Guidelines and Standards for Selected Reference Tables in the IHFS Database

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1.0 Introduction

The current configuration of the WHFS database allows entries without regard to upper/lower case, spelling, abbreviation, or correctness for that particular field. As a result, sharing of information for service backup between WFOs or coordination between WFOs and RFCs is difficult and tedious. To address this problem a team was formed in Central Region to standardize portions of the database that impact service backup and coordination. This team set out to construct a stable set of choices or standards for each of the portions (i.e. reference tables). Then to create an interface such that the user could update their database with the new standards. Future teams will focus on how to keep the databases current and to build an infrastructure such that data can be transferred and updated regularly and as instantaneously as possible. It has been proposed to the WHFS developers that we "lock" the database. If new entries are desired in the standardized fields an updated version could be delivered periodically. The current team consists of Central Region RFC, WFO and regional personnel. Members from Southern, Eastern and Western Region also took part in the discussion and duties.

Sixteen reference tables (and their foreign key ties) were identified for standardization. In the sections 2 through 13 below, each of the reference tables is discussed. In each section, the background and standards for each table is listed first followed by all the allowable entries for each. Section 14 provides background information on foreign keys and how these keys are used to maintain referential integrity of information in a database.

2.0 Network Table

The network table indicates the NWS program (climatology, meteorology and/or hydrology) supported by observed data at a COOP station. Use the **network** column for the correct entry. Description is not part of this table but is provided as supplemental information for this document. Definitions for A, B, & C network stations obtained from WSOM B-17 chapter. The table is single column table, 3-character field and upper case.

<u>Network</u>	<u>Description</u>
А	the basic climate network. Supposed to be set up on a nominal grid of 25 miles, as close as
	20 miles in rapidly varying climate regimes, as far as 30 > miles in homogeneous areas. Must at least measure precip, usually also daily max and min temperatures. "A" network
	includes Reference Climate Stations, Historical Climate Network, and Reference Climate
	Network.
В	network with no specific spacing criteria, used to support Hydrology. The F&P rain gage sites
	are in this network, and are published in the HPD. "B" network 8" SRG data may or may not
	be published in the state CD.
С	other sites not needed for the A or B network, but used for "public service"; long record stations with 50 or more years of records; research, experimental, and special purpose
	stations.
AB	see A and B descriptions above
AC	see A and C descriptions above
ABC	see A, B and C descriptions above

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BC	see B and C descriptions above
U	Unofficial COOP station
Unk	unknown/not defined (exception to upper case rule for this table)

3.0 River Forecast Center Table

This table identifies which River Forecast Center has responsibility for each forecast and data point. Use the **acronym** column for the correct entry. The description, location and identifier information are not part of the table but are provided as supplemental information for this document. The table is single column, 5-character field and upper case.

<u>Acronym</u>	Description	Location	<u>Identifier</u>
ABRFC	Arkansas-Red Basin	Tulsa, OK	TUA
APRFC	Alaska-Pacific	Anchorage, AK	ACR
CBRFC	Colorado Basin	Salt Lake City, UT	STR
CNRFC	California-Nevada	Sacramento, CA	RSA
LMRFC	Lower Mississippi	Slidell, LA	ORN
MARFC	Mid-Atlantic	State College, PA	RHA
MBRFC	Missouri Basin	Pleasant Hill, MO	KRF
NCRFC	North Central	Chanhassen, MN	MSR
NERFC	Northeast	Tauton, MA	TAR
NWRFC	Northwest	Portland, OR	PTR
OHRFC	Ohio	Wilmington, OH	TIR
SERFC	Southeast	Peachtree City, GA	ALR
WGRFC	West Gulf	Fort Worth, TX	FWR
Unk	unknown/not defined (e	exception to upper case r	rule for this table)

4.0 Weather Forecast Office & Hydrologic Service Area Tables

The WFO/HSA table describes which office has responsibility at a station. Use the **identifier** column for the correct entry. The name column is provided as supplemental information for this document. Information for this table was extracted from the "dbf" file obtained from the following NWS web site: http://www.awips.noaa.gov/mapdata/newcat/ The table is single column table, 3-character field and upper case. Additional information on office identifiers is contained in Appendix A.

<u>ldentifier</u>	Name	APX	North Central Lower Michigan
ABQ	Albuquerque, NM	ARX	La Cross, WI
ABR	Aberdeen, SD	BGM	Binghamton, NY
AFC	Anchorage, AK	BIS	Bismarck, ND
AFG	Fairbanks, AK	BMX	Birmingham, AL
AJK	Juneau, AK	BOI	Boise, ID
AKQ	Wakefield, VA	BOU	Denver/Boulder, CO
ALY	Albany, NY	BOX	Boston, MA
AMA	Amarillo, TX	BRO	Brownsville, TX

5.0 State Table

The state table describes which state (or province) the station is physically placed. Use the **code** column for the correct entry. Although the table was not designed with Canadian provinces and Mexican states in mind, several offices process data from sites located Canada and Mexico to support hydrologic forecasts. In addition to the states, territories and possessions of the United States, information on Canadian provinces and Mexican states has been provided. The information for this table was obtained from a variety of internet sources. FIPS and NCDC codes are provided as supplemental information for this document. The table contains two columns, two-character Post Office code field (upper case) and 20-char name field (mixed case).

