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Building an Automated GeMS-style Submission from an Enterprise Geodatabase

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The Maine Geological Survey has a seamless, statewide, multi-quadrangle and multi-scale enterprise geodatabase that is used to provide data management for all bedrock and surficial mapping products. This past year MGS developed the automation tools to convert and export our data into the GeMS schema. This has allowed us to continue mapping with our database schema and tools while also being able to meet Level 3 GeMS compliance requirements. It is also leading to quicker adoption of GeMS by the mapping geologists because the impact on their workflow has been minimized. This presentation will review the process that went into completing the project as well as open questions we still have to resolve.

How Did We Get Here?

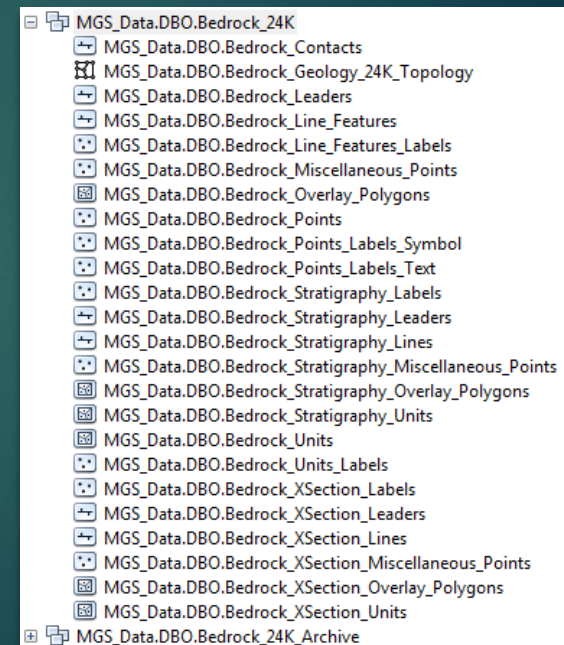
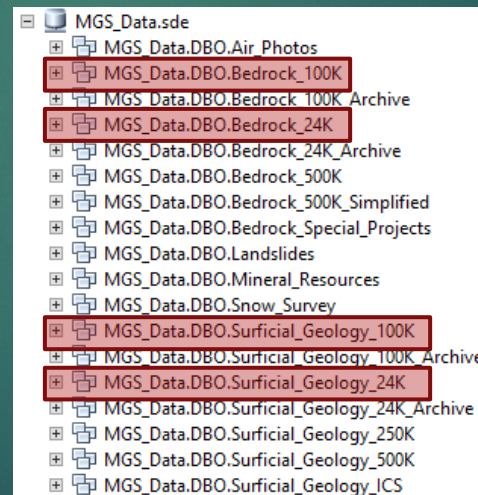
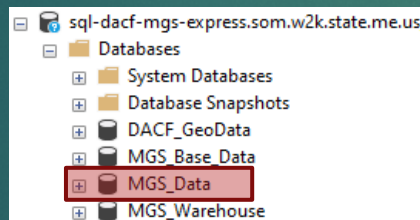
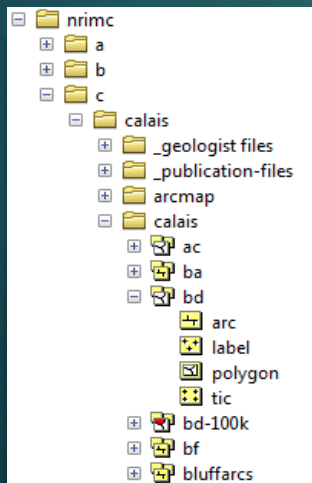
1996: Quadrangle-based mapping with ArcInfo Coverages

2014: SQL Server Express Enterprise Geodatabase multi-quadrangle, multi-scale, multi-map type

2017: NCGMP09

2018: MGS - GeMS gap analysis

2021: First GeMS submission



Guiding Principles

- Minimal disruption to current map production
- Minimal level of additional work by the mapping geologists and information management staff
- Treat GeMS as a data standard, not map standard
- Enable MGS to fully comply with GeMS Level 3 submission requirements
- Create a defined, scripted, documented workflow for bedrock and surficial maps at 24K and 100K scales
- Improve MGS workflows around GeoLex, feature-level metadata, map text

What Is Missing?

