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A memo was sent out Oct. 31, 2008 from Dana Tulis, Deputy Director, OEM to inform emergency responders of the EPAs commitment to the Office of Inspector General. The status of the Regions and Special Teams (ERT, NDT, RERT) to fulfill this equipment tracking obligation is shown in Fig.1.

The equipment data comes in many different forms and includes EPA bar code, serial number, manufacturer, maintenance records, parts and supplies, etc. To become fully operational (also called 'in production') warehouses send data in spreadsheets to HQ IT. They identify data issues and request resolution from the region. The region resolves the issues and the data are resent to HQ IT. Data are then migrated to the Equipment Module **training**. This provides a means for the users to familiarize themselves with how to access the data in the database. Once Equipment Module training occurs in the region, warehouse managers can validate

their data to confirm its accuracy. If there are any pending corrections, these are fixed while the data are in training mode. Finally, once everything looks good the data are migrated to production and the Region is in full compliance, the FINISH line has been reached!

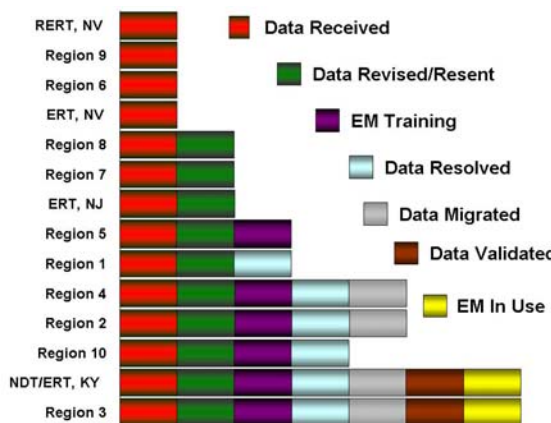


Figure 1. Status of EPA Regions in Migrating to Using the Equipment Module

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- Note the objective is to get to the GOLD bar status.

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While working in the equipment module you need to remember to "**Look Left**". Depending on where you are in the module the links on the left will change.

For example on the *Equipment Info* page the Maintenance links are on the left. On the *Parts & Supplies Info* page there is a link to view a listing of the P&S Inventory for that item.

Training and User Help

Jeanelle Martinez is the EPA coordinator for equipment training schedule and Ed Mullin (Dynamac) is available to provide user support and assist with the equipment training. Equipment Training schedule:

- Region 2; Dec 3-4



- Region 10; Dec 11-12
- Region 5; Dec 17-18

Training for the Equipment Module requires access to the EPA Portal and the Emergency Management Community. It helps to have access before training.

Emergency Module Version Rollouts

Version 5 - online 11/3/08 for both Production and Training.

Version 6 (2009) - Upload and synchronization capability from local users to national database. Prioritized list of requirements not incorporated in V5 and others recom-

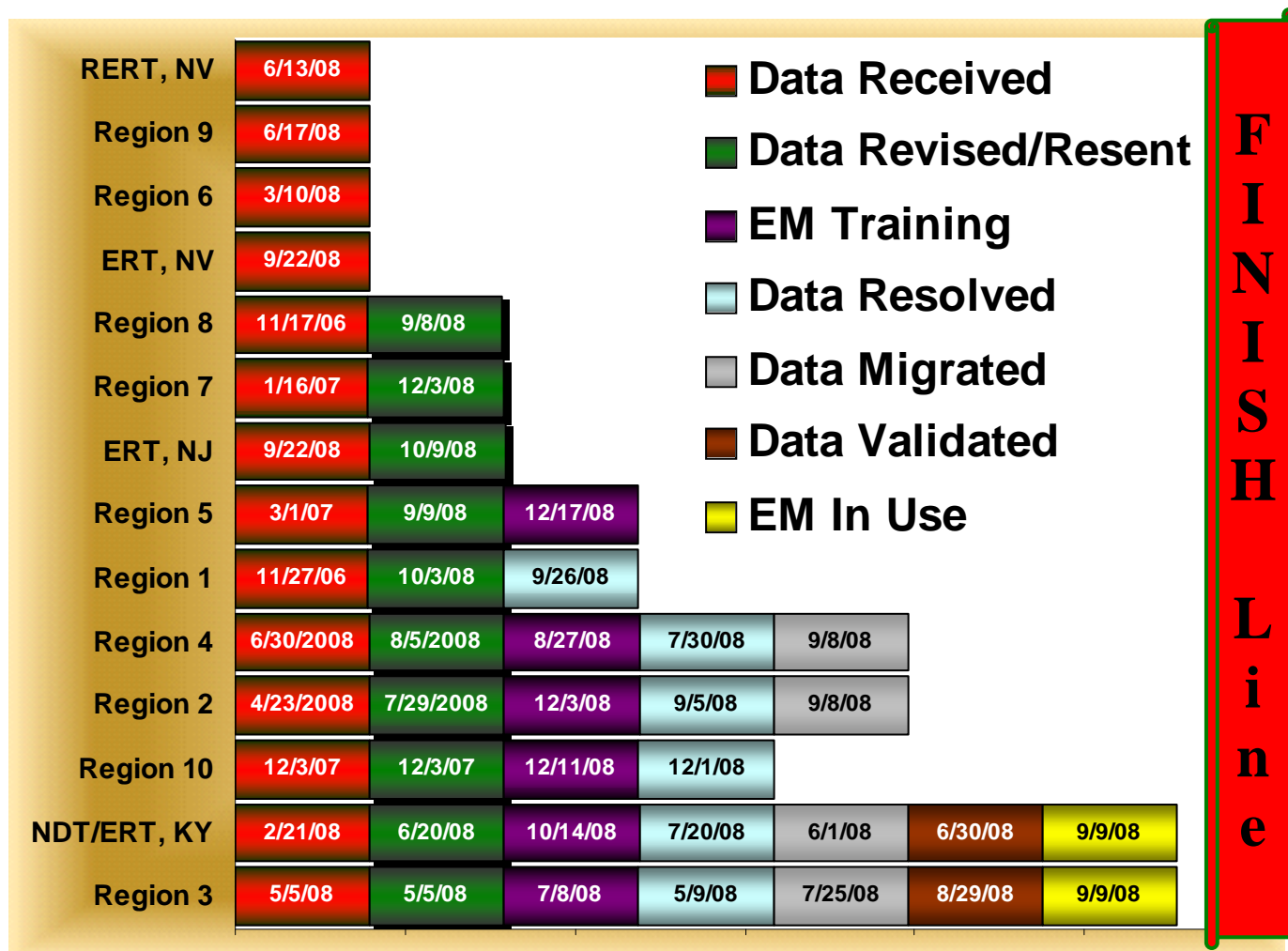


Figure 1. Status of EPA Regions in Migrating to Using the Equipment Module. Dates in box are provided for that specific action indicated in legend. The goal is to have all of EPA regions and Special Teams in the Gold “EM in Use” box by end of 2009. Training is dependent on the status of migration, and it is necessary to have access to the EPA Portal and the OEM Equipment Module prior to training (see November newsletter).