5.1 United States

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<u>Code</u>	Name	NCDC 01	<u>FIPS</u> 01	NY	New York	30	36
AL	Alabama		02	NC	North Carolina	31	37
AK	Alaska	50		ND ND	North Dakota	32	38
AZ	Arizona	02	04			33	39
AR	Arkansas	03	05	OH	Ohio		
CA	California	04	06	OK	Oklahoma	34	40
CO	Colorado	05	08	OR	Oregon	35	41
CT	Connecticut	06	09	PA	Pennsylvania	36	42
DE	Delaware	07	10	RI	Rhode Island	37	44
DC	District of Columbia	18	11	SC	South Carolina	38	45
FL	Florida	80	12	SD	South Dakota	39	46
GA	Georgia	09	13	TN	Tennessee	40	47
HI	Hawaii	51	15	TX	Texas	41	48
ID	Idaho	10	16	UT	Utah	42	49
IL	Illinois	11	17	VT	Vermont	43	50
IN	Indiana	12	18	VA	Virginia	44	51
IA	lowa	13	19	WA	Washington	45	53
KS	Kansas	14	20	WV	West Virginia	46	54
KY	Kentucky	15	21	WI	Wisconsin	47	55
LA	Louisiana	16	22	WY	Wyoming	48	56
ME	Maine	17	23	PR	Puerto Rico	66	72
MD	Maryland	18	24	VI	Virgin Islands	67	78
MA	Massachusetts	19	25	AS	American Samoa	XX	60
MI	Michigan	20	26	FM	Federated Micronesia	XX	64
MN	Minnesota	21	27	GU	Guam	XX	66
MS	Mississippi	22	28	MH	Marshall Islands	XX	68
MO	Missouri	23	29	MP	N. Mariana Islands	XX	69
MT	Montana	24	30	PW	Palau	XX	70
NE	Nebraska	25	31	UM	Midway Islands	XX	74
NV	Nevada	26	32	ZZ	Coastal	XX	XX
NH	New Hampshire	27	33	XX	State Not Defined	XX	XX
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NJ	New Jersey	20	J -1				

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5.2 Canada and Russia

No supplemental information on Nuavut territory was found.

<u>Code</u>	Name	NCDC	<u>FIPS</u>
AB	Alberta	68	01
BC	British Columbia	69	02
MB	Manitoba	70	03
NB	New Brunswick	71	04
NF	Newfoundland	72	05
NT	Northwest Terr.	73	06
NS	Nova Scotia	74	07
ON	Ontario	75	80
PE	Prince Edward Island	76	09
PQ	Quebec	77	10
SK	Saskatchewan	78	11
ΥT	Yukon	79	12
NU	Nuavut	XX	13
RU	Russia	XX	XX

5.3 Mexico

No source for 2-character abbreviations was found for the Mexican states. Codes assigned were made-up and coordinated with interested RFCs.

<u>Code</u>	Name	<u>FIPS</u>	MR	Morelos	17
AG	Aguascalientes	01	NA	Nayarit	18
BN	Baja California Norte	02	NL	Nuevo Leon	19
BS	Baja California Sur	03	OA	Oaxaca	20
CM	Campeche	04	PU	Puebla	21
CI	Chiapas	05	QΑ	Queretaro de Arteaga	22
CH	Chihuahua	06	QR	Quintana Roo	23
CZ	Coahuila de Zaragoza	07	SI	Sinaloa	25
CL	Colima	08	SO	Sonora	26
DF	Distrito Federal	09	TB	Tabasco	27
DU	Durango	10	TM	Tamaulipas	28
GN	Guanajuato	11	TL	Tlaxcala	29
GE	Guerrero	12	VL	Veracruz-Llave	30
HD	Hidalgo	13	YU	Yucatan	31
JA	Jalisco	14	ZA	Zacatecas	32
MX	Mexico	15			
MC	Michoacan de Ocampo	16			

6.0 Counties Table

The county table describes the name of the county where the station is physically located. Use the **county name** column for the correct entry. Information for this table was extracted from "dbf" file obtained from the following NWS web site: http://www.awips.noaa.gov/mapdata/newcat/. The primary and secondary backup WFOs

are not included. Information on these assignments can be found in ROMLs for each region. The table contains six columns including a 20-char county name field (mixed case), a 2-char Post Office state code field (upper case), 3-char county FIPS code, 3-char primary WFO field (upper case), 3-char primary backup WFO field (upper case), and 3-char secondary backup WFO field (upper case). County names longer then 20 characters were coordinated with contacts at various RFCs.

