

Pisces Updates

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This document covers many of the updates, enhancements, etc. to the Pisces application since the previous major release on September 27, 2005.

More Help



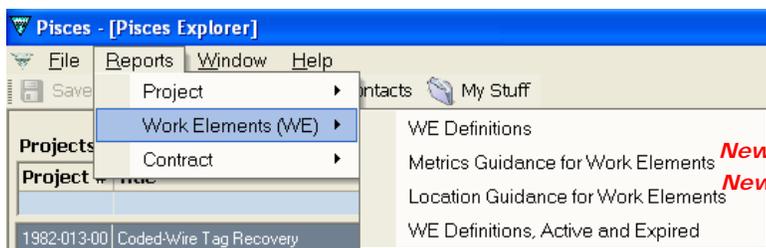
Help now has a short cut (F1 key) and links to additional information.



1. This link will connect you to a document on the BPA external website that highlights significant changes, improvements, and additions to the Pisces application.
2. If you're trying to find out more information about work elements, building your Statement of Work (SOW), or simply using Pisces, use this link to access the BPA website.
3. Having technical difficulty with the application? Send an email to Fish Support directly from within the application using this link. Remember, if you have questions specific to your contract/project, or using a specific part of Pisces, please contact your COTR.

More Reports

We added access to the Metrics and Location Guidance reports from Pisces' Reports menu. These reference reports list the same information that Pisces displays for individual work elements on the new Metrics and Location tabs of the Work Element Details window.



Status Reporting Usability Improvements

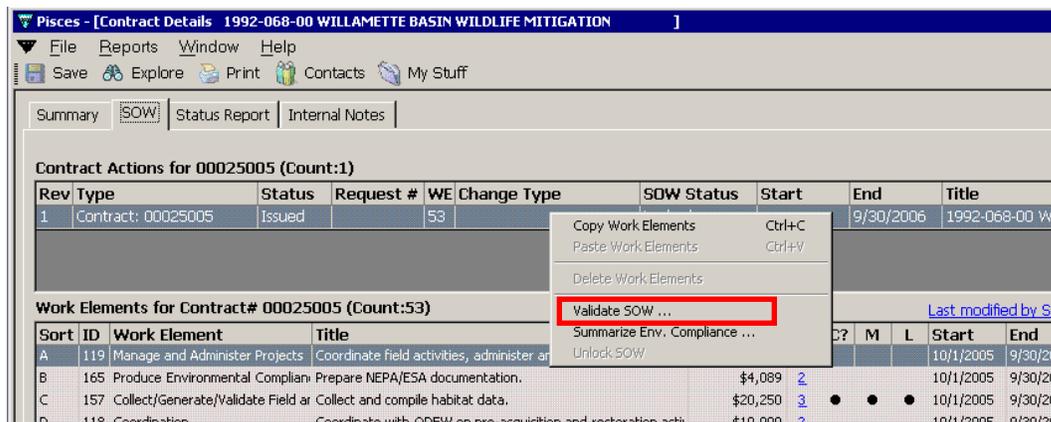
1. Status Reporting: instead of just checking the “Complete” box for deliverable milestones, now you can enter the actual date the deliverable was completed.
2. Keep track of your work elements easier when status reporting – we added the work element letter to the status report and to the status report validation window.

Other Usability Improvements

1. Quickly jump to the Project Details page for your contract – the project number on the Contract Summary tab is now hyperlinked.
2. The list of Contract Actions at the top of the SOW tab (now called the Contract Action grid) should now be easier to read and understand.
3. The top of the Work Element Details window now has a dropdown menu to help you move between work elements and more efficiently do things like work on milestones or metrics for various work elements at once.
4. Pisces will now automatically add a set of 5 milestones when you add work element #119 – Manage and Administer Projects. Even if you copy this work element from an old SOW, Pisces will automatically add these milestones for you. If any of these milestones do not apply to your contract, simply delete them.

Updated SOW Validation Report

1. Now includes a check that location information has been entered for those work elements that require it.
2. It also checks to make sure you’re not using any expired work elements in your report. To run the SOW Validation report, right-click on a contract action in the list at the top of the SOW tab.



Changes to How a Contract is Initiated

1. Creating a SOW for a new contract in Pisces requires one new step. Once the Contract Requisition (CR) for the new contract shows up in Pisces, either the COTR or the contractor needs to click the hyperlink presented. This kicks off a process in the background, similar to the Pisces Status Report wizard, which prepares the database for the development of the SOW. In the future, additional options will be available to copy from a previous contract automating the copying of underlying information (e.g., contacts, contract description, all work elements, etc.) as well as adding required work elements (e.g., 119, 165, 185) and/or milestones for you. After clicking the link, creation of the SOW proceeds the same as always.

