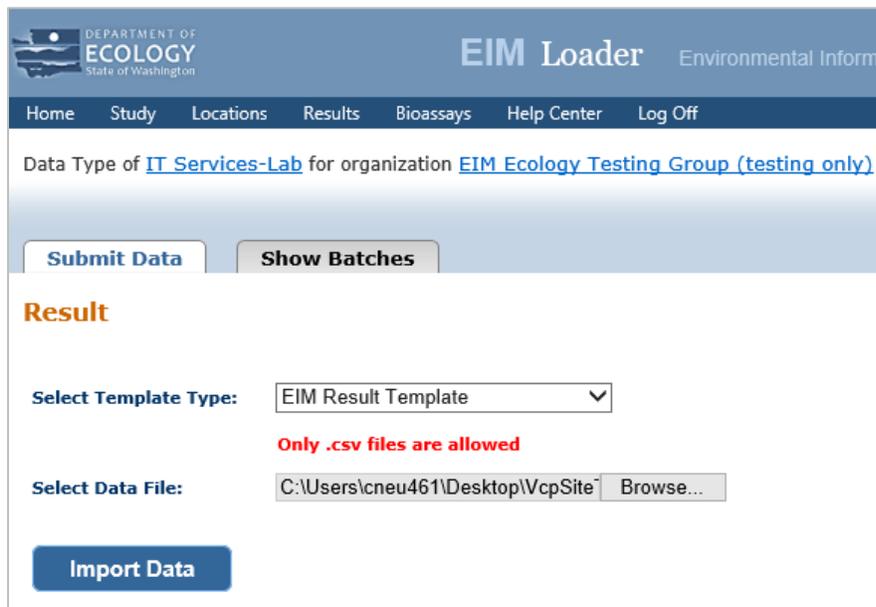
## Import EIM templates or EIM-ready files

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After you log in to the Loader, choose Locations, Results (includes well water levels and time-series data), or Bioassay from the top menu or under Quick Links. On the next page choose the Submit Data tab.

Follow these steps:

1. Select template type: In this case, Result (discrete), GW Water Level, or Time-Series Result
2. Select data file: Browse your computer for the data file containing records to be imported.
3. Choose "Import Data."



The screenshot shows the EIM Loader web interface. At the top left is the logo for the Department of Ecology, State of Washington. The main header reads "EIM Loader" with "Environmental Informa" partially visible. A navigation bar includes links for Home, Study, Locations, Results, Bioassays, Help Center, and Log Off. Below the navigation bar, it says "Data Type of [IT Services-Lab](#) for organization [EIM Ecology Testing Group \(testing only\)](#)". There are two tabs: "Submit Data" (active) and "Show Batches". The "Result" section is highlighted in orange. It contains a "Select Template Type:" dropdown menu with "EIM Result Template" selected. Below this is a red warning message: "Only .csv files are allowed". The "Select Data File:" field shows a file path "C:\Users\cneu461\Desktop\VcpSite" and a "Browse..." button. At the bottom of the form is a blue "Import Data" button.

EIM checks for file format errors during import. If there are issues with your file, it won't import:

### Unsuccessful imports are due to

1. Submitting an outdated version of a template or an incorrect template (like a Result template when you meant to submit a Location template). The error message indicates specifics.
2. Submitting an incorrect date format or having a field length exceedance or similar issue. Choose "View Errors" to see the error list. You can view errors by record or by error type.

Fix your file and start over with Step 1 above.

What you see when import was not successful. Choose "View Errors" for details.

**Error Summary**

- Your file could not be imported because it contains one or more errors. Please click the link below to view errors, fix them, and resubmit your file.

[View Errors](#)

Selected template: **EIM Result Template**  
Selected data file: **BearCreekTestForChrisFormatError.csv**

Total Records Processed: **322**  
Error Records found: **1**

What you see when you choose "View Errors." View by record, by error, or print.

**Error List**

By Record  By Error [Print](#) [Cancel](#)

**Error:** A field value exceeds the maximum allowed length.

Column With Error	Value	Record No.
Study_ID	vcnw2776cccccccccccccccccccc	1

## Successful import

A list of your imported batch of records will be displayed with the batch metadata. To see record detail:

1. Highlight a record
2. Choose "Details"

List of imported batch records.

**Results**

Batch Metadata

<b>Submitted By:</b>	[redacted]@comcast.net	<b>Owner:</b>	[redacted]@comcast.net	<b>Batch Nr:</b>	67	<b>System:</b>	EXTERNAL
<b>Total records in batch:</b> 322							
<b>Source:</b> BearCreekTestResults.xml							

[Next >](#)  
  
[Details](#)

**List of batch records:**

322 records Page 1 of 7

Status	User Study ID	Location ID	Study Specific Location ID	Activity Date	Sample ID	Value	Parameter
	vcnw2776	VCNW2776_MW9	MW-9	03/28/2013	MW-9	0.2	1,1,1-Trichloroethane
	vcnw2776	VCNW2776_MW13	MW-13	03/28/2013	MW-13	0.2	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane
	vcnw2776	VCNW2776_MW10A	MW-10A	03/28/2013	MW-10A	0.2	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane

Record details.