6.1 Listing by Central Region WFOs

County	State		Primary	losco	MI	069	APX
Name	<u>Code</u>	<u>FIPS</u>	WFO	Kalkaska	MI	079	APX
Big Stone	MN	011	ABR	Leelanau	MI	089	APX
Traverse	MN	155	ABR	Mackinac	MI	097	APX
Brown	SD	013	ABR	Manistee	MI	101	APX
Buffalo	SD	017	ABR	Missaukee	MI	113	APX
Campbell	SD	021	ABR	Montmorency	MI	119	APX
Clark	SD	025	ABR	Ogemaw	MI	129	APX
Codington	SD	029	ABR	Oscoda	MI	135	APX
Corson	SD	031	ABR	Otsego	Mi	137	APX
Day	SD	037	ABR	Presque Isle	MI	141	APX
Deuel	SD	039	ABR	Roscommon	MI	143	APX
Dewey	SD	041	ABR	Wexford	MI	165	APX
Edmunds	SD	045	ABR				
Faulk	SD	049	ABR	Allamakee	IA	005	ARX
Grant	SD	051	ABR	Chickasaw	IA	037	ARX
Hamlin	SD	057	ABR	Clayton	IA	043	ARX
Hand	SD	059	ABR	Fayette	IA	065	ARX
Hughes	SD	065	ABR	Floyd	IA	067	ARX
Hyde	SD	069	ABR	Howard	IA	089	ARX
Jones	SD	075	ABR	Mitchell	IA	131	ARX
Lyman	SD	085	ABR	Winneshiek	IA	191	ARX
McPherson	SD	089	ABR	Dodge	MN	039	ARX
Marshall	SD	091	ABR	Fillmore	MN	045	ARX
Potter	SD	107	ABR	Houston	MN	055	ARX
Roberts	SD	109	ABR	Mower	MN	099	ARX
Spink	SD	115	ABR	Olmsted	MN	109	ARX
Stanley	SD	117	ABR	Wabasha	MN	157	ARX
Sully	SD	119	ABR	Winona	MN	169	ARX
Walworth	SD	129	ABR	Adams	WI	001	ARX
TT CHITTET	-		,	Buffalo	WI	011	ARX
Alcona	MI	001	APX	Clark	WI	019	ARX
Alpena	MI	007	APX	Crawford	WI	023	ARX
Antrim	MI	009	APX	Grant	WI	043	ARX
Arenac	MI	011	APX	Jackson	WI	053	ARX
Benzie	MI	019	APX	Juneau	WI	057	ARX
Charlevoix	MI	029	APX	La Crosse	WI	063	ARX
Cheboygan	MI	031	APX	Monroe	WI	081	ARX
Chippewa	MI	033	APX	Richland	WI	103	ARX
Crawford	MI	039	APX	Taylor	WI	119	ARX
Emmet	MI	039	APX	Trempealeau	WI	121	ARX
Gladwin	MI	051	APX	Vernon	WI	123	ARX
Grand Traverse	MI	055	APX	VOITION	V V I	120	711.07
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Larimer Lincoln Logan Morgan Park Phillips	CO CO CO CO	069 073 075 087 093 095	BOU BOU BOU BOU BOU BOU	Aitkin Carlton Cass Cook Crow Wing	MN MN MN MN MN	001 017 021 031 035	DLH DLH DLH DLH DLH

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Henderson	KY	101	PAH	Sublette	WY	035	RIW
Hickman	KY KY	105 107	PAH PAH	Sweetwater	WY WY	037 039	RIW RIW
Hopkins	KY	139	PAH	Teton Washakie	WY	039	RIW
Livingston	KY	143	PAH	wasnakie	VVI	043	KIVV
Lyon McCracken	KY	145	PAH	Bourbon	KS	011	SGF
McLean	KY	149	PAH	Cherokee	KS	021	SGF
Marshall	KY	157	PAH	Crawford	KS	021	SGF
Muhlenberg	KY	177	PAH	Barry	MO	009	SGF
Todd	KY	219	PAH	Barton	MO	003	SGF
Trigg	KY	221	PAH	Benton	MO	015	SGF
Union	KY	225	PAH	Camden	MO	013	SGF
Webster	KY	233	PAH	Cedar	MO	039	SGF
Bollinger	MO	017	PAH	Christian	MO	043	SGF
Butler	MO	023	PAH	Dade	MO	057	SGF
Cape Girardeau	MO	031	PAH	Dallas	MO	059	SGF
Carter	MO	035	PAH	Dent	MO	065	SGF
Mississippi	MO	133	PAH	Douglas	MO	067	SGF
New Madrid	MO	143	PAH	Greene	MO	077	SGF
Perry	MO	157	PAH	Hickory	MO	085	SGF
Ripley	MO	181	PAH	Howell	MO	091	SGF
Scott	MO	201	PAH	Jasper	МО	097	SGF
Stoddard	MO	207	PAH	Laclede	МО	105	SGF
Wayne	MO	223	PAH	Lawrence	MO	109	SGF
•				McDonald	MO	119	SGF
Alamosa	CO	003	PUB	Maries	MO	125	SGF
Baca	CO	009	PUB	Miller	MO	131	SGF
Bent	CO	011	PUB	Morgan	MO	141	SGF
Conejos	CO	021	PUB	Newton	MO	145	SGF
Costilla	CO	023	PUB	Oregon	MO	149	SGF
Crowley	CO	025	PUB	Ozark	MO	153	SGF
Custer	CO	027	PUB	Phelps	MO	161	SGF
El Paso	CO	041	PUB	Polk	MO	167	SGF
Fremont	CO	043	PUB	Pulaski	MO	169	SGF
Huerfano	CO	055	PUB	St. Clair	МО	185	SGF
Kiowa	CO	061	PUB	Shannon	МО	203	SGF
Lake	CO	065	PUB	Stone	МО	209	SGF
Las Animas	CO	071	PUB	Taney	MO	213	SGF
Mineral	CO	079	PUB	Texas	MO	215	SGF
Otero	CO	089	PUB	Vernon	MO	217	SGF
Prowers	CO	099	PUB	Webster	MO	225	SGF
Pueblo Bio Crando	CO CO	101	PUB PUB	Wright	MO	229	SGF
Rio Grande	CO	105 109	PUB	Anderson	KS	003	TOP
Saguache Teller	CO	119	PUB	Brown	KS	003	TOP
i ellei	CO	113	гов	Clay	KS	013	TOP
Yellowstone Natl F	ok MT	113	RIW	Cloud	KS	029	TOP
Big Horn	WY	003	RIW	Coffey	KS	031	TOP
Fremont	WY	013	RIW	Dickinson	KS	041	TOP
Hot Springs	WY	017	RIW	Douglas	KS	045	TOP
Johnson	WY	019	RIW	Franklin	KS	059	TOP
Lincoln	WY	023	RIW	Geary	KS	061	TOP
Natrona	WY	025	RIW	Jackson	KS	085	TOP
Park	WY	029	RIW	Jefferson	KS	087	TOP

