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Progress on a Detailed Mechanism of the Procedures on Data and Information Disclosure

1. Introduction

“Procedures on Data and Information Disclosure for the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)”(hereinafter referred to as the “Procedures”) were discussed and adopted at the Third Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting on EANET (IG3) held in November 2001 in Chang Mai, Thailand. The Procedures aim at specifying the necessary procedures for disclosing data and information that are obtained through the EANET activities.

At the Third Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee on EANET (SAC3) held in November 2003 in Pattaya, Thailand, “Detailed Mechanism of Article 4 of the Procedures on Data and Information Disclosure for EANET” (hereinafter referred to as the “Detailed Mechanism”) was recommended to be adopted at the Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting(IG5) . (Ref. Annex 1)

NC presented the actual program for data disclosure at the Fifth Session of the Senior Technical Managers' Meeting on EANET (STM5) and the Fourth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee on EANET (SAC4) held in November 2004 in Siem Reap, Cambodia,

2. Outline of the data disclosure

2.1 Annual data reports (Summarized data)

Annual data reports with averaged monitoring data obtained from 2000 are currently disclosed outside EANET immediately after their finalization by the Network Center (NC) under the guidance of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC). NC shall distribute printed copies of the reports to relevant organization/experts outside EANET upon requests.

NC shall upload the data tables and information of the reports to the EANET website. These data and information from annual reports, being as disclosed, shall be received through the EANET website with no registration for download.

2.2 All the data and information(verified “raw” data)

“All the data and information” shall indicate all of the verified initial (raw) data and information that were obtained through the regular phase of EANET (starting in January 2001) and submitted from the participating countries to NC.

According to the “Procedures on data and information disclosure for EANET” adopted by IG3, all the data and information that are obtained through the EANET activities should be disclosed outside EANET after verification and endorsement by SAC. Based on the proposals of NC (EANET/SAC 3/6/2_rev) adopted by IG5 the start of data providing will be done after 2004.

Among the EANET participating countries, verified (raw) data shall be disclosed immediately for the National Focal Points after verification and endorsement by SAC, and disclosed for scientists of EANET countries upon their requests. The data and information shall be disclosed outside EANET one year after their confirmation/evaluation by SAC. (Ref. Annex 1)

2.3 Schedule for data disclosure

The distribution of disclosed data and information in their electronic formats will be provided by sending of CD upon the request or through EANET website by download. Information for data disclosure by CD will be announced on the website at the beginning of August 2005.

As for data disclosure by download through EANET website, we need not only the registration system at the EANET website but corresponding security system too. Therefore it will take time and budget for establishment of that system, and so the data will be disclosed by download system through EANET website in 2006.

3. Way of disclosure by CD

- a. The data and information shall be submitted upon request by CD.
- b. Procedure and necessary condition of disclosure shall be announced through the EANET website as follows;
 - The information of disclosure will be announced through website titled “How to get the EANET Data and Information”. It includes important matters to be attended for data access and application and information for copy of registration sheet.
 - The registration sheet shall be filled with bellow items: name , institute or organization, postal address, country, E-mail address, telephone and FAX numbers, the purpose of data using, signature

- To register as the user by sending the registration sheet is essential for getting the EANET data and information.
- c. The management of the registration sheet .
 - NC will input the data of the registration sheet to computer and make a database of users.
 - NC shall check the registration sheet. Check items are as follows;
 - ✧ Necessary items have to be fully filled.
 - ✧ The reason for using data is appropriate, especially for non commercial use.
 - If there are no problems, NC shall send CD with EANET data.
 - The list of data users will be registered as for external checking.

d. Items of disclosure

Disclosed data on wet and dry deposition monitoring should be. provided in the form of tables as described below:

Wet deposition: Annual and monthly data of weighted averages of concentration, deposition and completeness.

Daily data of concentration and deposition.

Dry deposition: Annual ,monthly and hourly data for each site. Each data consists of average values for automatic monitoring and weekly or biweekly data table for filter pack sampling of each component.

Soil and vegetation: Results of soil chemical analysis, description of trees, understory vegetation survey, observation of tree decline.

Separate table of data for each site. Each data consists of each reported values of sample.

Inland aquatic: Properties of lake, Results of Inland aquatic environment monitoring. Separate table of data for each site. Each data consists of each reported values of sample.

4. Data disclosure through EANET website

NC shall make new special web pages with purpose-made password system and ask specialists to lay out these web pages for establishment of disclosure system through website and also consider the security condition for disclosed data and control measures for protecting the information of the registration information of users.

Outline and procedure of disclosure by download system through EANET website are as

follows;

- a. The data and information shall be obtained upon the request by download.
- b. Procedure and necessary condition of access/download shall be announced through the EANET website.
- c. The correspondent agreement and fill-in of registration need to be accepted for getting the EANET data.
- d. The agreement shall include bellow items.
 - To inform on purposes of using the data and send to NC the copy of reports, papers where the EANET be used,
 - Registration should only be carried out by the person responsible for the subscription.
 - EANET data shall be available for non commercial use.
- e. EANET data can be got by filling registration and send to NC by e-mail.
 - The registration sheet shall be filled with bellow items
name, institution or organization, address, country, E-mail address
telephone and FAX numbers, the purpose of data, signature
 - The registration sheet will be checked before permitting the disclosure automatically.
- f. Data user will be informed the ID number and password. Password will change periodically.
- g. The information of update and amendment shall be announced on the website of EANET.

