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## How Do I Request Access to the EPA Gateway?

### Introduction

AQS is a system for use by State, Local and Tribal Air Agencies, EPA and their contractors. Other groups interested in use of AQS data should utilize the DataMart

To provide increased security for the Agency's external facing applications and to provide users a single point of access to multiple government systems, the Air Quality System (AQS) is now using the EPA Gateway. The EPA Gateway is an external facing portal for customer access to agency applications. Users will enter the Gateway and select their login method. Depending on their authenticated identity level (as determined by Login.gov), the Gateway will determine which applications the user will have access to. Web Application Access (WAA) is then used to request access to the Air Quality System (AQS) community.

This section of the AQS Users Manual identifies the types of users who will request access to the AQS Gateway; users outside of the EPA and EPA users. For each user type, the steps necessary to gain access to AQS are provided.

- Users outside of EPA who have never registered at the EPA Portal (Login.gov) should start on [page 2](#).
- Users outside of the EPA who have registered at the EPA Portal (Login.gov) but who are not members of the Air Quality System community should begin with the instructions on [page 11](#).
- EPA users should follow the steps beginning on [page 16](#).

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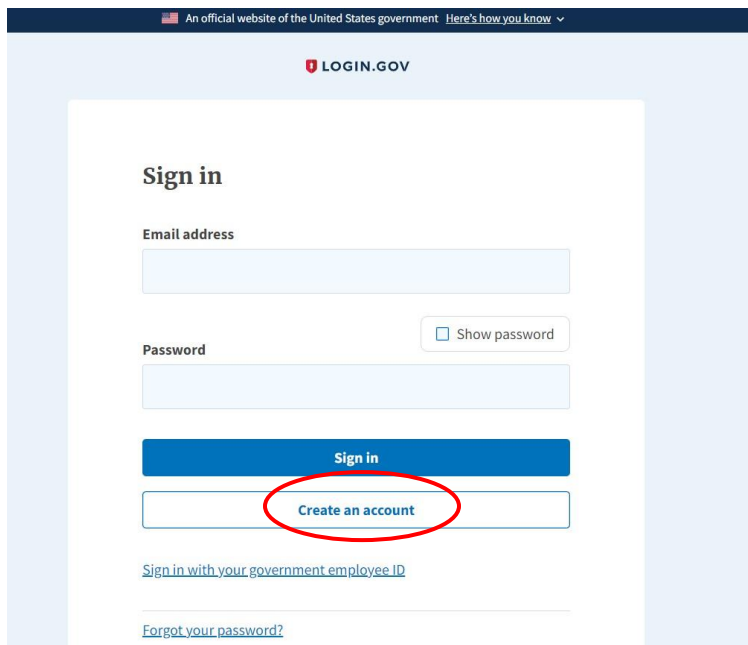


## **Users Outside of EPA Who Have Never Registered at the EPA Portal (Login.gov)**

The following are the major process steps a user outside of the EPA must follow to request access to AQS. Steps 1-7 are required by all users who wish to log in to AQS.

### **Step 1: Create a Login.gov account**

Go to Login.gov Portal located at <https://secure.login.gov/>. Select the option to Create an account indicated in the screenshot below.

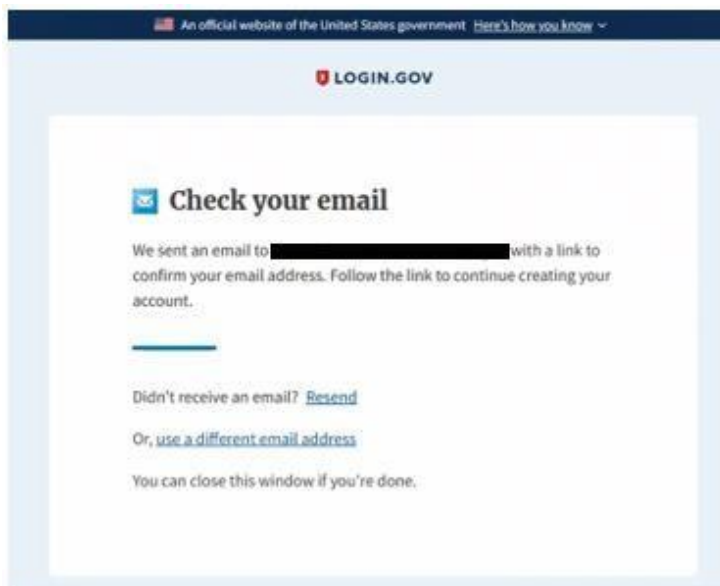


Follow the steps to create your account and click submit.