**Results**

Batch Information

**Submitted by:** [redacted]@comcast.net **Batch No. :** 67 **Source:** BearCreekTestResults.xml **Load Status(GO):**

**Study ID:**  **Location ID:**  **Study Specific Location ID:**

**Field Collection Details** | **Sample Details** | **Result Details**

**Field Collection Type:**  
 **Sample**  **Measurement**  **Observation**

**Field Collection Start Date:**  **Field Collection Start Time:**

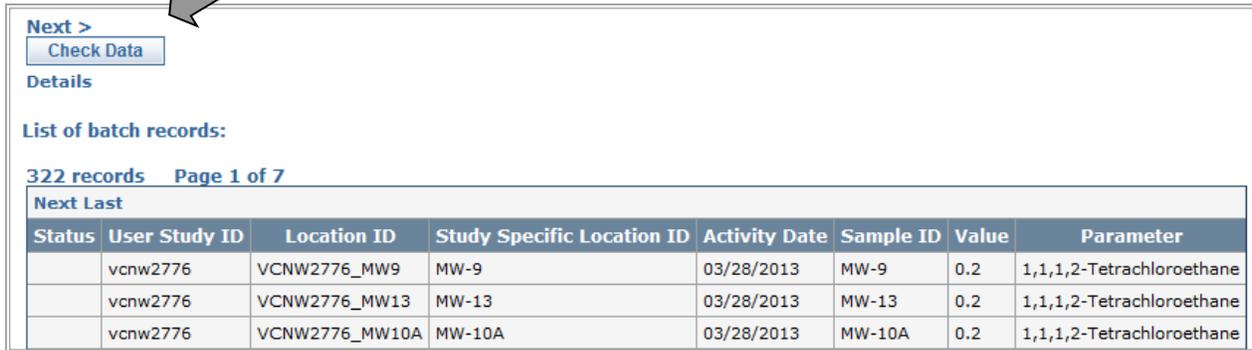
**Field Collection End Date:**  **Field Collection End Time:**

**Field Collection Comment:**

## Check Data

This is the second to last step when submitting data. Choose “Check Data” to validate your data against EIM valid values and requirements.

Run check data.



Next >  
[Check Data](#)  
 Details

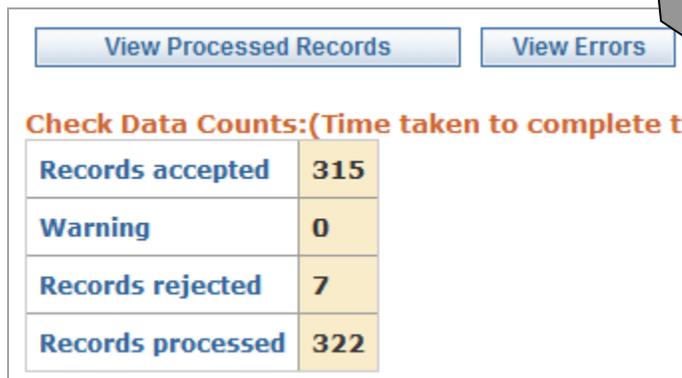
List of batch records:

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Next Last

Status	User Study ID	Location ID	Study Specific Location ID	Activity Date	Sample ID	Value	Parameter
	vcnw2776	VCNW2776_MW9	MW-9	03/28/2013	MW-9	0.2	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane
	vcnw2776	VCNW2776_MW13	MW-13	03/28/2013	MW-13	0.2	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane
	vcnw2776	VCNW2776_MW10A	MW-10A	03/28/2013	MW-10A	0.2	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane

When completed, you will get a summary of records processed, including the number accepted and/or rejected. If there are any (1) rejected records, (2) choose “View Errors” to see error details. Errors need to be fixed and the file resubmitted.



[View Processed Records](#) [View Errors](#)

Check Data Counts: (Time taken to complete th

Records accepted	315
Warning	0
Records rejected	7
Records processed	322

What you see when you choose "View Errors"

**Rejected**

**BUSER058** Fraction Analyzed is required when Matrix is Water and Field Collection Type is Sample.

**Add Fraction Analyzed.**

— Hide records for this error...

Study Location	Activity Date	Sample ID	Parameter	CAS Number	Value	Sample Taxo
MW-2	3/28/2013 12:00:00 AM	MW-2	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	630-20-6	0.2	
MW-4	3/28/2013 12:00:00 AM	MW-4	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	630-20-6	0.2	
MW-4	3/28/2013 12:00:00 AM	MW-4Dup	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	630-20-6	0.2	
MW-3	3/28/2013 12:00:00 AM	MW-3	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	630-20-6	0.2	

You can also view your validated records by choosing "View Processed Records."

