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To: GS-W CD

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Subject: Latest ITAC meeting minutes

Dear Data Chiefs,

Please find the full minutes of the latest Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) can be reached by the link at the bottom of this message. Remember that we now have an ITAC glossary on the Web for many IT acronyms on the ITAC home page:

<http://water.usgs.gov/usgs/nwis/itac/>

Some key discussions relating to Data Section activities that are listed in the minutes (see link below) include:

1. Discussion of the future of the Annual Data Report,
2. Update on the limitations of the collection and presentation of **true**real-time data for hydrologic hazards,
3. Elimination of local FTP servers and DMZ areas,
4. Use of PDA's for tracking of bears,
5. Wireless network approval status,
6. NWIS update.

<http://water.usgs.gov/usgs/nwis/itac/minutes/anchorage040622/>

ITAC is a WRD committee to foster communication and services between HQ and the "field". Our last meeting was in the Alaska office, which is now an integrated center of all USGS Disciplines. So some of the district interactions included discussions about IT services to all disciplines.

Feel free to contact me for any clarifications,

Brian