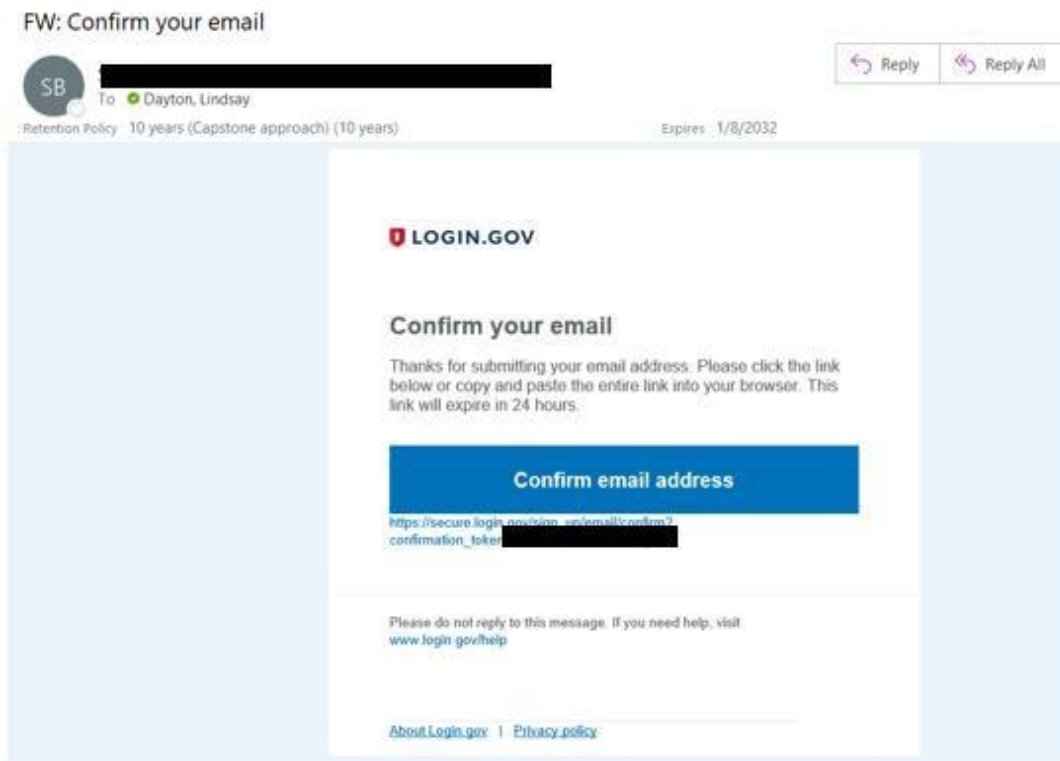
### **Step 2: Verify your Login.gov account**

You will receive notification to check your email to verify your account.

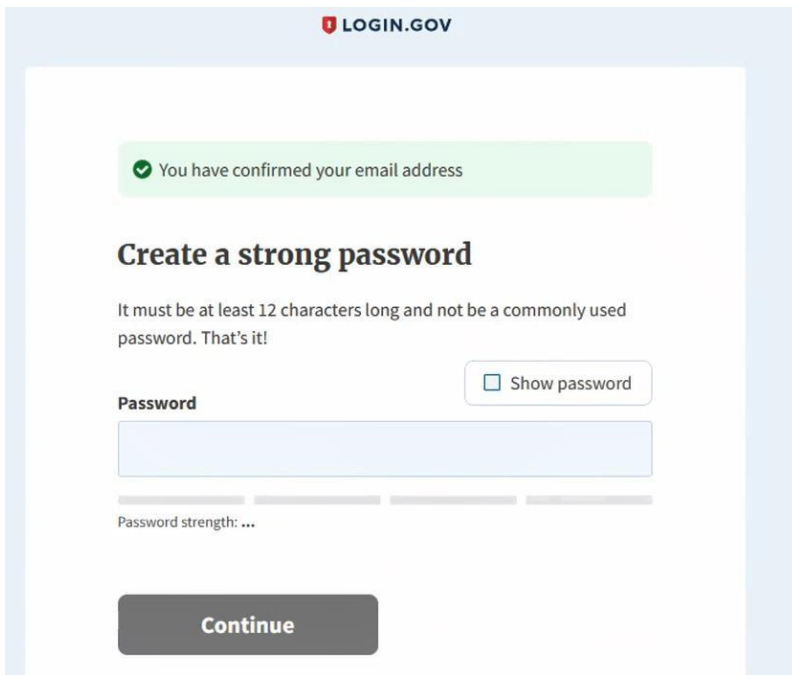
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Click on the link to verify your email and you will be moved to the next step in setting up your account.



**Step 3: Create a password** On the screen, enter a password for your Login.gov account. Click continue to be taken to the next step.



The screenshot shows the Login.gov interface for creating a password. At the top, the 'LOGIN.GOV' logo is visible. A green confirmation message states 'You have confirmed your email address'. Below this, the heading 'Create a strong password' is followed by instructions: 'It must be at least 12 characters long and not be a commonly used password. That's it!'. A password input field is present with a 'Show password' toggle. Below the input field is a password strength indicator consisting of three bars. At the bottom of the form is a dark grey 'Continue' button.

**Step 4: Select an authentication method**

Select an authentication method from the choices on the screen. For more information on the authentication methods that are available, please visit <https://www.login.gov/help/getstarted/create-your-account/>.

## Authentication method setup

Add a second layer of security so only you can sign in to your account.

**i** Keep this information safe. You will be locked out and have to create a new account if you lose your authentication method.