Unk	HD	Unk	Unk	Unk	QR	Unk	Unk
Unk	JA	Unk	Unk	Unk	SI	Unk	Unk
Unk	MX	Unk	Unk	Unk	SO	Unk	Unk
Unk	MC	Unk	Unk	Unk	TB	Unk	Unk
Unk	MR	Unk	Unk	Unk	TM	Unk	Unk
Unk	NA	Unk	Unk	Unk	TL	Unk	Unk
Unk	NL	Unk	Unk	Unk	VL	Unk	Unk
Unk	OA	Unk	Unk	Unk	YU	Unk	Unk
Unk	PU	Unk	Unk	Unk	ZA	Unk	Unk
Unk	QA	Unk	Unk				

7.0 COOP Communications Table

The Coop communications table describes the way COOP information is passed to the WFO. Use the **comms** column for the correct entry. Entries based on review of coopcomms table for several WFOs and consultation with CR/SOD. The descriptions are examples of some of the more common names for the comms type. It is provided as supplemental information for this document. This is a single column table with 10-character field and mixed case.

Comms	Description/Examples
Phone-in	ttphone, touchtone, INWATS, TEL, CELLULAR, WATS
Phone-out	Dial-up, ADP
Internet	WxCoder
ROSA	CompuWx, COMPU-ROSA, COMPUROSA
Mail	´B-91
Microwave	KEWS
Radio	Radio,shortwave & HAM
Other	FLT SVC, Service A
Unk	unknown/not defined

8.0 COOP Recipient Table

The Coop recipient table describes which WFO is the primary receiver of a particular COOP site. Use the WFO 3 letter identifier, found in section 3, to define the correct entry. The table is single column with a 15-character field and upper case. Entries are based on review of cooprecip table for several WFOs and consultation with CR/SOD.

- Unk for Unknown/not defined (exception to upper case rule for this table)

9.0 COOP Sponsor Table

The Coop sponsor table describes the entity responsible upkeep and cost of a particular station. Use the **Sponsor** column for the correct entry. The source for this table is table 3.13 pg.151 of the CSSA manual located at the following web site and consultation with CR/SOD.

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/coop/Publications/cssamanual.pdf . Network and description information are provided as supplemental information for this document. The table is single column, 7-character field and upper case.

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FC-28 B Morringsport Reservoir FC-30 B Roanoke River FC-32 B Middle Mississippi River FC-35 B Leon River FC-36 B Savannah River FC-39 B Geneses River FC-40 B HO RDS Creek Reservoir FC-42 B Guadalupe River FC-43 B Intra-Costal Canal FC-44 B Naches River FC-46 B San Francisco District FC-48 B Albuquerque District FC-49 B Philadelphia District	FC-26	В	Texarkana Reservoir
FC-30 B Roanoke River FC-32 B Middle Mississippi River FC-35 B Leon River FC-36 B Savannah River FC-39 B Geneses River FC-40 B HO RDS Creek Reservoir FC-42 B Guadalupe River FC-43 B Intra-Costal Canal FC-44 B Naches River FC-46 B San Francisco District FC-48 B Albuquerque District FC-49 B Philadelphia District	FC-27	В	Farrell's Bridge Reservoir
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FC-43 B Intra-Costal Canal FC-44 B Naches River FC-46 B San Francisco District FC-48 B Albuquerque District FC-49 B Philadelphia District		В	HO RDS Creek Reservoir
FC-43 B Intra-Costal Canal FC-44 B Naches River FC-46 B San Francisco District FC-48 B Albuquerque District FC-49 B Philadelphia District	FC-42	В	Guadalupe River
FC-44 B Naches River FC-46 B San Francisco District FC-48 B Albuquerque District FC-49 B Philadelphia District		В	Intra-Costal Canal
FC-46 B San Francisco District FC-48 B Albuquerque District FC-49 B Philadelphia District	FC-44	В	Naches River
FC-48 B Albuquerque District FC-49 B Philadelphia District			San Francisco District
FC-49 B Philadelphia District			Albuquerque District
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FC-50 B Omaha District	FC-50	В	Omaha District
FC-51 B Puerto Rico District			
FC-52 B Norfolk District		В	Norfolk District

