



EDP Distribution Licenses

A Powerful Tool for EQUIS Data Governance

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1 Introduction

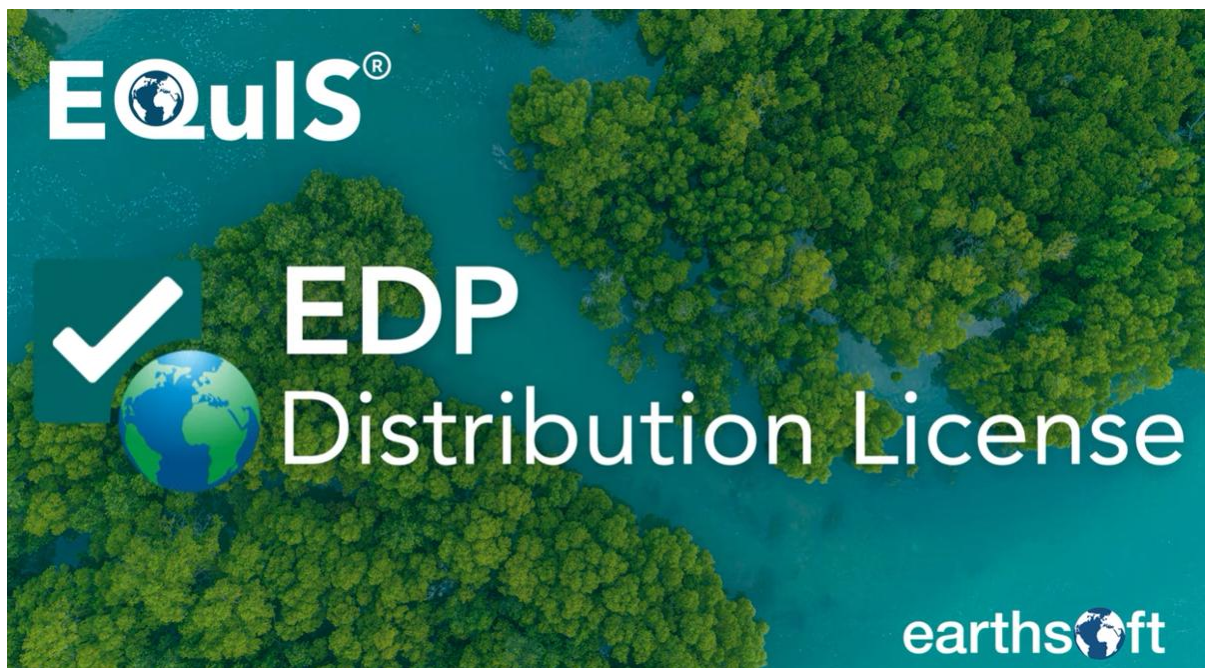
Organizations can empower data submitters to get it right the first time using their EQUIS® Data Processor (EDP) Distribution License that comes standard as part of EQUIS Enterprise licensing. Organizations can share a copy of EDP Standalone—along with their custom reference values and an EQUIS format—with third-party data submitters at no additional cost.

EDP is the most widely used Electronic Data Deliverable (EDD) checking and enforcement tool in the world and supports **automated environmental data workflows**. Enterprise EDP ensures automated EDD uploads, checks and verifications, and notices to data submitters. EDP Standalone packages data into EDDs for manual or automated upload to an FTP or email server for automated data checking and insertion to the EQUIS database via Enterprise EDP. This closed-loop EDD handling process reduces errors dramatically, improves data quality, and lowers costs significantly over completely manual workflows.

Why use an EDP Distribution License?

- **Ensure Data Quality at the Source.** By distributing the EDP Standalone checker to data submitters, they are able to check data using your approved EQUIS format and reference values before submission into the EQUIS data system.
- **Reduce Errors and Revisions.** EDDs are checked for errors before they reach your database, minimizing back-and-forth.
- **Maintain Control and Consistency.** Enforce your business rules across all data submitters—internal and external.

Watch the [EDP Distribution License video](#) for a quick overview.



