

Do I have to upgrade to OPS SQL?

No. However, if you are looking for a long term solution, we strongly advise you upgrade to OPS SQL so that you can keep up with the most current changes in EPA regulations, electronic reporting formats, etc. As you upgrade your hardware you might find the OPS 32 with the MSAccess database will not be compatible with the new hardware and OS structures (such as Vista), then you will need to upgrade to an appropriate edition of OPS SQL. Eventually, the OPS 32 software will be phased out as new machines will not be able to run it. Until that time OPS will continue to provide technical support; however, we will not be adding any new features, we will only be fixing bugs.

What is the benefit to upgrade? ...

The benefit to upgrading your system is having the latest features and functions within a more robust and stable database platform. Along with the superior architecture of OPS SQL with native utilization of Microsoft SQL Server including stored procedures, triggers, and tuned indexes, some of the new, powerful, features of OPS SQL include:

- Meeting your Electronic Reporting Requirements (eDMRs)
- Audit Trail for a complete record as to who and when data is entered, changed or deleted.
- More Variable Types: one minute, five minute, fifteen minute, one hour, four hours and daily.
- Time Stamped Data & Events
- Design and control Multiple Logbooks assigned to individuals or groups
- Events can be recorded providing tools for inspection logs, Industrial Pretreatment and more

The needs and requests of our customers are always a high priority however; the answer to some requests MIGHT be to upgrade your software to an appropriate Edition of OPS SQL. We have done our best to make this upgrade as painless as possible both technically and financially.

Which OPS SQL edition is best for me?

Two important determining factors are: 1) How many concurrent users do you need, and 2) The size of your current OPS 32 database, including the number and type of variables. If your facility has a large database in OPS 32, greater than 500MB, OPS SQL Professional or Enterprise editions will be the only viable solution. For facility databases between 300 and 500 MB, we may be able to explore some options including database manipulation to allow the use of OPS SQL Express Edition, which we will discuss with you. Facility databases below 300 MB will be able to upgrade to OPS SQL Express, / OPS SQL Lite in most cases.

For more information:

http://www.opssys.com/go.aspx?p=opssql_editions.html

http://www.opssys.com/go.aspx?p=opssql_comparison.html

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