Inventoried MGS feature classes to discover required GeMS attributes that need to be captured.

GeMS Field	MGS Feature Class
IDENTITY_CONFIDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bedrock_Contacts• Bedrock_Line_Features• Bedrock_Overlay_Polygons• Bedrock_Units• Bedrock_XSection_Lines• Bedrock_XSection_Overlay_Polygons• Bedrock_XSection_Units• tbl_Bedrock_Feature
EXISTENCE_CONFIDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bedrock_Contacts• Bedrock_Line_Features• Bedrock_XSection_Lines
LOCATION_CONFIDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bedrock_Contacts• Bedrock_Line_Features• Bedrock_XSection_Lines• tbl_Bedrock_Points
ORIENTATION_CONFIDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tbl_Bedrock_Feature
LOCATION_METHOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tbl_Bedrock_Points

List of additional fields needed for GeMS compliance in Bedrock 24K mapping feature classes and tables.

What Is Missing?

MGS map explanation table needed a number of new fields to control GeMS destination feature classes and description of map units.

The screenshot shows a GIS application window with a 'Map Explanations' tab. The interface includes a 'Find Project' section with filters for Name, Series, and GIS Layer. A 'Data Views' dropdown is set to 'Missing Explanations'. The main table has columns for Symbology, Unit, Description, Needs Review, and MGS Comment. A red box highlights a section of the table with the following columns: Feature Class, Name, FGDC Symbol No., Re-purposed Symbol, Hierarchy Key, Full Name / GeoLex, Age, Paragraph Style, and GeoMaterial.

GeMS Data Entry									
Feature Class	Name	FGDC Symbol No.	Re-purposed Symbol	Hierarchy Key	Full Name / GeoLex	Age	Paragraph Style	GeoMaterial	
MapUnitPoly	Granite			1.1.1	Granite	Permian	DMUUnit2	Coarse-grained, felsic-co	
MapUnitPoly	Carboniferous-Devonian(?) [CD]			1.2			DMUHeading6		
MapUnitPoly	Cox Pinnacle Granite (new name)			1.2.1	Cox Pinnacle Granite	Carboniferous-Devonian	DMUUnit2	Coarse-grained, felsic-co	
MapUnitPoly	Granite			1.2.2	Granite	Carboniferous-Devonian	DMUUnit2	Coarse-grained, felsic-co	
MapUnitPoly	STRATIFIED ROCKS			2			DMUHeading2		
MapUnitPoly	Vassalboro Group			2.1			DMUHeading4		

Reference Tables

Reference tables for geomaterials, paragraph styles, and FGDC colors, symbols, and patterns were created in the MGS database to control data entry. In the case of colors and patterns, these tables also provide a crosswalk between the values traditionally used by MGS and the FGDC values.