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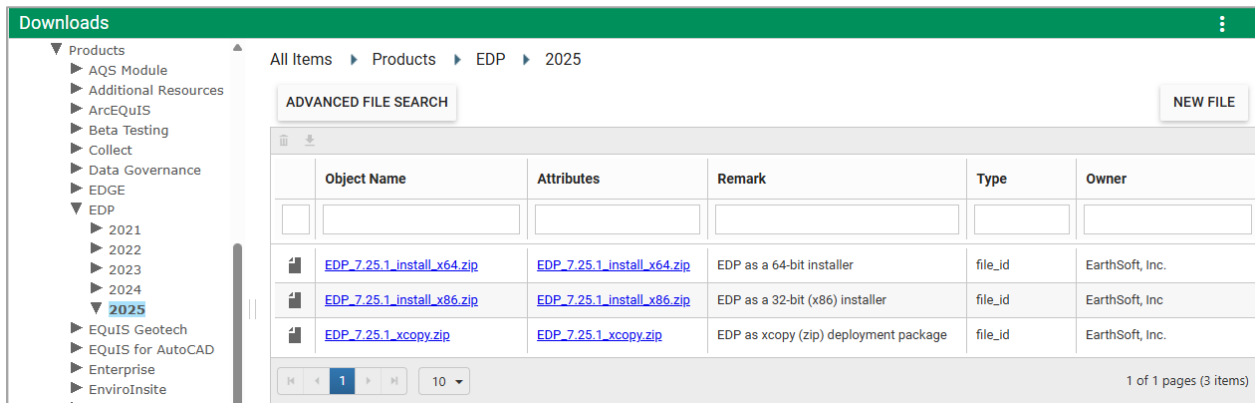
Clients can use their EDP Distribution License in two easy ways.

1. **EarthSoft-Hosted Download Page.** This option is ideal for organizations with multiple data submitters, like state and federal agencies. EarthSoft manages registration, approval, and license key distribution. Contact EarthSoft Support to implement this distribution option.
2. **Client-Managed Distribution.** Clients directly share a copy of EDP Standalone along with their reference values and EQiS format file with their data submitters (see instructions below).

2.1 Instructions for Client-Managed Distribution

EarthSoft clients can provide copies of EDP Standalone to any third-party data submitters that do not have EQiS licenses of their own. Data submitters will need to install EDP Standalone and have the license registered with EarthSoft to be functional. Clients should complete the following steps to manage their EDP Distribution to their data submitters.

1. Designated client Point of Contact (POC) retrieves the EDP Standalone download file from the Downloads Dashboard on the [EarthSoft Community Center](#) under *All Items > Products > EDP > {year}*, for the build of EDP they intend to distribute. Clients may download the xcopy or full installation EDP file, based on their workflow and data submitter needs.