IRPN-1	В	Dept of the Interior
IRPN-2	В	Dept of the Interior
IRPN-3	В	Dept of the Interior
IRPN-4	В	Dept of the Interior
IRPN-5	В	Dept of the Interior
IRPN-6	В	Dept of the Interior
IRPN-7	В	Dept of the Interior
IRPN-8	В	Dept of the Interior
PRHN	В	Puerto Rico Hydrologic Network
SCS-1	В	Natural Resources Conservation Service
SJRA	В	Sand Jacinto River Authority
Unk		unknown/not defined (exception to upper case rule for this table).

10.0 DCP Owner Table

The DCP owner table describes which entity is responsible for the DCP. Note, the use of the **Generic Entries** column may be adequate for many sites. The program manager must decide the level of detail they want to provide. Entries were developed based on review of entries in several WFO tables, review of NESDIS/HADS identification system. A simple approach was taken with the acronyms so that they would be easily recognizable. The description is provided as supplemental information for this document. The table is a single column, 10-character field with a combination of upper case and mixed case.

Generic	
Entries	Description
Assoc	Associate such as private companies, power plants, watershed districts
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
COE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
NWS	National Weather Service
USBR	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BPA	Bonneville Power Adminstration
DOD	Department of Defense
NOS	National Ocean Service
NPS	National Park Service
NRCS	National Resources and Conservation Service
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
CANADA-WS	Water Survey of Canada
City	City owned
County	County owned
State	State owned
NWFWMD	Northwest Florida Water Management District
SFWMD	South Florida Water Management District
SWFWMD	Southwest Florida Water Management District
SRWMD	Suwannee River Water Management District

SJRWMD St John's River Water Management District

RA River Authority
PortAuth Port Authority
PrivUtil Private Utility
BasinCom Basin Commission
Other owned by agency no unknown owner RA River Authority

owned by agency not specified

U.S. Army Cor	ps of Engineers	COEOMA	USACE - Omaha District
Entries	Description	COEPDX	USACE - Portland District
Great Lakes an	nd Ohio River Division	COESEA	USACE - Seattle District
COEBUF	USACE - Buffalo District	COEALW	USACE - Walla Walla District
COECHI	USACE - Chicago District	Pacific Ocean I	Division
COEDTW	USACE - Detroit District	COEAED	USACE - Alaska District
COEHTS	USACE - Huntington District		(Elmendorf AFB)
COELOU	USACE - Louisville District	COEHNL	USACE - Honolulu District
COEBNA	USACE - Nashville District	South Atlantic I	Division
COEPIT	USACE - Pittsburgh District	COECHS	USACE - Charleston District
COEMEM	USACE - Memphis District	COEJAX	USACE - Jacksonville District
COENEW	USACE - New Orleans District	COEMOB	USACE - Mobile District
COERKI	USACE - Rock Island District	COESAV	USACE - Savannah District
COESTL	USACE - St. Louis District	COEILM	USACE - Wilmington District
COESTP	USACE - St. Paul District	South Pacific D	Division
COEVIC	USACE - Vicksburg District	COEABQ	USACE - Albuquerque District
North Atlantic L	Division	COELAX	USACE - Los Angeles District
COEBWI	USACE - Baltimore District	COESAC	USACE - Sacramento District
COEBOS	USACE - New England District	COESFO	USACE - San Francisco District
	(Boston)	Southwestern I	Division
COENYC	USACE - New York District	COEDFW	USACE - Fort Worth District
COEORF	USACE - Norfolk District	COEGLS	USACE - Galveston District
COEPHL	USACE - Philadelphia District	COELIT	USACE - Little Rock District
Northwestern E	Division	COETUL	USACE - Tulsa District
COEMKC	USACE- Kansas City District		

Other

COECRREL USACE - Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab

U.S. Geologica	al Survey	USGSIL	Illinois - Urbana
Entries	Description	USGSIN	Indiana - Indianapolis
USGSAL.	Alabama - Montgomery	USGSIA	Iowa - Iowa City
USGSAK	Alaska - Anchorage	USGSKS	Kansas - Lawrence
USGSAZ	Arizona - Tucson	USGSKY	Kentucky - Louisville
USGSAR	Arkansas - Little Rock	USGSLA	Louisiana - Baton Rouge
USGSCA	California - Sacramento	USGSME	Maine - Augusta
USGSCO	Colorado - Lakewood	USGSMD	Maryland - Baltimore
USGSCT	Connecticut - East Hartford	USGSMA	Massachusetts - Northborough
USGSDE	Delaware - Dover	USGSMI	Michigan - Lansing
USGSFL	Florida - Tallahassee	USGSMN	Minnesota - Mounds View
USGSGA	Georgia - Atlanta	USGSMS	Mississippi - Pearl
USGSHI	Hawaii - Honolulu	USGSMO	Missouri - Rolla
USGSID	Idaho - Boise	USGSMT	Montana - Helena

