



EPA GeoPlatform:

Increasing the Value of Monitoring and Modeling at EPA

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GeoPlatform Goals

- Share data
- Collect data and products from users
- Collaborate around maps
- Grow a community
- Provide better solutions



Monitoring, Modeling and Mapping

Monitoring

- Most monitoring data is location specific
- Much is tied up in tabular formats
- Maps often only used to show location
- Bringing the two together is becoming easy



Monitoring, Modeling and Mapping

Modeling

- Many EPA modeling efforts are spatially explicit
 - Chemical exposure models
 - Air dispersion models
 - Stream loading models
- Monitoring data as inputs to models
- Monitoring data as validation of models



Monitoring, Modeling and Mapping Mapping

- Mapping interfaces are great integrators
- EPA modelers expressed interest
- Model results as context for monitoring data
- GeoPlatform can meaningfully combine these data
 - Easy to use
 - Find data for download & find locations for action
 - Tell effective stories



What is a GeoPlatform?





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- Evolution of catalogs for immediate use of data
- Hosting environment for preferred data sets
- Scalable for a wide variety of needs
 - individual work
 - small or large groups
 - public access
- Fusion of internal and external data and services



EPA GeoPlatform

- Infrastructure for sharing geospatial information
 - One size does not fit all... but one size fits "most"
- Foster innovation with rapid prototyping
 - Develop operational capabilities for pilot applications
 - Continually enhance the solution over short iterations
- Reuse of services and code
- Work with our partners
 - Federal GeoPlatform, state, local and academic

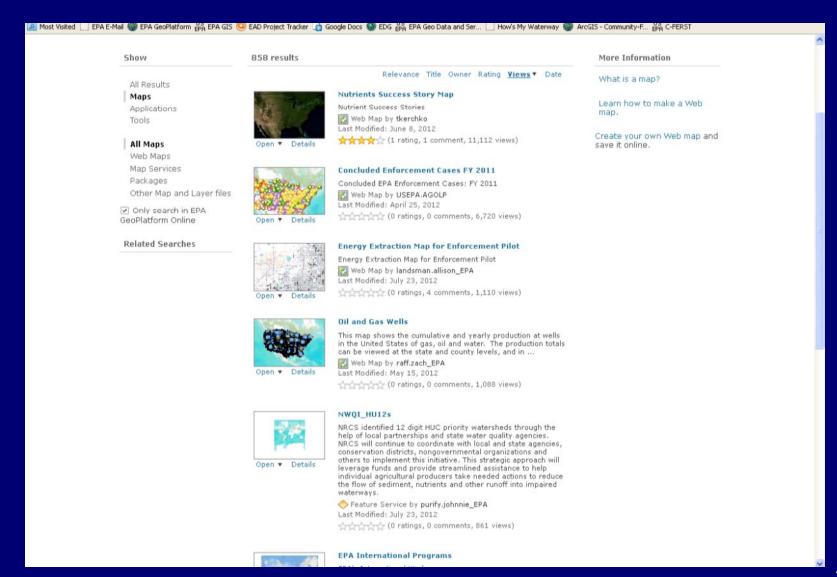
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Current Status

- Over 300 registered users
- Over 1,000 items
- Round 1 pilots nearing completion
 - Oil and gas enforcement targeting
 - Community grants
 - Environmental justice screening tool
- Additional pilots in planning stages
- Access to EPA staff via intranet
- Anticipating broader access in the FY 2013