Color Range Comparison

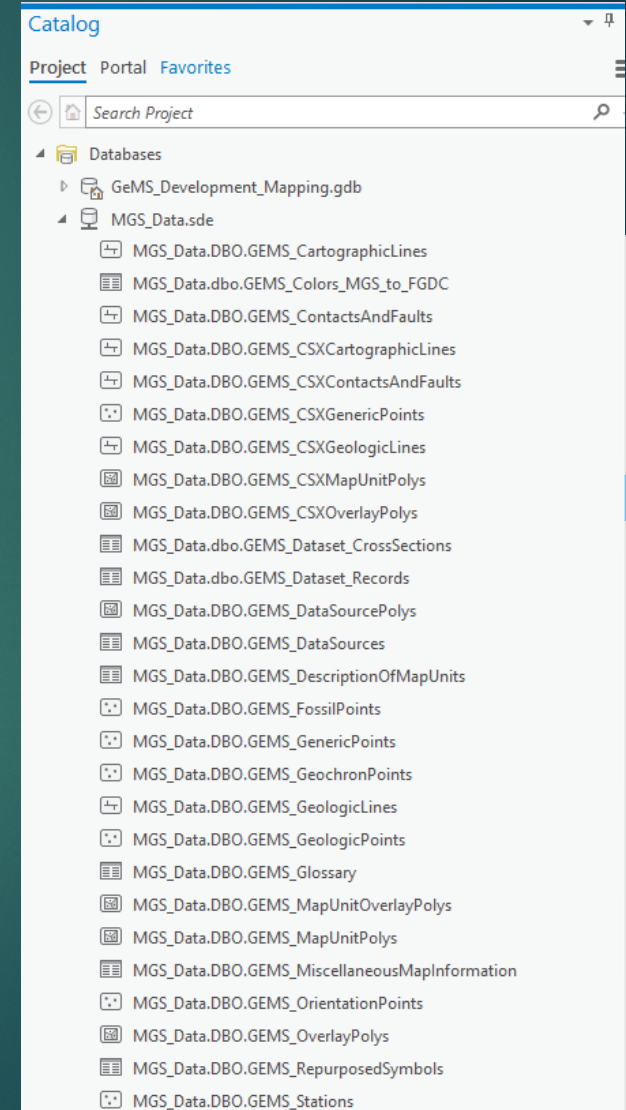
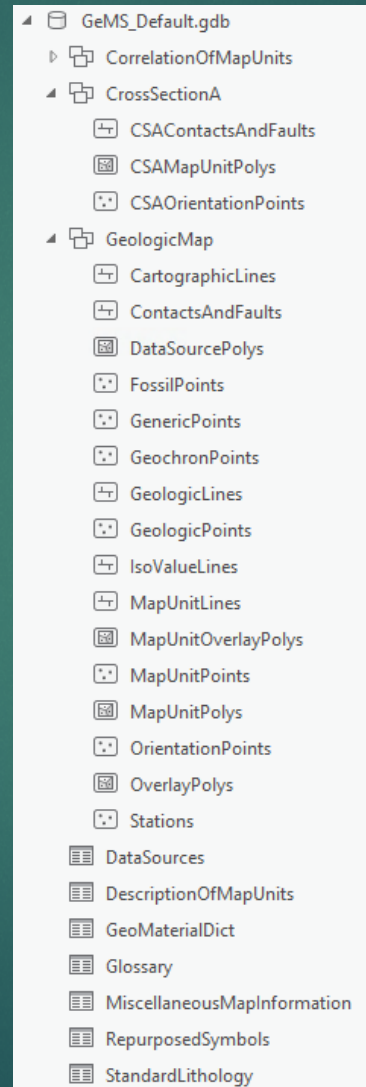
MGS	28	29	30	31	Selected 32	33	34	35	36
FGDC	397	498	10	21	31	63	84	95	196

Buttons: Update FGDC Color Match, View Full Color Palette

ID	Color	ColorName	Red	Green	Blue	C	M	Y	K	Pattern	StyleSet	Color Used in StyleSet	Used In Domain	Used In GIS	GIS Polygons	FGDC_Color	FGDC_C	FGDC_M	FGDC_Y	FGDC_K
32		color-032	255	231	201	0	9	21	0		MGS_Bedrock	CMYK	Yes	Yes	49	31	0	8	20	0
33		color-033	255	205	140	0	20	45	0		MGS_Bedrock	CMYK	Yes	Yes	78	63	0	20	50	0
34		color-034	255	181	86	0	29	66	0		MGS_Bedrock	CMYK	Yes	Yes	253	84	0	30	70	0
35		color-035	255	148	10	0	42	96	0		MGS_Bedrock	CMYK	Yes	Yes	27	95	0	40	100	0
36		color-036	245	137	0	0	42	96	7		MGS_Bedrock	CMYK	Yes	Yes	88	196	8	50	100	0
37		color-037	245	137	0	0	42	96	15		MGS_Bedrock	CMYK	Yes	Yes	36	296	13	50	100	0
38		color-038	245	137	0	0	42	96	22		MGS_Bedrock	CMYK	Yes	Yes	20	396	20	50	100	0
39		color-039	245	137	0	0	42	96	33		MGS_Bedrock	CMYK	Yes	Yes	39	497	30	60	100	0
40		color-040	255	251	242	0	1	5	0				No	No		10	0	0	8	0
41		color-041	255	247	227	0	3	11	0				No	No		20	0	0	13	0
42		color-042	255	239	200	0	6	22	0		MGS_Bedrock	CMYK	Yes	Yes	24	31	0	8	20	0

GeMS Staging Tables

The GeMS Create New Database tool was used to create a file geodatabase with all the default tables and feature classes. These objects were imported into the MGS geodatabase to serve as staging tables/feature classes for GeMS data.