**Check Data Counts:(Time taken to complete th**

<b>Records accepted</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>Warning</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Records rejected</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Records processed</b>	<b>322</b>

A list of imported batch records with the submittal Status of each record is displayed. (1) Choose under Status to see the (2) error for an individual record.

List of checked batch records showing submittal status and error record.

Details

List of batch records:

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Status	Study ID	Location	Parameter	Activity Date	Sample ID	Value	Sample Taxo
Rejected	vcnw2776	VCNW2776_					
Rejected	vcnw2776	VCNW2776_					
Rejected	vcnw2776	VCNW2776_MW4	MW-4	03/28/2013	MW-4Dup	0.2	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane
Rejected	vcnw2776	VCNW2776_MW3	MW-3	03/28/2013	MW-3	0.2	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane

Error Information:

Error Type	Reason	Solution
BUSER058	Fraction Analyzed is required when Matrix is Water and Field Collection Type is Sample.	Add Fraction Analyzed.

## Check data status

- **Accepted:** All aspects of the record are consistent with EIM valid values and requirements.
- **Rejected:** A value(s) does not match an EIM valid value(s) and/or one or more required fields are missing.
  - Choose “Rejected” to see error detail.
  - All rejected errors need to be corrected before data submittal process is considered complete. The dataset will need to be resubmitted after the errors have been corrected.
- **Warning:** A value(s) does not match an EIM valid value(s). This may be the result of a value that needs to be added to EIM.
  - Choose “Warning” to see error detail.
  - Although we would like to see these errors fixed, warnings will not prevent the data submittal process from being considered complete.
- Notify your EIM data coordinator of values you could not find in the Reference Tables.

## Notify EIM data coordinator

The last step in the data submittal process. This button will appear when all records in your batch have been accepted or only contain warnings. This means your data submittal is complete. When you choose this button, the EIM data coordinator for the Ecology program you are submitting data to will be notified. They will perform the final load of your data into EIM. They may contact you with questions.

*Notify the EIM data coordinator.*

**Results**

Next >> If you received no warnings:

[Notify EIM Coordinator](#)

[View Processed Records](#) [View Errors](#)

**Check Data Counts:(Time taken to complete the check data process-00:00:03 seconds.)**

Records accepted	322
Warning	0
Records rejected	0
Records processed	322

*Confirmation of EIM data coordinator notification.*

**Results**

Your EIM Coordinator has been notified of your submittal. They may be contacting you with questions.

[View Processed Records](#) [View Errors](#)

**Check Data Counts:(Time taken to complete the check data process-00:00:03 seconds.)**

Records accepted	322
Warning	0
Records rejected	0
Records processed	322

# View Submitted Data

## When you import a file into EIM, it becomes a batch

“Show Batches” displays your list of imported data batches for Location, Result (including Water Level and Time-Series), or Bioassay data. You can View, Delete, or Export (to spreadsheet) batches. Once a batch has been partially or fully loaded into the main EIM database by your EIM data coordinator, you will no longer be able to delete it.

You will automatically be directed to your batches when you enter the Loader and choose Locations, Results, or Bioassays.

List of Imported Batches under “Show Batches.”

Submit Data
Show Batches

**Results**

**My Batches**

[Go to Time Series Result Batches](#)

Please delete batches you don't want us to load.

Fully loaded by your EIM data coordinator
  Imported Batch
  Submittal not complete - requires "Check Data"

**Keep EIM clean** - delete loaded or unwanted batches.

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Status	Batch Number	Source	Created On	Batch Type	Options
	69	BearCreekTestResults.xml	9/9/2013 2:35:00 PM	R	<a href="#">View</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   <a href="#">Export</a>
	68	BearCreekTestResultsFormatError.xml	9/9/2013 2:28:00 PM	R	<a href="#">View</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   <a href="#">Export</a>
	67	BearCreekTestResults.xml	9/9/2013 1:27:00 PM	R	<a href="#">View</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   <a href="#">Export</a>

**Note:** Keep EIM clean! Delete your old batch when you resubmit a file after fixing errors.

## View batch records

When you choose “View” for a record in Show Batches, you will get this screen. To see all of your records, choose “Continue.” Or - you can filter the records you will see by choosing elements from one or more of the drop-down boxes before choosing “Continue.”

*What you see when you choose “View’ under Options.*

Submit Data Show Batches

### Results

**Batch Search:**

Location ID	--ANY--
Study Specific Location ID	--ANY-- MW-10A MW-13 MW-2 MW-3
Sample ID	--ANY--
Sample Matrix	--ANY--
Sample Source	--ANY--
Parameter	--ANY-- 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane 1,1,1-Trichloroethane 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane 1,1,2-Trichloroethane
Result UOM	--ANY--
Result Qualifier	--ANY--
Result Method	--ANY--
Result Lab Name	--ANY--
Sample Taxon	--ANY--
Load Status	--ANY--
Records per page	50

Continue Cancel

## Document Revision History

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