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Hi everyone,

Thanks to all who were able to participate in the discussions last Monday. Near the end of the meeting, it was decided that the committee should develop comments and suggestions in writing regarding the use of a trim line, and that this information should be compiled in a white paper. The committee also discussed ESPAM version 2 predictive uncertainty and whether the current approach to its determination, that the committee is following, has value. It was also decided that the committee should reconvene on January 23rd, 2012 to discuss these issues.

Predictive uncertainty and the trim line were previously discussed during committee meetings held in 2008 and 2009, and a white paper was published on June 5th, 2009. This white paper and related information including a PowerPoint presentation can be found on the ESHMC web site at: http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/Browse/WaterInfo/ESPAM/model_trim_line/. Committee discussions of uncertainty are organized on the web site at: http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/Browse/WaterInfo/ESPAM/model_uncertainty/. The comments on model uncertainty made by Chuck Brendecke dated January 13 – 14, 2009 are included in this folder.

Members of the committee should begin developing or refining their positions on the trim line and predictive uncertainty for inclusion in what we will refer to as the "Updated White Paper". A separate folder will be developed on the web site for the Updated White Paper and related information.

IDWR will develop an overview of the predictive uncertainty analysis that is in progress and the procedure that is being followed. We will include the purpose of this work, why it is important to perform the analyses, and what can be learned from the results. We will also discuss how the results could be used to improve ESPAM version 2 or future versions of the model.

Thanks again, and your thoughts are welcome,

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