Select an option to secure your account:

- Security key**  
Use a security key that you have. It's a physical device that you plug in or that is built in to your computer or phone (it often looks like a USB flash drive). Recommended because it is more phishing resistant.  
**MORE SECURE**
- Government employee ID**  
Insert your government or military PIV or CAC card and enter your PIN.  
**MORE SECURE**
- Authentication application**  
Get codes from an app on your phone, computer, or tablet. Recommended because it is harder to intercept than texts or phone calls.  
**SECURE**
- Text or Voice Message**  
Get security codes by text message (SMS) or phone call. Please do not use web-based (VOIP) phone services.  
**LESS SECURE**
- Backup codes**  
We'll give you 10 codes. You can use backup codes as your only authentication method, but it is the least recommended method since notes can get lost. Keep them in a safe place.  
**LEAST SECURE**

**Continue**

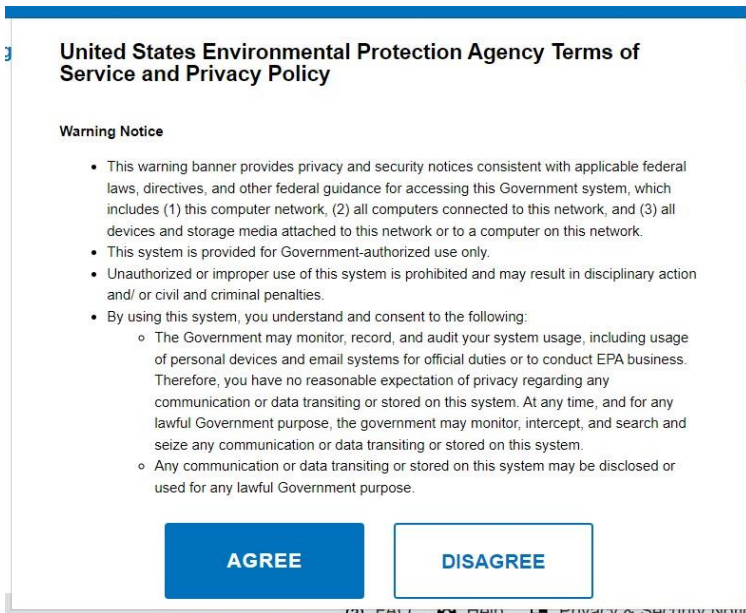
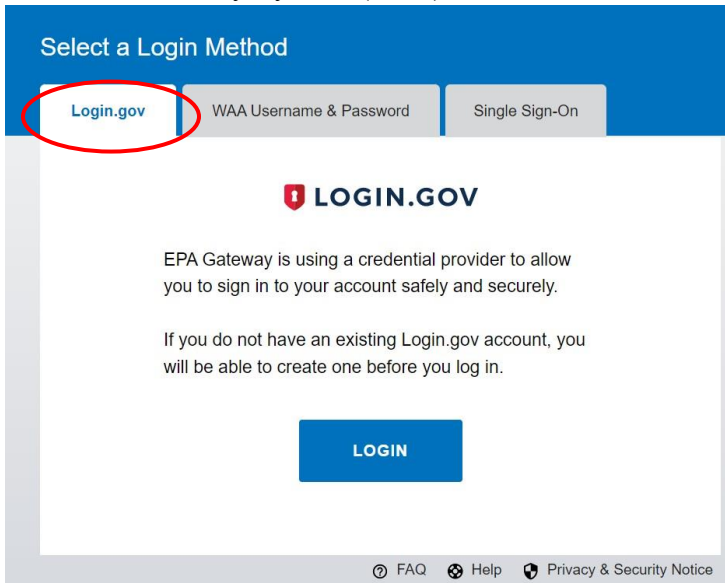
Once you click Continue, you should be taken to your Login.gov account profile and your account setup is complete.

For questions related to creating an account or authentication methods, please contact

Login.gov using the contact form located on this page <https://login.gov/contact/>. The Help Center located at <https://login.gov/help/> is also a useful resource for questions related to Login.gov.

### Step 5: Request access to the Air Quality System Community

Now that you have a Login.gov account, you will need to request access to the Air Quality System. To do this go to <https://waa.epa.gov/> and log in using your Login.gov credentials. Select the Login.gov tab as the method, as shown in the following screenshot, and click LOGIN, then AGREE. Fill out the Web Application Access Registration and select “Air Quality System (AQS)”



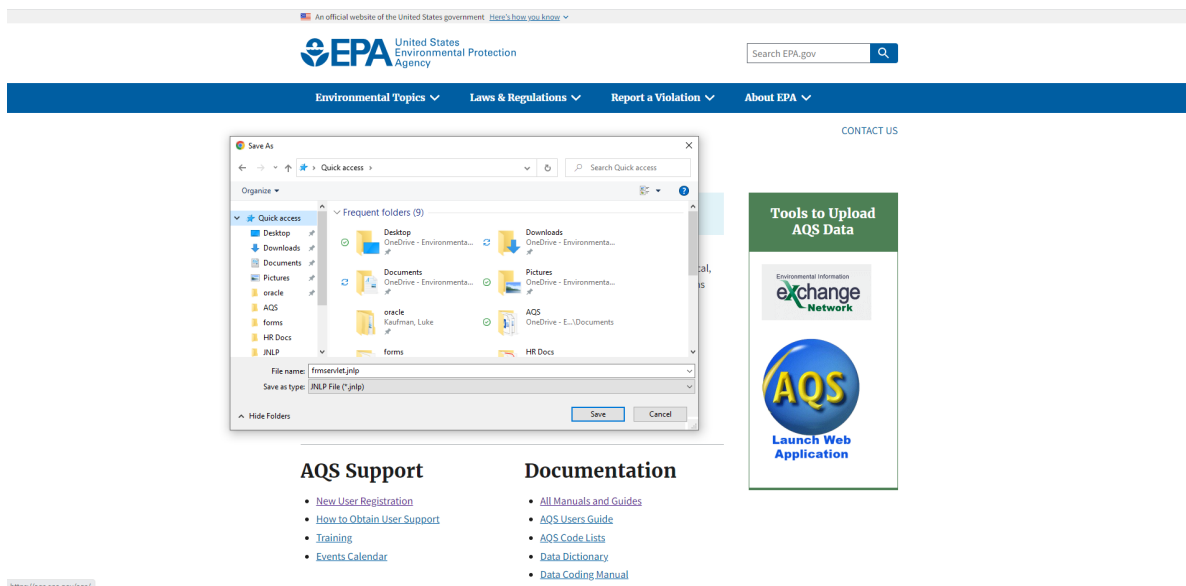
## Step 6: Wait for your acceptance email

You will receive an email letting you know that your application for access to the Air Quality System (AQS) Community has been approved. When you receive this email, continue to step 7.

