Calibration Data PDS Tech Session June 11, 2009

How do users of PDS data know when new calibration data are released?

Calibration Data Releases

- Reta brought up the question of how data users know when new calibration data are released (and how PDS knows).
- She raised the following questions:

Questions

- Are PDS Nodes necessarily aware that new calibration files or new versions of software are coming in with a given delivery?
- How do we make this information available to the users? For instance, how can you make sure that a user who comes in gets the CORRECT calibration files for the data they are downloading?

History and More Questions

- Traditionally, we have instructed users to go the latest publicly released volume in a data set to get things like calibration and errata.
- Is this clear enough? What about the case of large accumulating electronic volumes?
- Are the aareadme and errata files always up-to-date?
- Do you have ideas for make the release, announcement, and availability of new calibration data more consistent across data sets and across nodes?