

Metadata Best Practices: Questions and Answers

Where can I find the Top 10 Metadata Mistakes document referenced in the presentation?

It is posted at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/gis/top10.pdf>. You might also be interested in this page on common metadata mistakes:

<http://geology.usgs.gov/tools/metadata/tools/doc/opinion/mistakes.html>

Does the EME Team recommend using the GIS for the Nation (GFN) Data Naming Standard, which groups/categorizes data by themes?

This is a good suggestion and something that we can look into further.

Is the "Metadata Importer" in ArcToolbox the same as the Import button in ArcCatalog's Description tab?

No, these two importers perform different processes. The Metadata Importer tool copies metadata that is already in ArcGIS format to a dataset but does not synchronize the metadata with the dataset. The Import button converts metadata to ArcGIS format (when necessary), and automatically synchronizes with the dataset. Note that in both cases the resulting metadata is in ArcGIS format, which may conflict with EPA metadata standards.

Setting the secondary online linkage with the default button causes EME to crash for me. Has anyone else experienced this?

We have not heard of this issue, but we would be happy to investigate. Please send us your MS Access .mdb file along with a screenshot of any error messages.

When I select "Remove ESRI tags" in the synchronizer then proceed to synchronize, the Summary, Abstract, etc. on the description tab get removed.

If the tags are not FGDC tags, that might be causing the issue. If you send us a sample, we can take a look.

How do you synchronize your metadata so that the online link automatically updates if you change the location of the data?

The synchronizer cannot update a link from an online storage location; it can only grab the information from a local storage location. You would need to update your online link manually if you are placing your data on an online location.