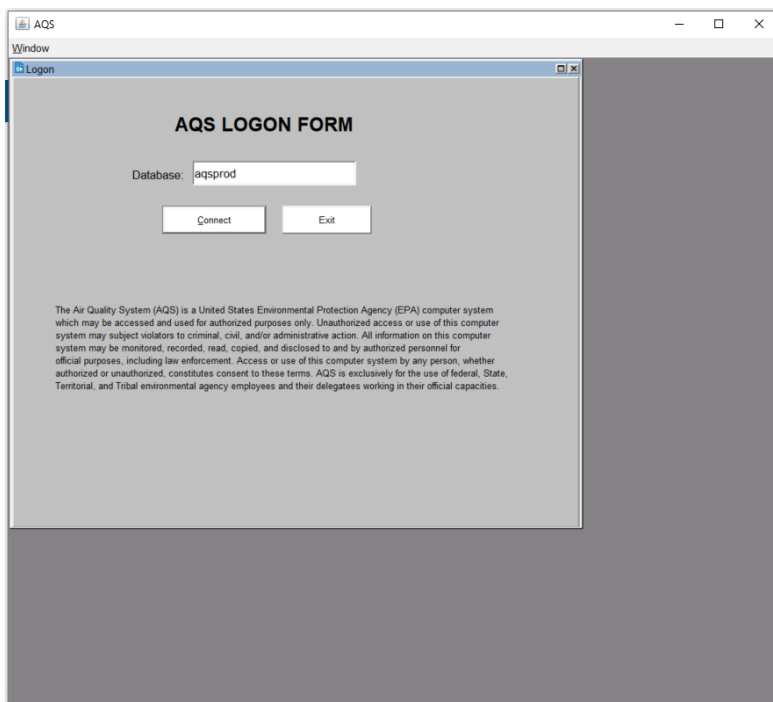
## Step 7: Login to the AQS application using your Login.gov account

- a. Navigate to <https://www.epa.gov/aqs> and click on the Launch Web Application icon.

- b. Save the frmservlet.jsp file and then run it to open AQS.



c. Click the **Connect** button



d. Then a browser window will open. Click the **Login.gov** tab and then click the **LOGIN** button to login using your login.gov account.

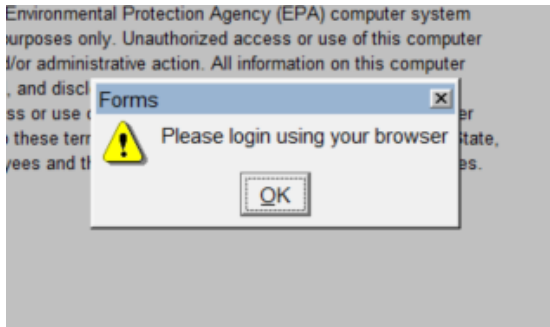


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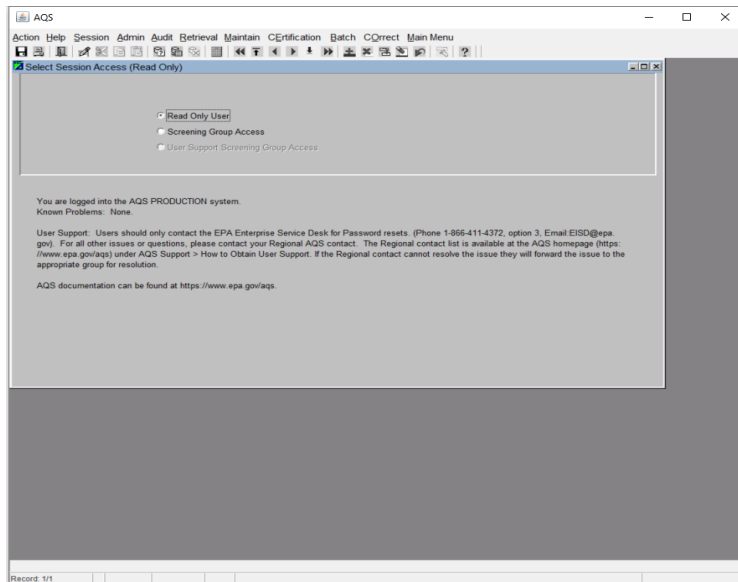
e. Once signed in, you will see a SUCCESS message.

A green rectangular box containing the following text: "SUCCESS! You have been successfully authenticated. Please return to AQS. It may take a few seconds for AQS to respond."

- f. Go back to the AQS application and click the ok button.