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USGSNE	Nebraska - Lincoln	USGSSC	South Carolina - Columbia
USGSNV	Nevada - Carson City	USGSSD	South Dakota - Rapid City
USGSNH	New Hampshire - Pembroke	USGSTN	Tennessee - Nashville
USGSNJ	New Jersey - West Trenton	USGSTX	Texas - Austin
USGSNM	New Mexico - Albuquerque	USGSUT	Utah - West Valley City
USGSNY	New York - Troy	USGSVT	Vermont - Pembroke
USGSNC	North Carolina - Raleigh	USGSVA	Virginia - Richmond
USGSND	North Dakota - Bismarck	USGSWA	Washington - Tacoma
USGSOH	Ohio - Columbus	USGSWV	West Virginia - Charleston
USGSOK	Oklahoma - Oklahoma City	USGSWI	Wisconsin - Middleton
USGSOR	Oregon - Portland	USGSWY	Wyoming - Cheyenne
USGSPA	Pennsylvania - New	USGSCAR	Caribbean - Guaynabo, Puerto
	Cumberland		Rico
USGSRI	Rhode Island - Providence		

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Entries	Description
USBRPNR	Pacific Northwest Region - Boise, ID
USBRMPR	Mid Pacific Region - Sacramento, CA
USBRUCR	Upper Colorado Region - Salt Lake City, UT
USBRLCR	Lower Colorado Region - Boulder City, NV
USBRGPR	Great Plains Region - Billings, MT

State Agencies	5	STATEMT	Montana
Entries	Description	STATENE	Nebraska
STATEAL	Alabama	STATENV	Nevada
STATEAK	Alaska	STATENH	New Hampshire
STATEAZ	Arizona	STATENJ	New Jersey
STATEAR	Arkansas	STATENM	New Mexico
STATECA	California	STATENY	New York
STATECO	Colorado	STATENC	North Carolina
STATECT	Connecticut	STATEND	North Dakota
STATEDE	Delaware	STATEOH	Ohio
STATEFL	Florida	STATEOK	Oklahoma
STATEGA	Georgia	STATEOR	Oregon
STATEHI	Hawaii	STATEPA	Pennsylvania
STATEID	Idaho	STATERI	Rhode Island
STATEIL	Illinois	STATESC	South Carolina
STATEIN	Indiana	STATESD	South Dakota
STATEIA	lowa	STATETN	Tennessee
STATEKS	Kansas	STATETX	Texas
STATEKY	Kentucky	STATEUT	Utah
STATELA	Louisiana	STATEVT	Vermont
STATEME	Maine	STATEVA	Virginia
STATEMD	Maryland	STATEWA	Washington
STATEMA	Massachusetts	STATEWV	West Virginia
STATEMI	Michigan	STATEWI	Wisconsin
STATEMN	Minnesota	STATEWY	Wyoming
STATEMS	Mississippi		
STATEMO	Missouri		

11.0 Gage Owner, Gage Maintenance, Telemetry Owner and Telemetry Payor Tables

The gage and telemetry owner tables describe the entity ultimately responsible for gage. The gage maintenance table describes who performs upkeep on the gage. The telemetry payor table describes the group responsible for paying for the phone line to the site. Use the **Name** column for the correct entry. Entries are based on review of these tables for several WFOs and consultation with CR/SOD. The tables are single column 10-character fields with a combination of mixed case and upper case.

Name	Description
Assoc	Associate such as private companies, power plants, watershed districts
BasinCom	Basin Commission
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BPA	Bonneville Power Administration
City	City/town/village/municipality
COE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
County	County
CRREL	Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab
DOD	Department of Defense
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
NOS	National Ocean Service
NPS	National Park Service
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NWFWMD	Northwest Florida Water Management District
NWS	National Weather Service / U.S. Weather Bureau
Obsvr	Observer
PortAuth	Port Authority
PrivUtil	Private Utility
RA	River authority
SFWMD	South Florida Water Management District
SJRWMD	St John's River Water Management District
SRWMD	Suwannee River Water Management District
State DEM	State Department of Emergency Management (or equiv.)
State DNR	State Department of Natural Resources (or equiv.)
State DOT	State Department of Transportation (or equiv.)
State DWR	State Division of Water Resources (or equiv.)
State EPA	State Environmental Protection Agency (or equiv.)
State OGA	State Other Government Agency
SWFWMD	Southwest Florida Water Management District
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority
USBR	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
Other	other

12.0 Gage Type Table

The gage type table describes the kind of device that provides stream or precipitation measurements. Use either the **Stream**, **Precipitation** or **Miscellaneous Type** column for the correct input. Entries are based on review of gage type table for several WFOs. Also referenced USGS Water Supply Paper 2175 "Measurement and Computation of Streamflow: Volume 1. Measurement of Stage and Discharge" 1982. The table is a single column 10-character field in lower case only.

