



December 2007 Monthly Newsletter Stop Light


You need the latest available data and up-to-date functionality to really leverage GOM³. Early in 2007, we made a rare addition to the GOM³ Toolbar – the Stop Light. Whenever you start a GOM³ session, the system checks the vintage of data available to you, as well as the currency of the system functionality.



If you're working with the newest information and the software is up-to-date, the Stop Light turns GREEN. If either the data or the software is out of currency, but is no more than 30 days past the last update, the Stop Light turns YELLOW. If either the data or software is more than 30 days out of date, the Stop Light turns RED. If it is RED, we recommend you immediately contact your local support to ask about the status of the update.

ESA updates GOM³ several ways to ensure the information and functionality are the best they can be. GOM³ for ArcView/ArcGIS, which is hosted locally on client's systems, gets its big update monthly, released on the last business day. CDs are sent to client contacts by mail, but on release day, the same data files are posted to ESA's secure web site.

Data for key variables that change faster than monthly are included in What's New! –available

under the red  button on the GOM³ Toolbar. Data on wells, fields, prospects, discoveries, APDs, and planned sites are included, as are changes in the status of blocks bid in the previous lease sale.

These variables are updated weekly and automatically fed into your map from our server by selecting variables under the What's New! button.

Data are also refreshed within the month on our servers, which provide the data for reports, charts and downloads from GOM³. For instance, as new test data or logs are added, they are made available immediately,

because they are fed directly from us, reducing the dependence on local monthly updates. The *Direct Report Access (DRA)* and *GOM³-Online* components are automatically kept in sync with the ArcView/ArcGIS component.

We update functionality quarterly to minimize impact on IT support. Functionality advances and fixes are bundled in the March, June, September and December monthly data updates. These usually include major improvements, addition of new 3rd Party Data Partners (GXT and OOSA in 2007) or enable new capabilities for existing Partners. We are also responding in each quarter to user-requested additions and changes.

If we can improve the currency of the installation of GOM³ you rely on, please call or send an email.

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GOM³ Calendar

**In-house Training @ Maritech
January 25, 2008**

**Next Public Training
February 4 – 5, 2008**