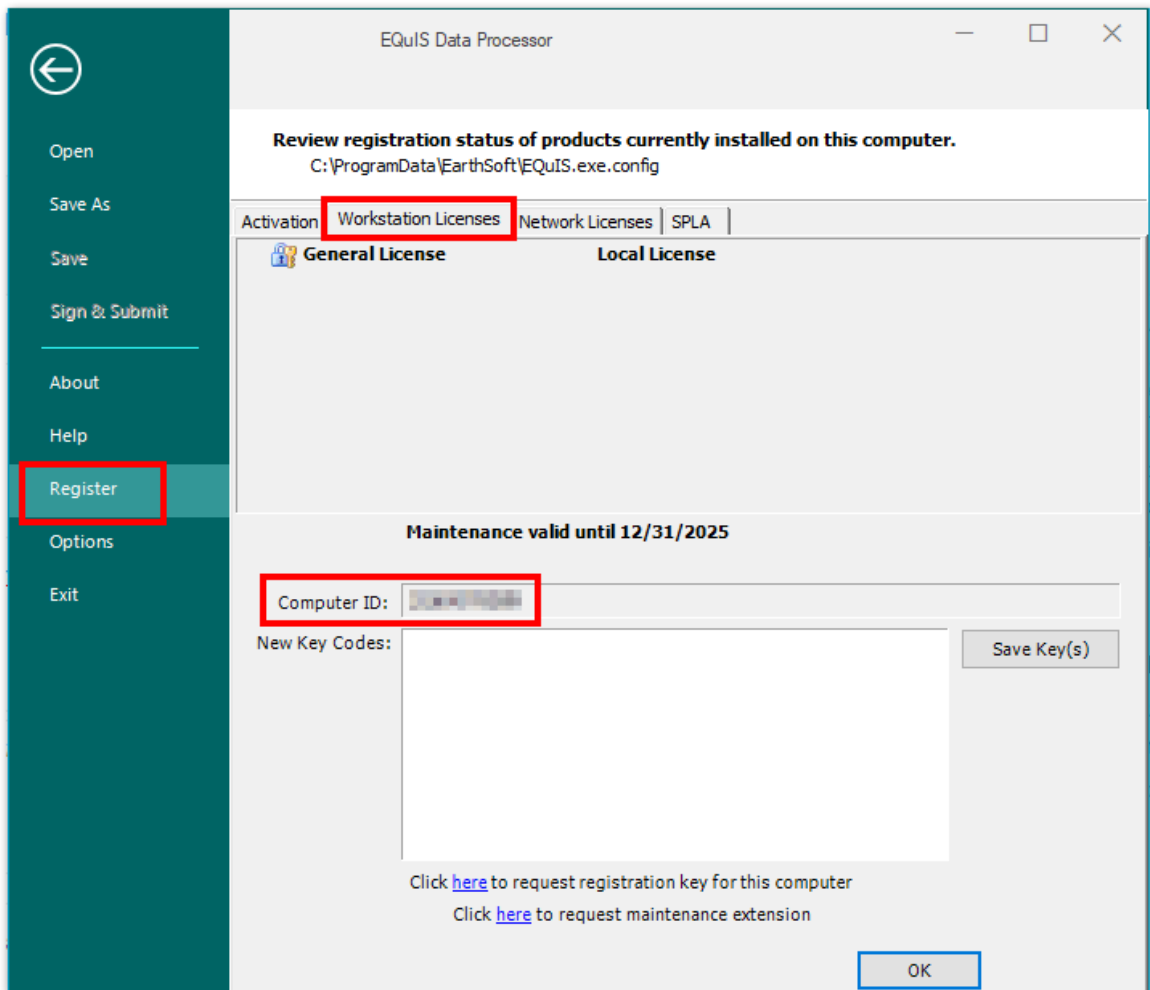
The screenshot shows the 'Downloads' dashboard with a navigation menu on the left and a file list on the right. The file list is filtered by 'All Items > Products > EDP > 2025'. The table below shows the details of the files available for download.

Object Name	Attributes	Remark	Type	Owner
EDP_7.25.1_install_x64.zip	EDP_7.25.1_install_x64.zip	EDP as a 64-bit installer	file_id	EarthSoft, Inc.
EDP_7.25.1_install_x86.zip	EDP_7.25.1_install_x86.zip	EDP as a 32-bit (x86) installer	file_id	EarthSoft, Inc.
EDP_7.25.1_xcopy.zip	EDP_7.25.1_xcopy.zip	EDP as xcopy (zip) deployment package	file_id	EarthSoft, Inc.

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2. Client POC provides the downloaded EDP file to the data submitter. EDP Standalone comes with standard EQiS format files (e.g., EQEDD, EFWEDD, etc.). Clients will need to provide their custom EQiS format, if applicable.
3. Client POC provides a Reference Value File (RVF) to the third-party data submitter. See the [Creating a Reference Value File from Professional EDP](#) article to generate an RVF using the reference values in the client's EQiS database.
4. Data submitter installs EDP following the applicable steps in the [Install EDP Standalone](#) article.

5. Once EDP is installed by the data submitter, they will need a registration key to use EDP. Have the data submitter perform the following steps:
 - a. Open EDP.
 - b. Load a standard EQiS format.
 - c. Navigate to the **Register tab** of the EDP backstage.
 - d. Select the **Workstation Licenses tab** to get the Computer ID.
 - e. Provide the **Computer ID** to the client POC.



6. Client POC submits an EDP registration request on behalf of the data submitter using the [EarthSoft Software Registration page](#). Note that this request must be filled out by the client POC using their details and the comment box should state that the request is on behalf of the data submitter. Client POC provides the Computer ID from the data submitter's device where EDP was installed.
7. EarthSoft Support provides the requested EDP registration keys to the client POC.

8. Client POC sends the registrations keys provided by EarthSoft to their data submitter.
9. Data submitter applies the registration key provided in the Register > Workstation Licenses > **New Key Codes** box in EDP.
10. Data submitter can now use EDP Standalone to prepare EDDs using the client's reference values and denoted EQulS format. The [EQulS EDD Quick Reference Guide for Laboratories](#) can assist data submitters with understanding how to use EDP Standalone.
11. Client POC informs data submitters how they wish to receive the checked/verified EDDs and if they have specific file naming conventions.