Detailed Mechanism of Article 4 of the Procedures on Data and Information Disclosure for EANET

1. Annual data reports (summarized data)

Annual data reports for the data obtained in and after 2000 shall be disclosed outside EANET immediately after finalization by the Network Center (NC) under the guidance of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC).

NC shall distribute copies of the reports to relevant organizations/experts outside EANET and send them upon request. NC shall upload the data and information in the reports to the EANET website.

2. All the data and information (verified “raw” data)

2.1. Data and information that could be disclosed

According to the Procedures, all the data and information that are obtained through the EANET activities should be disclosed outside EANET after 2002.

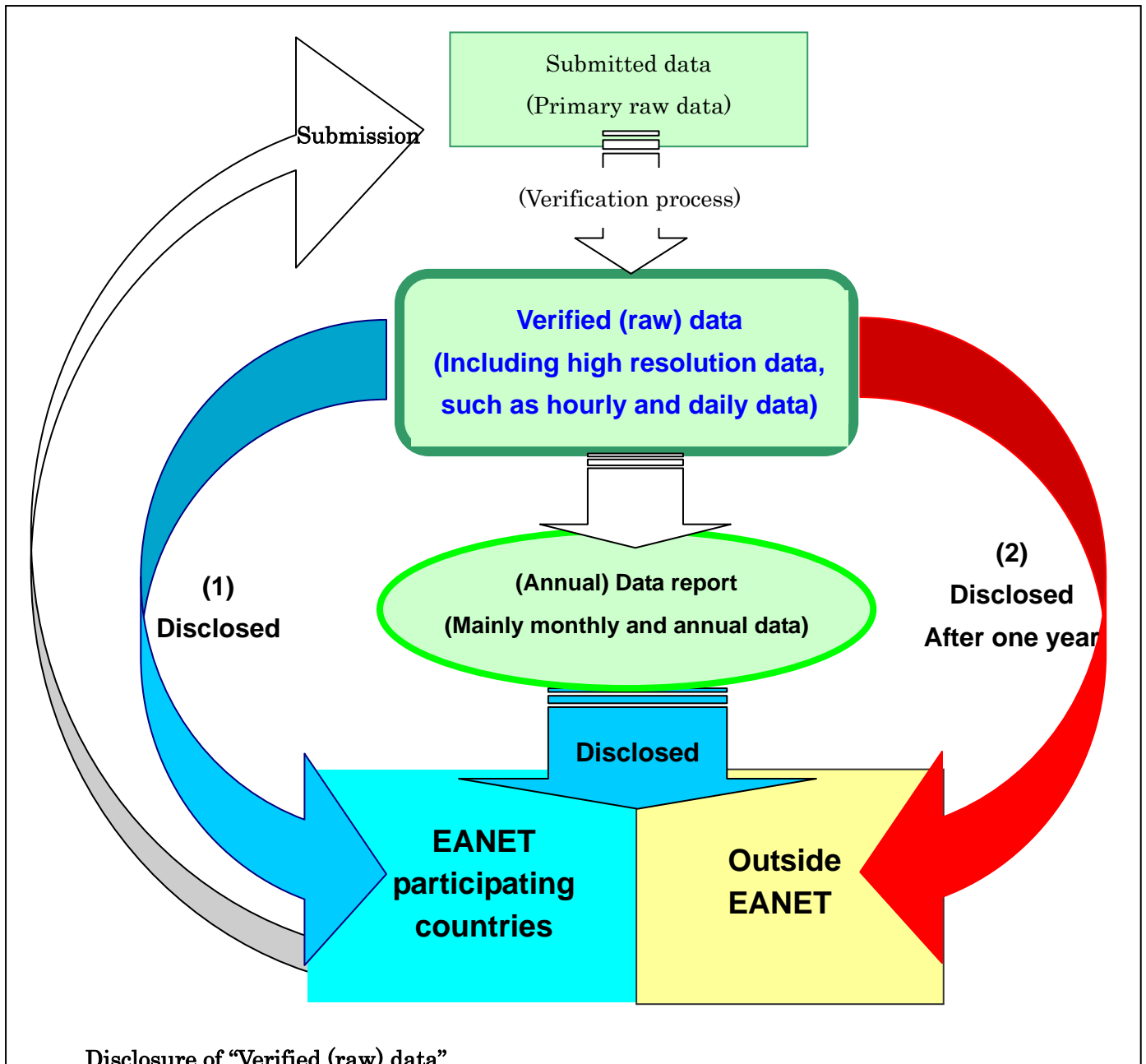
“All the data and information” shall be all of the verified (raw) data and information that were obtained in the regular phase (starting in January 2001) and submitted from the participating countries to NC following “Data Reporting Procedures and Formats for Acid Deposition Monitoring in East Asia”, taking the level of data quality in the preparatory phase into account.