Data Mapping

The existing MGS feature classes and tables, or subsets of features, were mapped to the required GeMS feature classes and tables.

MGS Feature Class (criteria)	GeMS Feature Class
Units	MapUnitPolys
Contacts (not overlapped by Bedrock_Lines) Lines (with GEMS_FeatureClass = 'ContactsAndFaults') Units (dissolved units to make map boundary)	ContactsAndFaults
Points	Stations
Points_Labels_Symbol (with GEMS_FeatureClass = 'OrientationPoints')	OrientationPoints
Points_Labels_Symbol (with GEMS_FeatureClass = 'GeologicPoints')	GeologicPoints
Units_Labels Line_Features_Labels Miscellaneous_Points (SYMBOLOLOGY <> 'Geochronology point')	GenericPoints
Line_Features (GEMS_FeatureClass = 'GeologicLines')	GeologicLines
Line_Features (GEMS_FeatureClass = 'CartographicLines') Leaders	CartographicLines
Units (SYMBOLOLOGY_OVERLAY IS NOT NULL)	MapUnitOverlayPolys
Overlay_Polygons	OverlayPolys
Quadrangle_Split_Authors	DataSourcePolys
tbl_Publications	MiscellaneousMapInformation
XSection_Units	CSXMapUnitPolys
XSection_Lines (with GEMS_FeatureClass = 'CSXContactsAndFaults')	CSXContactsAndFaults
XSection_Overlay_Polygons	CSXOverlayPolys
XSection_Lines (with GEMS_FeatureClass = 'CSXCartographicLines') XSection_Leaders	CSXCartographicLines
XSection_Lines (with GEMS_FeatureClass = 'CSXGeologicLines') XSection_Labels XSection_Miscellaneous_Points	CSXGenericPoints

Data Mapping

Individual feature types in existing MGS feature classes can be mapped to their GeMS destination feature class using the GeMS:Feature Class field in the MGS Map Explanation table.

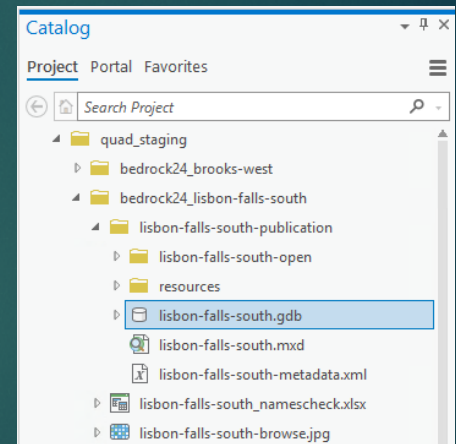
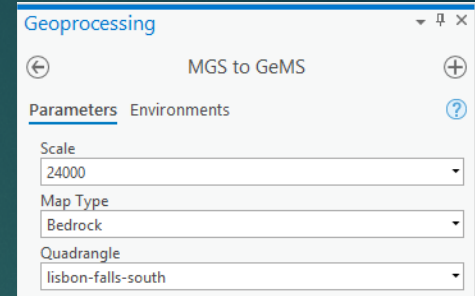
Symbology	Unit	Description	Needs Review	MGS Comment	Feature Class	Name	FGDC Symbol No.	Re-purposed Symbol	Hierarchy Key	Full Name / GeoLex	Age
Cross-section		Line of cross section.	N		Cartographic	Cross section	31.10	N			
Line and two dots		Contact of uncertain origin. May represent a stratigraphic contact or a fault.	N		ContactsAnd	Contact of uncertain origin	1.1.6	N			

Example of different feature types in a single MGS feature class being mapped to two different GeMS feature classes.

Automated Data Migration

A custom Python tool in an MGS ArcPro toolbox :

- calls a SQL Server database stored procedure that
 - truncates (deletes) any existing data in each of the staging tables/feature classes
 - loads data to each of the staging tables and feature classes for the selected quadrangle, scale (24K or 100K), and map type (bedrock or surficial)
- creates the GeMS submission fgdb in a staging folder
- copies the staged GeMS data to the fgdb



This provides the flexibility to create GeMS submissions for any map published by MGS.