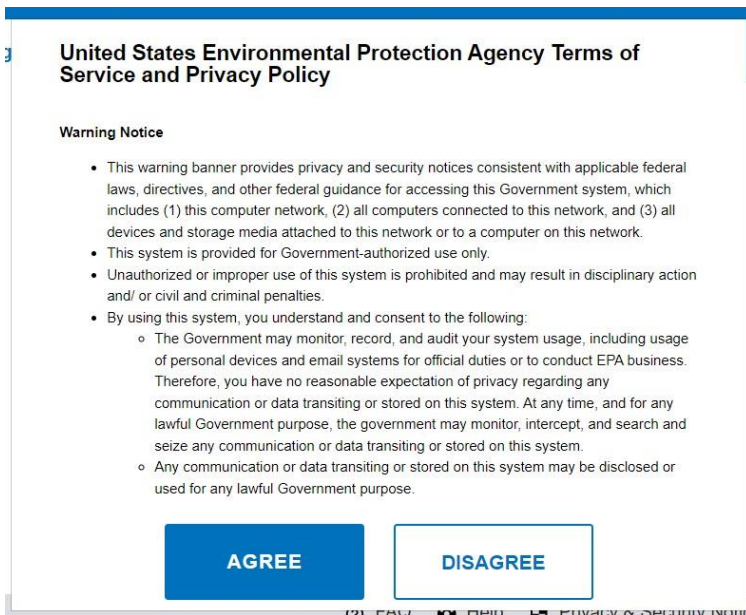
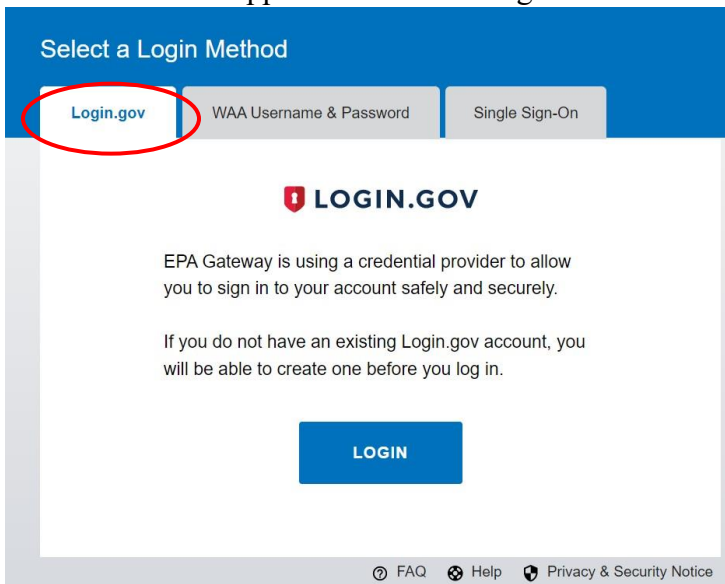
- e. You have now successfully logged into AQS using your login.gov account!



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Web Application Access Registration

Thank you for registering for EPA Web Application Access with your login.gov credentials. Please complete this form to gain access to EPA Web Community or Application.

**All FIELDS ARE REQUIRED**

EPA Contact Name:

EPA Contact's Email Address:  e.g. email@epa.gov

EPA Contact's Phone Number:

Your Information:

First Name:

Last Name:

Email Address:

Street Address:

City:

Country:

State/Province/Region:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

## Step 2: Wait for your acceptance email

You will receive an email letting you know that your application for access to the Air Quality System (AQS) Community has been approved. When you receive this email, continue to step 3.

## Step 3: Login to the AQS application using your Login.gov account

- g. Navigate to <https://www.epa.gov/aqs> and click on the Launch Web Application icon.

An official website of the United States government. [Here's how you know](#)

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### Air Quality System (AQS)

**AQS User Support** is provided through your **Regional EPA representative**.

The Air Quality System (AQS) contains ambient air pollution data collected by EPA, state, local, and tribal air pollution control agencies from over thousands of monitors. AQS also contains meteorological data, descriptive information about each monitoring station (including its geographic location and its operator), and data quality assurance/quality control information. AQS data is used to:

- assess air quality,
- assist in attainment/non-attainment designations,
- evaluate State Implementation Plans for non-attainment areas,
- perform modeling for permit review analysis, and
- prepare reports for Congress as mandated by the [Clean Air Act](#).

**AQS Support**

- [New User Registration](#)
- [How to Obtain User Support](#)
- [Training](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)

**Documentation**

- [All Manuals and Guides](#)
- [AQS Users Guide](#)
- [AQS Code Lists](#)
- [Data Dictionary](#)
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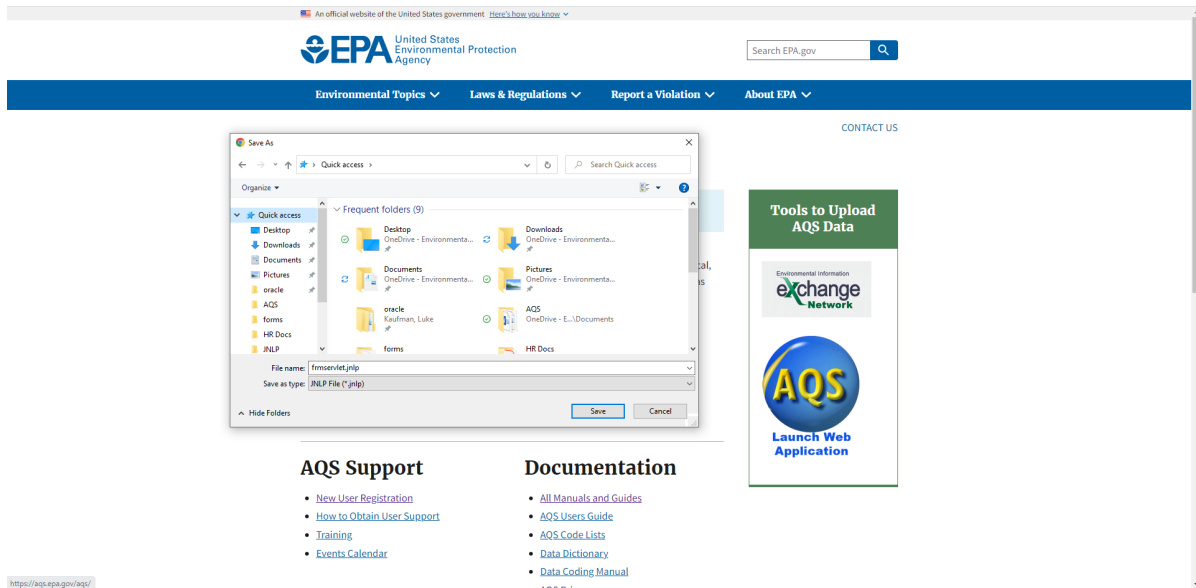
**Tools to Upload AQS Data**