Stream

Туре	Description
bubble	The pressure of the water in an orifice tube is measured against a known pressure of gas. These gages have a non-submersible pressure transducer as an integral part of the system, and slowly release bubbles of either air, or an inert gas such as nitrogen from a tank. Manometer, Fluid, Accubar, PS-2 and Sta-com are included in this type.
bubble r/o	Similar to a bubble gage but with read out capability.
chain	A marked chain is lowered down from a bridge until it reaches the water surface. This type of gage is rarely used today.
crest	Only the crest of the stream is recorded, usually by depositing some sort of floating indicator on a measuring tube.
doppler	The flow of a stream is determined by measuring the frequency or phase shift of reference sound wave in the stream.
flowmeter	The flow of a stream is measured by recording the rotational velocity of spinning cups submerged in the stream.
elect tape	A metal tape is lowered until the water surface is reached which is indicated by an electric sensor or meter.
float	A float moves with the water surface inside of a well.
laser	A laser beam is bounced off of the water surface from a platform with a known elevation.
microwave	A gage based on radar or microwave technology.
pres trans	A submerged pressure transducer measures the water pressure above. Most stream gages in ALERT and IFLOWS networks are this type.
profile	A slope profile gage consists of a marker or series of markers anchored in the bank above the level that can be damaged by ice movement. Markers usually are rods driven into the bank with a brass cap bench mark attached to the top of the rod. The profile of the bank is surveyed to establish ground elevation corresponding to taped distance measurements from the markers. The surveying data are used to calculate

water stages from the slope distances measured by the observer.

reference Not really a gage but stream heights are determined by the inundation of reference

points of a known elevation. Stages between reference points are estimated.

slope Markings along the ground on a sloped surface, which are gradually submerged.

Frequently, slope gages will measure stream heights at low flows while vertical staffs

will be used for higher flows. Inclined staff gages are this type.

sonic A sound wave is bounced off of the water surface from a platform with a known

elevation.

staff A vertical indicator, continuously marked, is manually read. The active portion of the

staff is partially submerged. Staffs frequently are broken into several sections.

Markings painted on a surface are this type.

tape A portable tape and weight are used to measure the distance from a known elevation

on a structure, such as a reference point on a bridge rail, to the water surface. The stage above datum is either calculated, or a customized tape is reverse-wound and

set to read stage directly.

wireweight A weight attached to a wire is manually lowered down until the weight reaches the

water surface, which is sometimes indicated by an electrical sensor. Canfield and

Type A gages are this type.

Precipitation

Type Description

htipping heated tipping bucket

manual Precipitation is caught in a container and measured manually. Standard precipitation

gages are this type.

snowovrflw Snow overflow gage

snowpillow Precipitation gage which acts as a pressure transducer and determines a liquid

equivalent.

tipping Precipitation is funneled into a two-sided bucket with a known volume which tips over

when full and sends an electric pulse which is accumulated. Most ALERT, IFLOWS,

and ASOS precipitation gages are this type.

weighing Precipitation is caught and weighed. The elapsed precipitation is determined by

subtracting the current reading from the reading at the start of an event. Most of these must be manually emptied after a period of time. Fisher-Porter and Universal gages

are this type.

Miscellaneous Entries (Stream or Precipitation)

Type Description

Other Any stream gage/precipitation gage which does not fit into the above categories

(exception to lower case rule for this table)

Unk
Unknown/not defined (exception to lower case rule for this table)

13.0 Telemetry Type Table

The telemetry type table describes the kind of device that transmits and may record gage data. Use the **Device** column for the correct entry. Entries are based on review of several WFOs telemetry type tables. Note that the letter following the some of the devices has been eliminated for simplification. The table is a single column table 10-character field all in lower case.

Device	Description
ALERT	Gage sends reports via radio across an ALERT network.
bdr301	Binary Digital Recorder (BDT) model 301
buoy	Gage sends reports across buoy network.
cr10	Campbell Recorder model 10
cr21	Campbell Recorder model 21
cr500	Campbell Recorder model 500
dah21	Design Analysis model H21
dah350	Design Analysis model H350
dedicated	Gage reports across dedicated phone or the internet lines. Includes ASOS, RAMOS,
	etc.
ds2h	Datasonde model 2H
handr524	Handar model 524
handr540	Handar model 540, NWS Automatic Remote Collector (ARC)
handr550	Handar model 550, NWS Limited Automatic Remote Collector (LARC)
handr555	Handar model 555, replacement for NWS LARC
handr560	Handar model 560
handr570	Handar model 570
IFLOWS	Gage sends reports via radio across an IFLOWS network
labrgc	Labarge model C
ls8901	Leopold Stevens model 8901
lsgs93	Leopold Stevens model GS93
mesonet	One of many types of regional or local gage networks
metburst	VHF radio signals are reflected at a steep angle off the ever present band of ionized
	meteorites existing from about 50 to 75 miles above the earth. Satellites are not
	involved; NRCS operates and control the entire system.
sutrn8200	Sutron model 8200
sutrn8210	Sutron model 8210
sutrn8400	Sutron model 8400
syngt3400	Synergetics model 3400
vitel1004	Vitel model 1004
talkamark	A telemark that talks
telemark	An almost obsolete device that makes a series of beeps.
Other	Any type of telemetry which does not fit into the above types (exception to lower case
Link	rule for this table). unknown/not defined (exception to lower case rule for this table)
Unk	unknown/hot defined (exception to lower case rule for this table)

14.0 Foreign Key Connections

Foreign keys or constraints help a user maintain the integrity of information in a database by creating connections between a field in a reference table to a field in a meta-data table or another reference table. These connections may be one to one or one to many. For

example a reference table called rfc has a single field also called rfc. This table contains the 5-char acronyms for the 13 River Forecast Centers. In the meta-data table location there is also a field called rfc. A user can not define a value to the location table rfc field if the value is not in the rfc reference table. This prevents inconsistencies from occurring that might be due to typos or invalid values. The following table provides a listing of the relationship between the aforementioned 16 references tables and the many meta-data tables in the IHFS database.