2.2. Starting time of disclosure

Among the EANET participating countries, verified (raw) data shall be disclosed immediately for the National Focal Points after verification and endorsement by SAC, and disclosed for scientists upon their requests. The data and information shall be disclosed outside EANET one year after the confirmation/evaluation by SAC.

2.3. Way of disclosure

The data and information shall be disclosed upon request by CD and through the EANET website with registration for download.



Disclosure of “Verified (raw) data”

(1) For the EANET participating countries

“Verified (raw) data” would be disclosed immediately for the National Focal Points after verification and endorsement by SAC, and disclosed for scientists upon their requests.

(2) For outside of EANET

“Verified (raw) data” would be disclosed one year after confirmation/evaluation by SAC.

Figure 1. Procedures on data disclosure

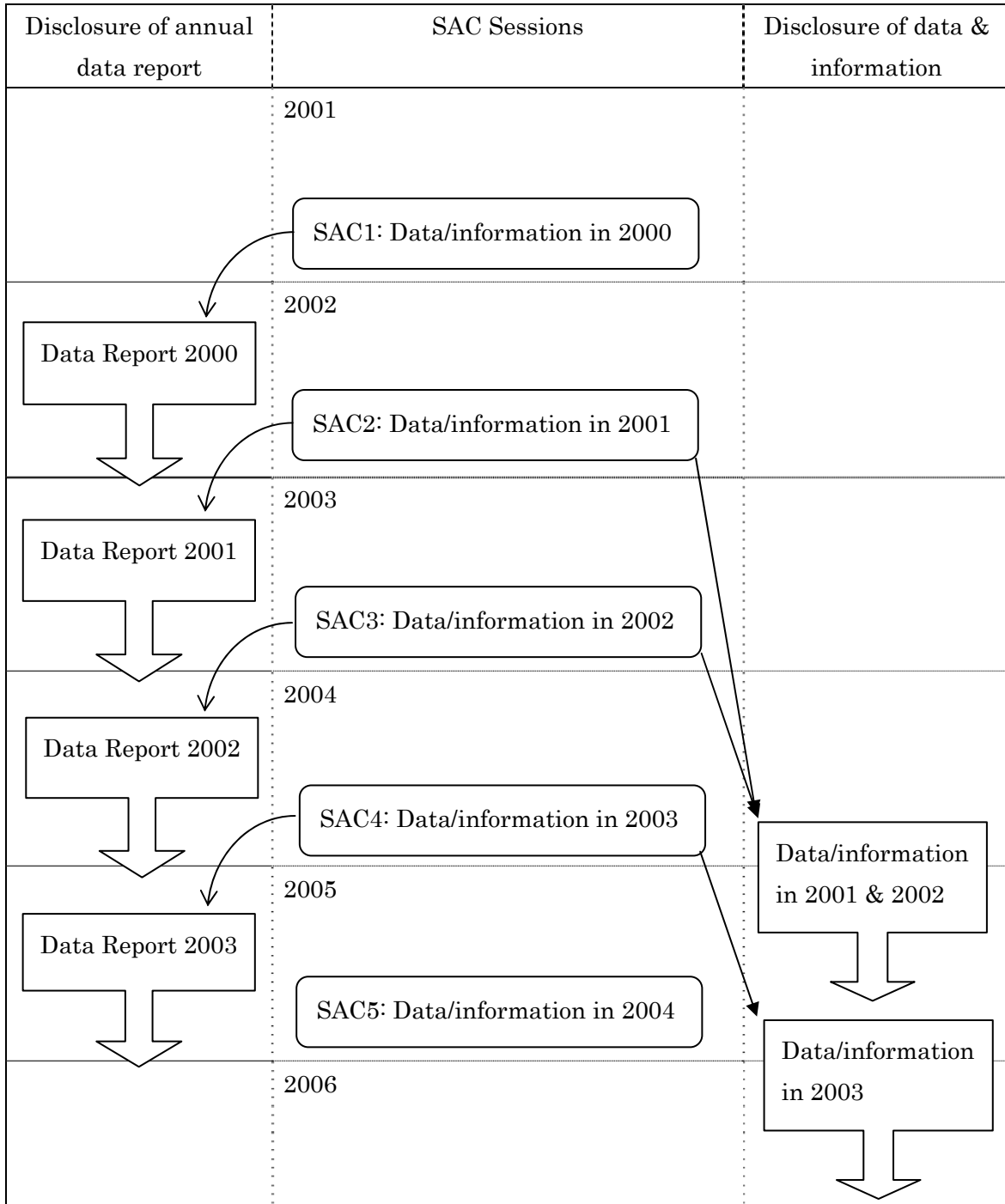


Figure 2. Expected schedule for data disclosure