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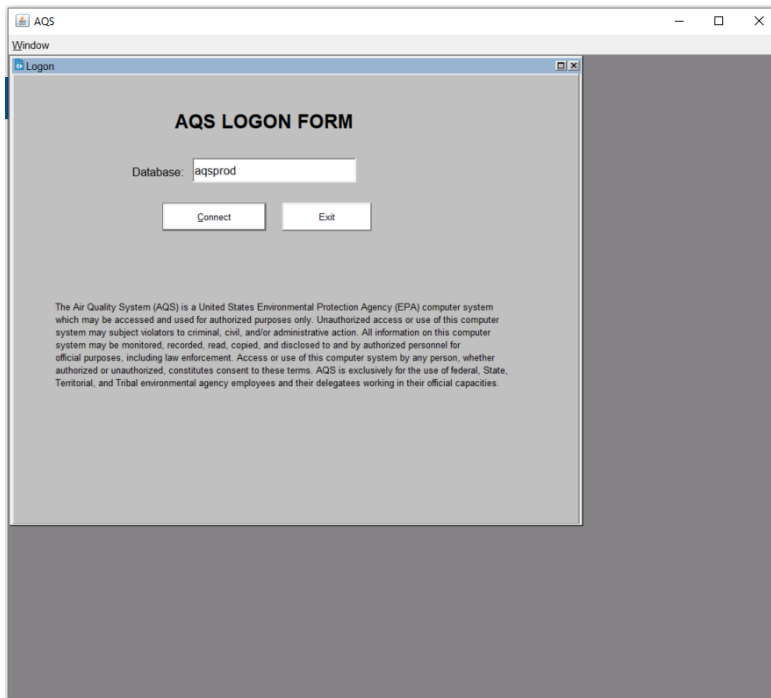
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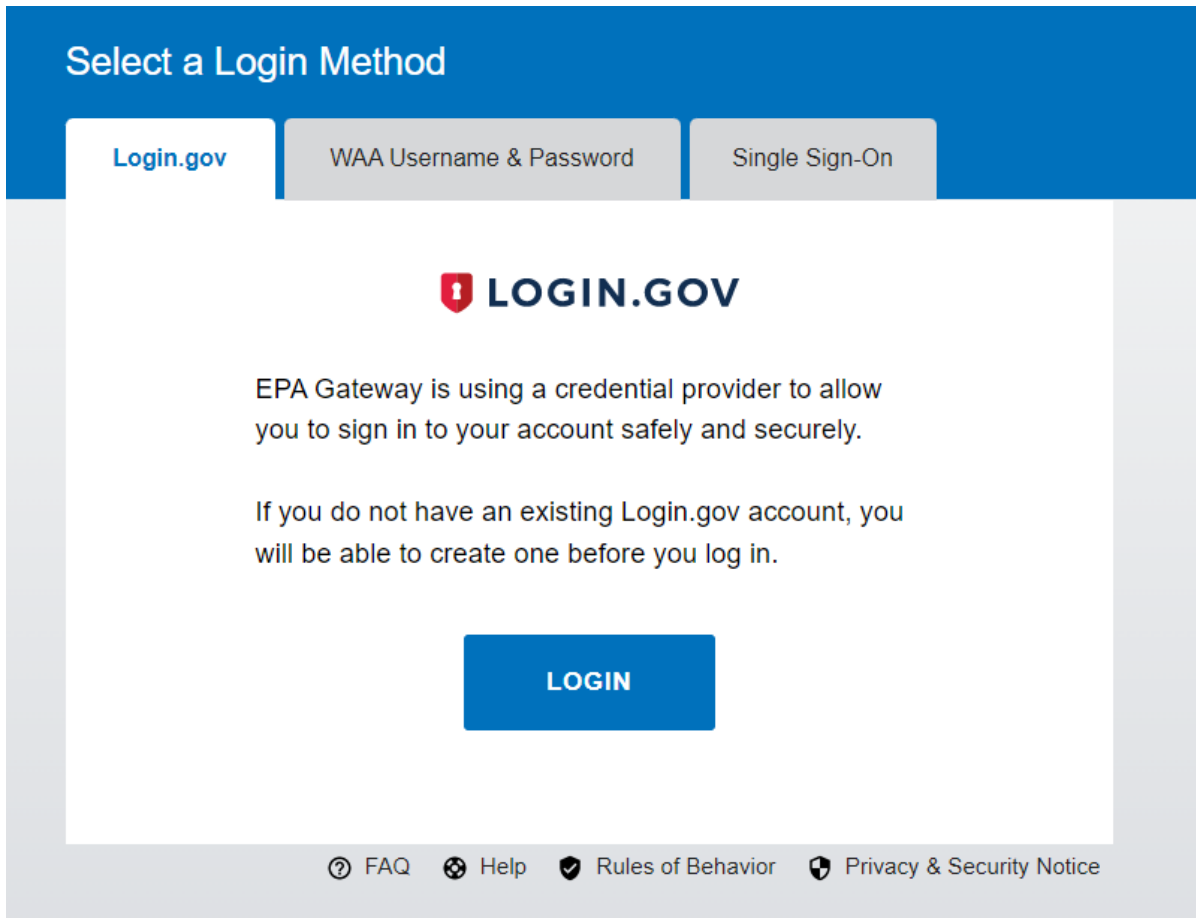