Reference Table Name (field name)	Table Name (field name)	
network (network)	location (network)	
rfc (rfc)	location (rfc)	
wfo (wfo)	location (wfo) counties (wfo) counties (primary_back) counties (secondary_back) nwrtransmitter (wfo)	
hsa (hsa)	location (hsa)	
state (state)	counties (state) eligzon (state) ==> zonenum (state) # observer (state) nwstransmitter (state)	
counties (state)	location (state) countynum (state) countytransmit (state)	
counties (county)	location (county) countynum (county) countytransmit (county)	
coopcomms (comm)	observer (comm)	
coopspons (spons)	observer (spons)	
cooprecip (recip)	observer (recip)	
dcpowner (owner)	dcp (owner)	
gageowner (owner)	gage (owner)	
gagemaint (maint)	gage (maint)	
telmowner (owner)	telem (owner)	
telmpayor (payor)	telem (payor)	
gagetype (type)	gage (type)	
telmtype (type)	telem (type)	

[#] eligzon is a reference table that was excluded from these guidelines. This table has 3 columns one of which is state. The state field

in the eligzon table is dependent upon the state table... but unlike other tables, the state field in zonenum is dependent upon the eligzon table; it is indirectly dependent upon the state table.

15.0 Primary Keys

A primary key is a column or group of columns whose values, when taken together, make the data in a row unique in that table. Generally every table has a primary key defined. For example a reference table called rfc has a single field also called rfc. This table contains the 5-char acronyms for the 13 River Forecast Centers. So that there are no duplicate entries in the rfc table the primary key is the rfc field. The following table provides a listing of the primary keys for each of the 16 references tables covered by this document.

Reference Table Name	Primary key field(s)	
network	network	
rfc	rfc	
wfo	wfo	
hsa	hsa	
state	state	
counties	county, state)	
coopcomms	comm	
coopspons	spons	
cooprecip	recip	
dcpowner	owner	
gageowner	owner	
gagemaint	maint	
telmowner	owner	
telmpayor	payor	
gagetype	type	
telmtype	type	

As discussed in section 14, the data in these reference tables are referential constraints, or foreign keys, on other tables in the database. For example, gage type is a field in the gage table. This gage type field in the gage table must be populated with a value which has been previously defined in the gagetype reference table. This relationship is the foreign key. However, the gage type field along with the location id (lid) and the gage begin date combine to form the primary key on the gage table. Each entry in the gage table must be a unique combination of lid, gage begin date, and gage type. In this manner, the gage

type serves as both a foreign key and as part of the primary key definition for the gage table. Many of the reference table fields serve this dual role for other tables. Information on the primary key definitions and the foreign keys for all database tables can be found in the IHFS database documentation. The IHFS database documentation is available via the Hydro Database link on the WHFS Support Web Page (http://www.nws.noaa.gov/oh/hod_whfs).

Appendix A Cross Reference of Current WFO Identifier to old WSFO/WSO Identifier

As part of the standardize and clean-up of the WFO and HSA tables, part of the clean-up involved ensuring the current office identifier was being used. In order to do this a cross-reference list of current office identifier to the old WSFO or WSO identifier had to be constructed. The following list which are by region, only include WFOs where the office identifier changed.

Current ID	Old ID	Current ID HGX	Old ID HOU	
Central Reg		LIX	NEW	
APX	APN	LUB	LBB	
BOU	DEN	LZK	LIT	
DMX	DSM	MEG	MEM	
DTX	ARB	MFL	MIA	
DVN	MLI	OHX	BNA	
EAX	MCI	OUN	OKC	
FGF	FAR	TAE	TLH	
GID	GRI	TBW	TBA	
IWX	FWA			
LMK	SDF	TSA	TUL	
LOT	CHI	Western Region		
LSX	STL	BYZ	BIL	
MKX	MKE	FGZ	FLG	
MPX	MSP	HNX	FAT	
OAX	OMA	LKN	EKO	
RIW	LND	LOX	LAX	
UNR	RAP	MTR	SFO	
Eastern Region		OTX	GEG	
GYX	PWM	PQR	PDX	
PBZ	PIT	PSR	PHX	
RAH	RDU	REV	RNO	
ALY	ALB	SEW	SEA	
BOX	BOS	SGX	SAN	
LWX	WBC	STO	SAC	
OKX	NYC	TFX	GTF	
PHI	PHL	TWC	TUC	
RLX	CRW	VEF	LAS	
Southern Region		Alaska Regi	ion	
BMX	BHM	AFC	ANC	
EPZ	ELP	AFG	FAI	
EWX	SAT	AJK	JNU	
FFC	ATL	Pacific Regi	Pacific Region	
FWD	FTW	HFO	HNL	
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