Automated Data Migration

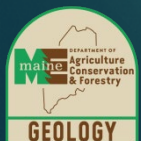
SQL Server database stored procedure:
uspGEMS_Stage_Data

355 SELECT statements from
MGS data to create 22
GeMS feature classes/tables

~3200 lines of code

YIKES!!!

```
395 -----MapUnitPolys-----
396 TRUNCATE TABLE GEMS_MapUnitPolys;
397 INSERT INTO GEMS_MapUnitPolys
398 SELECT CAST(ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY QUADNAME, Map, Scale) AS int) AS OBJECTID
399     ,[MapUnit]
400     ,[IdentityConfidence]
401     ,[Label]
402     ,[Symbol]
403     ,[DataSourceID]
404     ,[Notes]
405     ,[MapUnitPolys_ID]
406     ,[Shape]
407     ,[Symbol_MGS]
408 FROM (
409     --Bedrock 24K
410     SELECT
411         REPLACE(REPLACE(REPLACE(REPLACE(REPLACE(REPLACE(UNIT,'C#','C'),'T#','T'),'M#','M'),'P#','P'),'Cz#','Cz'),'Pz#','Pz')
412         --'C#'=cambrian, 'T#'=triassic, 'M#'=mesozoic, 'P#'=pennsylvanian, 'Cz#'=cenozoic 'Pz#'=paleozoic
413         AS MapUnit
414         ,IDENTITY_CONFIDENCE AS IdentityConfidence
415         ,UNIT AS Label
416         ,CAST(tbl_GEMS_Colors_MGS_to_FGDC.FGDC_Color AS nvarchar(50)) AS Symbol
417         ,SYMBOLGY AS Symbol_MGS
418         ,(SELECT DataSourcees_ID FROM GEMS_DataSourceses WHERE SOURCE = 'this report') AS DataSourceID
419         ,GEMS_NOTES AS Notes
420         ,'MUP' + CAST(Bedrock_Units_eww.OBJECTID AS nvarchar(10)) AS MapUnitPolys_ID --COMPID??
421         ,SHAPE
422         ,Bedrock_Units_eww.QUADNAME
423         ,'Bedrock' AS Map
424         ,'24000' AS Scale
425     FROM Bedrock_Units_eww
426     JOIN tbl_GEMS_Colors_MGS_to_FGDC ON Bedrock_Units_eww.SYMBOLGY = tbl_GEMS_Colors_MGS_to_FGDC.ColorName
427     WHERE Bedrock_Units_eww.QUADNAME = @Quad
428
429     --Surficial 24K
430     UNION ALL
431     SELECT
432         UNIT AS MapUnit
433         ,IDENTITY_CONFIDENCE AS IdentityConfidence
434         ,UNIT AS Label
435         ,CAST(tbl_GEMS_Colors_MGS_to_FGDC.FGDC_Color AS nvarchar(50)) AS Symbol
436         ,UNIT AS Symbol_MGS
437         ,(SELECT DataSourcees_ID FROM GEMS_DataSourceses WHERE SOURCE = 'this report') AS DataSourceID
438         ,GEMS_NOTES AS Notes
439         ,'MUP' + CAST(Surficial_Geology_Units_eww.OBJECTID AS nvarchar(10)) AS MapUnitPolys_ID --COMPID??
440         ,SHAPE
441         ,Surficial_Geology_Units_eww.QUADNAME
442         ,'Surficial' AS Map
443         ,'24000' AS Scale
444     FROM Surficial_Geology_Units_eww
445     JOIN tbl_GEMS_Colors_MGS_to_FGDC ON Surficial_Geology_Units_eww.UNIT = tbl_GEMS_Colors_MGS_to_FGDC.ColorName
446     WHERE Surficial_Geology_Units_eww.QUADNAME = @Quad
447
448     --Bedrock 100K
449     UNION ALL
450     SELECT
451         REPLACE(REPLACE(REPLACE(REPLACE(REPLACE(REPLACE(UNIT,'C#','C'),'T#','T'),'M#','M'),'P#','P'),'Cz#','Cz'),'Pz#','Pz')