- i. Click the **Connect** button



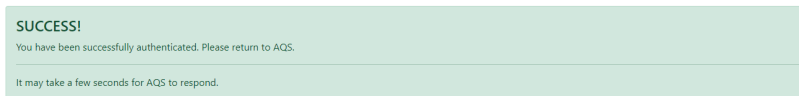
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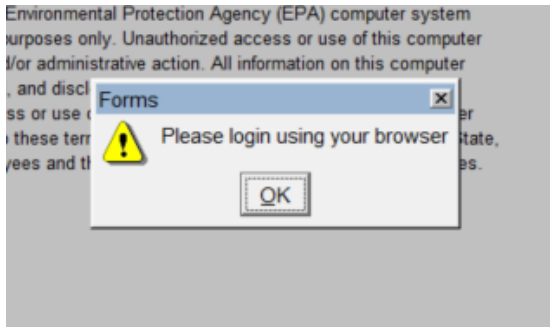
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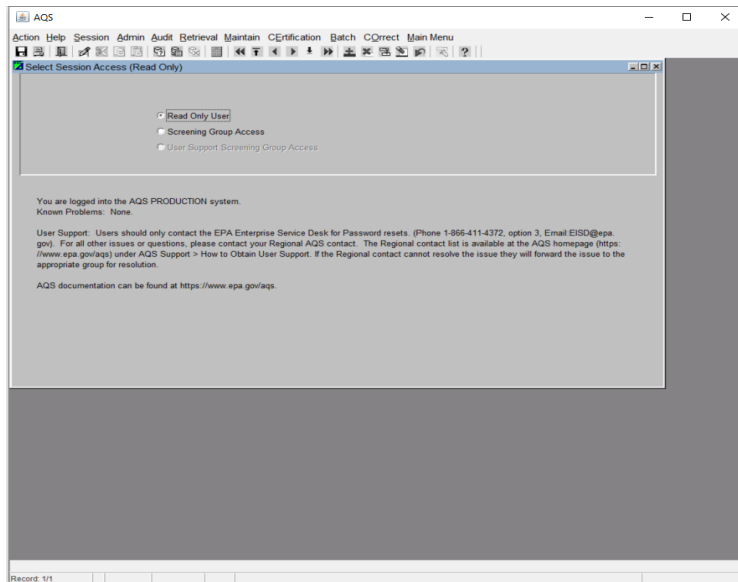
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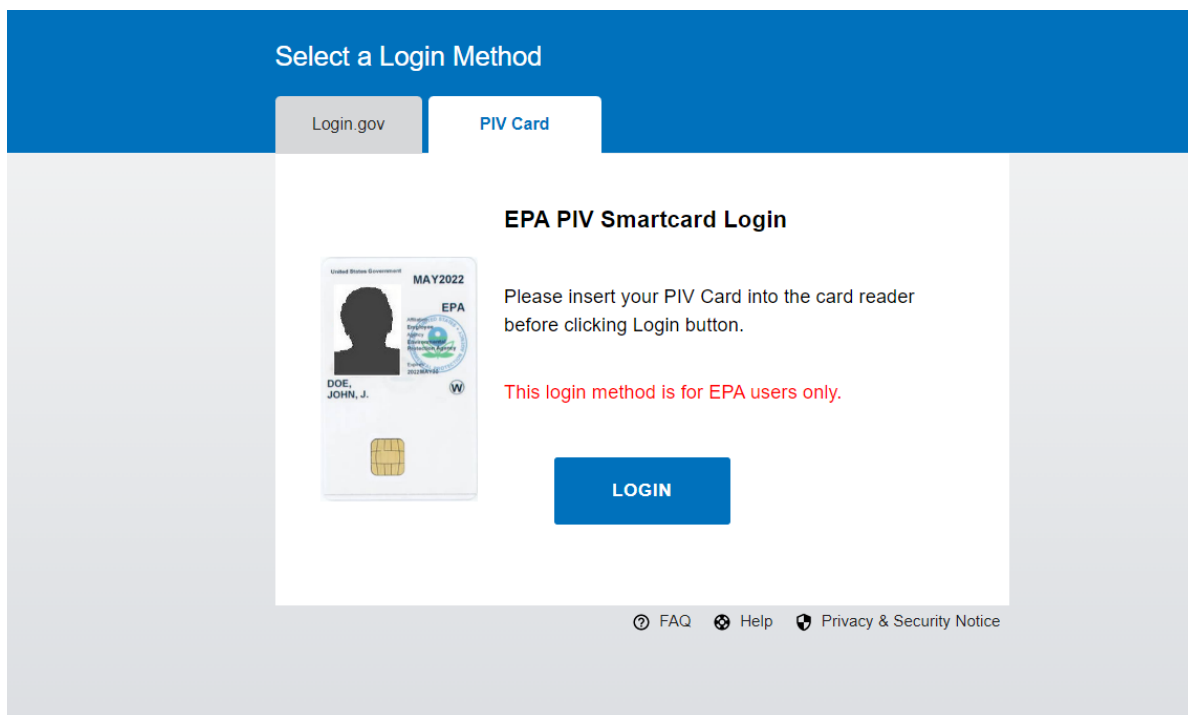