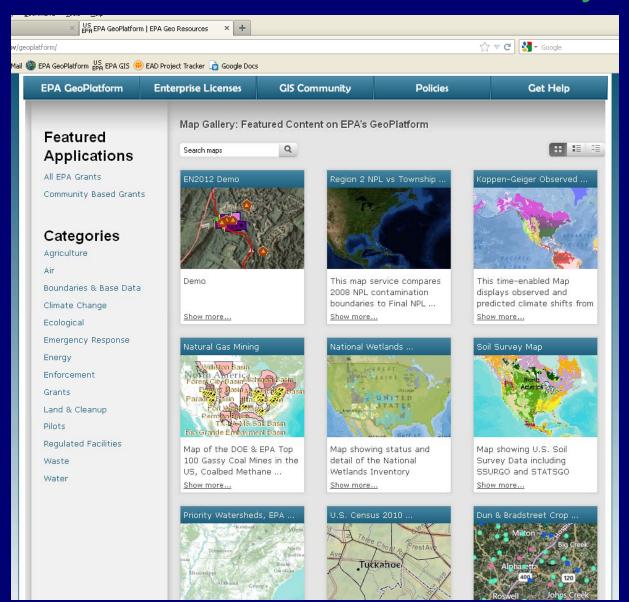


GeoPlatform Interface



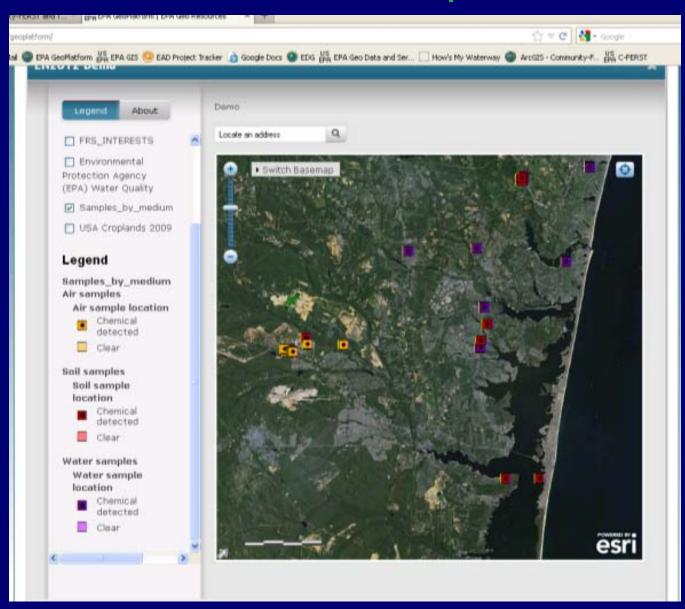


GeoPlatform Gallery



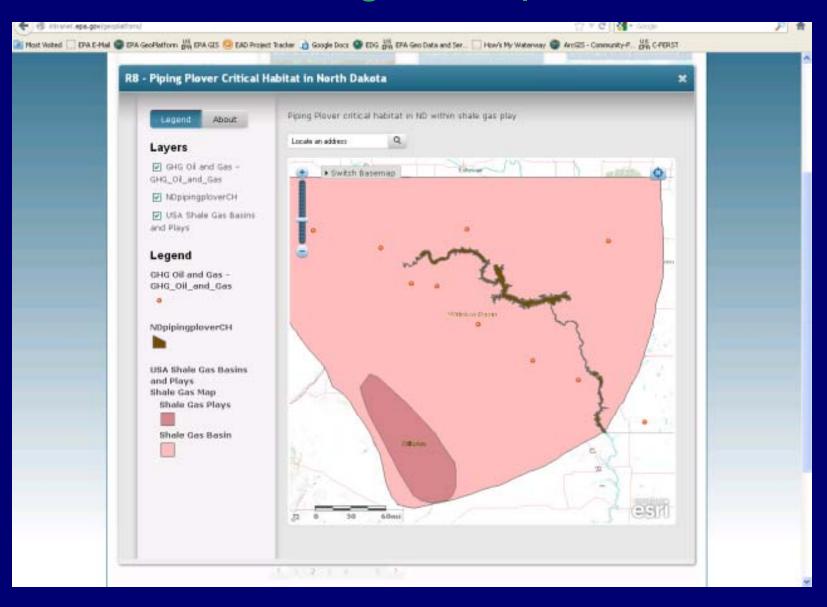


NJ Air Samples



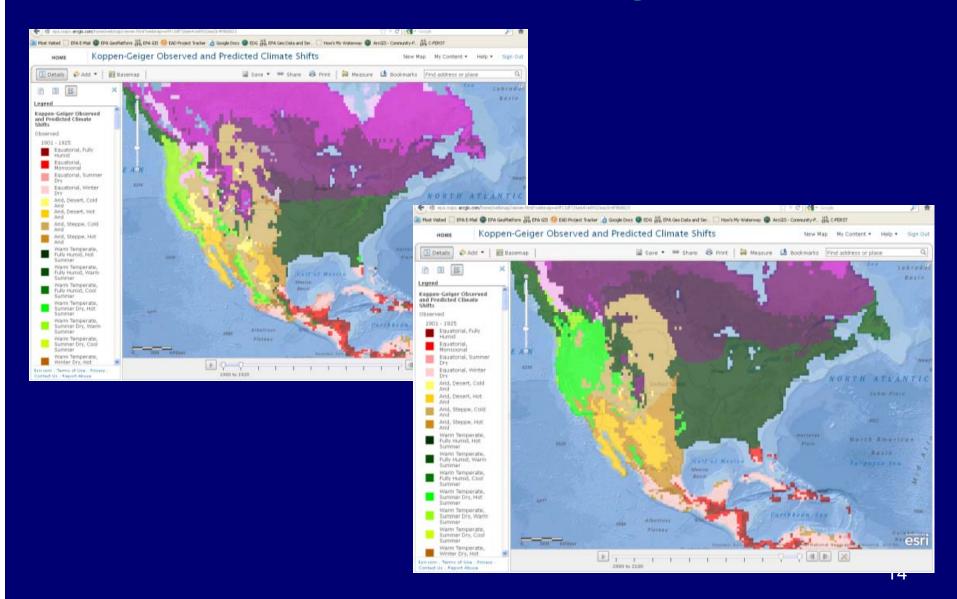


Endangered Species



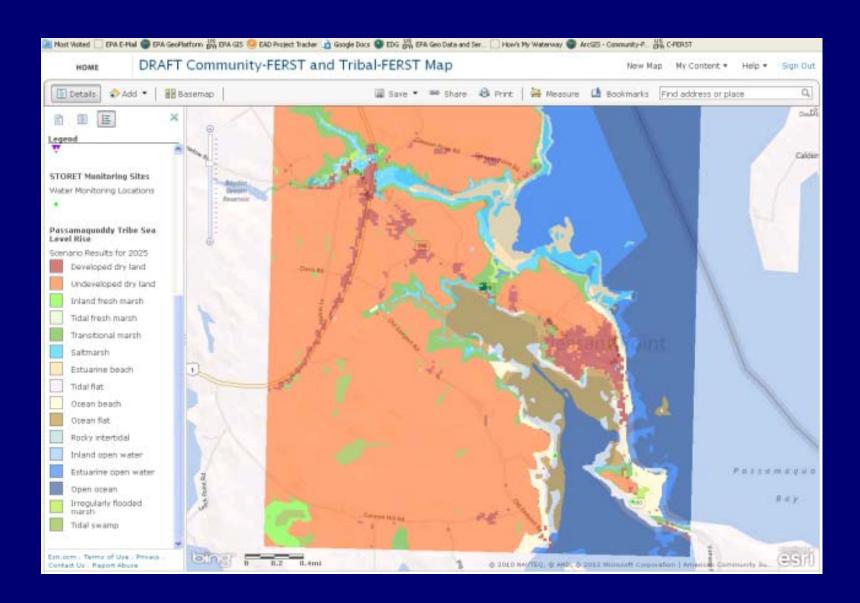


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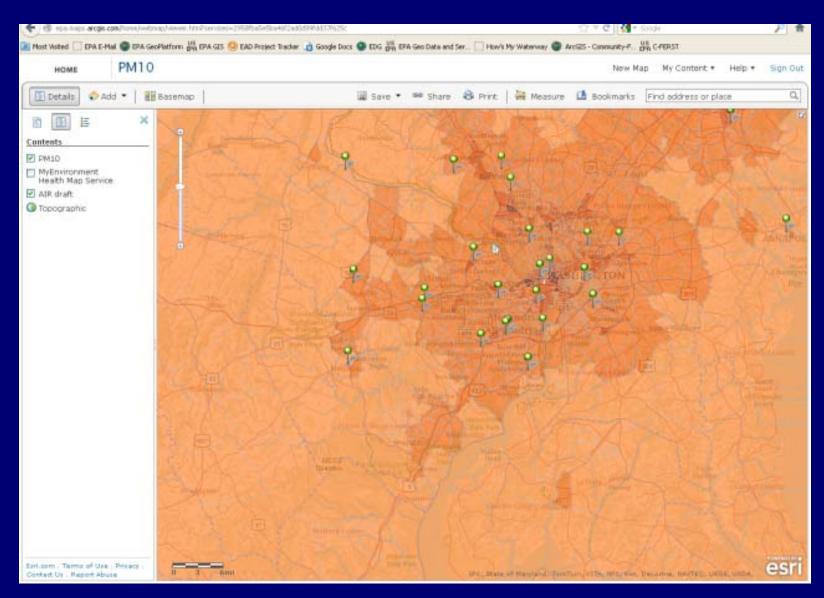


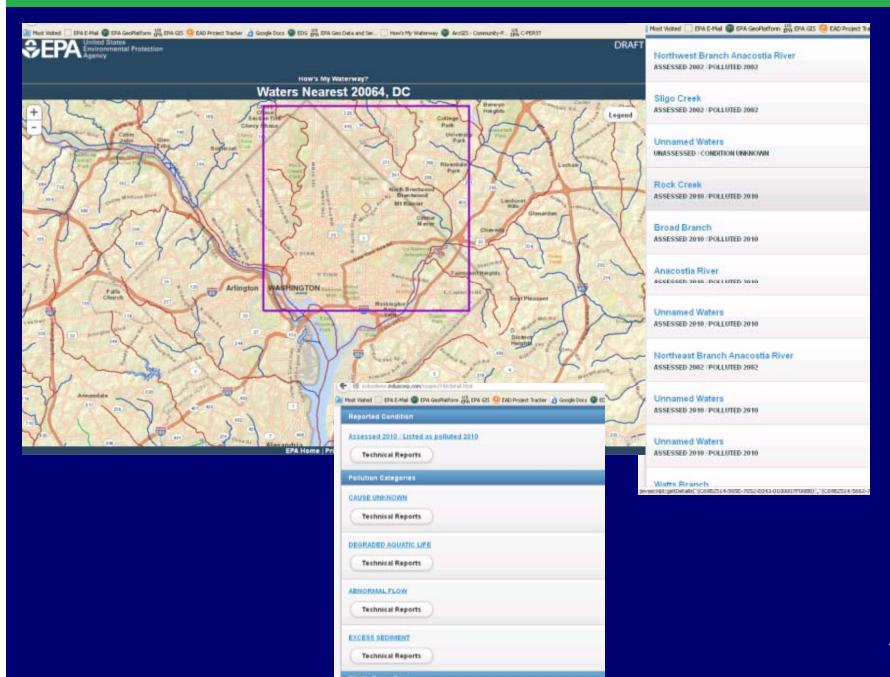
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Modeled Air Risk







What is to Come

- Building a store of preferred data sources
 - Versions of monitoring and modeling data abound
 - Authoritative sources are essential
- Sharing data services with the Federal GeoPlatform
- Sharing experience and development
- Expansion state, local, tribal and academic
- Future looks bright for sharing data



Story Mapping

- Highly effective means of information delivery
 - Understandable by a broad audience
 - Captures interest
 - Logically connect information
- Story map templates are in development
- Integration into platform soon (FY 2013?)



Future Vision

- Ecosystem of people sharing data and services
- Continual development of software for:
 - Ease of use
 - Ability to move data and secure data
 - Add demanded features
- Mobile platforms
 - Data into central stores
 - Data delivery to the field



Questions?

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