

Subject: resubmission of WFD data

As mentioned in the Annex 6 to the Reporting Guidance, "Reporting on the River Basin Management Plans – a user manual" report, to ensure a proper functioning of the automatic QA/QC, one has first to report the national spatial data (GML files) and only when this is finalised can they release the national and RBD-level XML files. In other words, reporting of national RBDSUCA and RBD descriptive data is possible only when the national spatial data has been closed successfully.

However, it may happen that, after releasing the descriptive data for some RBDs, some issues in the national data have to be corrected. As there is no way to limit the changes introduced in the GML files, there is a risk that some of the changes introduced may not be consistent with the XML files which had already been finalised.

In order to ensure that consistency of the data reported is kept, the resubmission of national spatial data has therefore to be followed by the resubmission of any other data which may already have been finalised.

This needs to be done by the Member States, only when they modify their GML files after having finalised reporting of XML envelopes. If the changes introduced do not have an impact on the consistency of the data already reported (e.g. if they only concern RBDs for which no data has yet been reported) the new release will produce the same list of Annex 0 related blockers as the previous one and can be finalised (closed) very quickly.