452         --'C#'=cambrian, 'T#'=triassic, 'M#'=mesozoic, 'P#'=pennsylvanian, 'Cz#'=cenozoic 'Pz#'=paleozoic
453         AS MapUnit
454         ,IDENTITY_CONFIDENCE AS IdentityConfidence
455         ,UNIT AS Label
456         ,CAST(tbl_GEMS_Colors_MGS_to_FGDC.FGDC_Color AS nvarchar(50)) AS Symbol
457         ,SYMBOLGY AS Symbol_MGS
458         ,(SELECT DataSourcees_ID FROM GEMS_DataSourceses WHERE SOURCE = 'this report') AS DataSourceID
459         ,GEMS_NOTES AS Notes
460         ,'MUP' + CAST(Bedrock_100K_Units_eww.OBJECTID AS nvarchar(10)) AS MapUnitPolys_ID --COMPID??
461         ,SHAPE
462         ,Bedrock_100K_Units_eww.QUADNAME
463         ,'Bedrock' AS Map
464         ,'100000' AS Scale
465     FROM Bedrock_100K_Units_eww
466     JOIN tbl_GEMS_Colors_MGS_to_FGDC ON Bedrock_100K_Units_eww.SYMBOLGY = tbl_GEMS_Colors_MGS_to_FGDC.ColorName
467     WHERE Bedrock_100K_Units_eww.QUADNAME = @Quad
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Manual Steps

Run GeMS Tools manually:

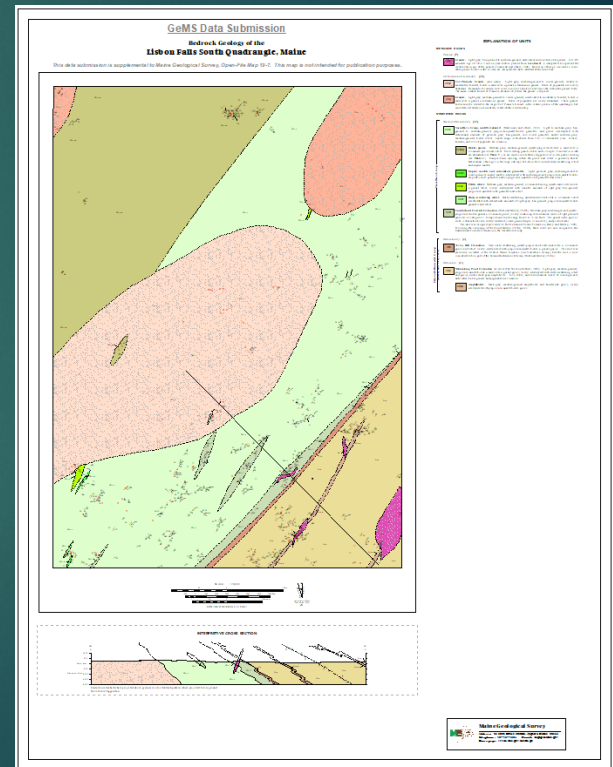
- Load default file geodatabase metadata and edit
- Run Validate Database tool and deal with any errors
- Run Geologic Names Check tool
- Run Metadata 1, 2, and 3 tools
- Run Translate to Shapefiles tool

Build GeMS submission map document which is not the same as the original map document

GeMS Data Submission

Bedrock Geology of the Lisbon Falls South Quadrangle, Maine

This data submission is supplemental to Maine Geological Survey, Open-File Map 19-7. This map is not intended for publication purposes.



GeMS Submission Package

Manually compile all the components of the GeMS Package

- Original map PDF
- ArcMap document (not original – GeMS data only)
- Export map photos, text, figures, tables
- Collect style and font files
- Transmittal letter
- Map browse graphic

Create zip file

Post and notify NGMDB

Next Steps/Improvements

Metadata tools needed for ArcPro

Incorporate Validate Database into SQL Server db

Script gathering of resource (map photos, figures, tables, and text), map document, and graphic files

Script running of GeMS tools in a batch or in database

Script cleanup of intermediate validation and metadata files

Script building GeMS map document

Accomplishments

- Costs quantified
 - 8-12 hours for author geologist to review and complete GeMS data entry on a published quadrangle (longer if not the author)
 - 4-8 hours for data manager to compile GeMS Submission package
- Staff trained
- GeMS submission process fully documented
- MGS to GeMS translation logic centralized in MGS database
- Three Level 3 and one Level 1 GeMS packages successfully submitted in May 2021.

Questions?

Thanks!