## **EPA users**

The following are the major process steps an EPA user must follow to request access to the AQS community.

### **Step 1: Login to <https://waa.epa.gov/> using your EPA PIV Card**

To request access to the Air Quality System, go to <https://waa.epa.gov/> and log in using your PIV card. Select the PIV Card tab as the method, as shown in the following screenshot, and click LOGIN.

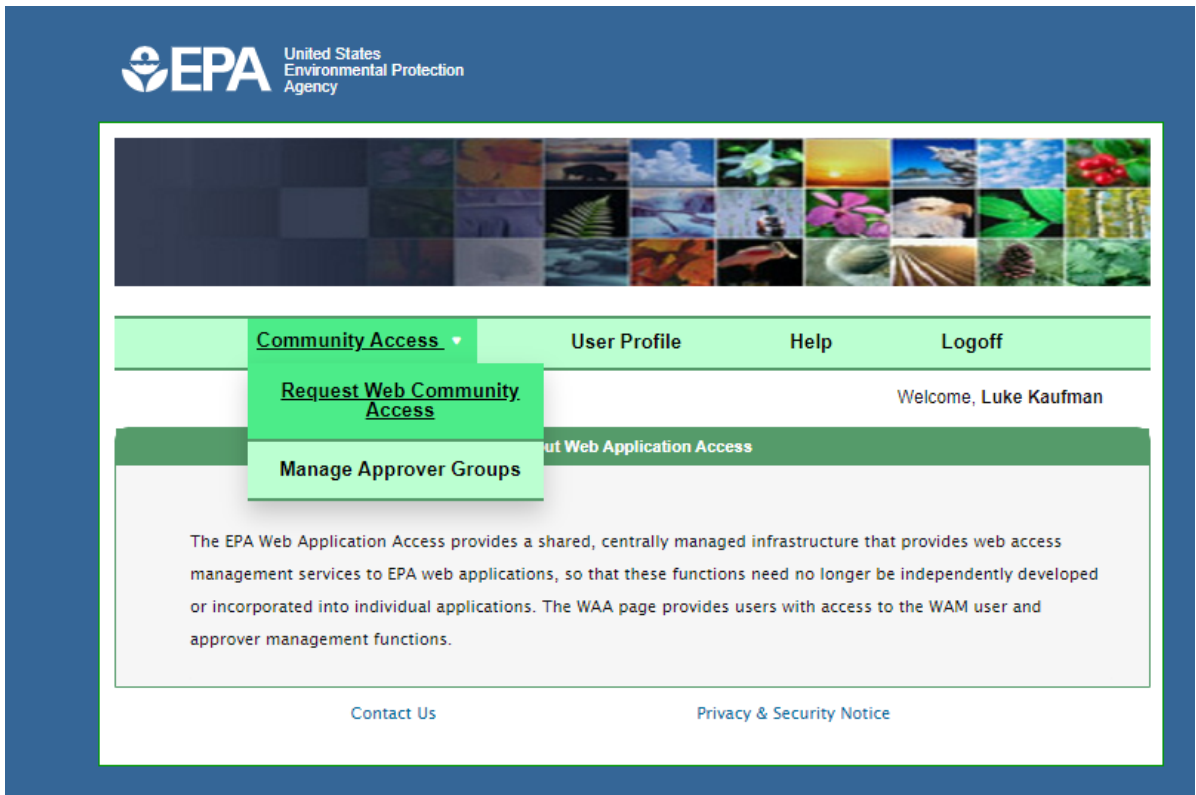


### **Step 2: Request access to the Air Quality System Community**

Select Community Access, then select Request Web Community Access, click the checkbox next to "Air Quality System (AQS)", and click submit.







The screenshot displays the EPA Gateway user interface. At the top left is the EPA logo with the text "United States Environmental Protection Agency". Below the logo is a grid of 20 small images representing various environmental subjects. A navigation bar contains links for "Community Access", "User Profile", "Help", and "Logoff". The "Community Access" link is expanded into a dropdown menu with two options: "Request Web Community Access" and "Manage Approver Groups". The "Request Web Community Access" option is highlighted. Below the navigation bar, the user is greeted with "Welcome, Luke Kaufman". A section titled "Request Web Application Access" contains a paragraph of text explaining the purpose of the Web Application Access (WAA) infrastructure. At the bottom of the page, there are links for "Contact Us" and "Privacy & Security Notice".

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[Request Web Community Access](#) Welcome, Luke Kaufman

[Manage Approver Groups](#)

**Request Web Application Access**

The EPA Web Application Access provides a shared, centrally managed infrastructure that provides web access management services to EPA web applications, so that these functions need no longer be independently developed or incorporated into individual applications. The WAA page provides users with access to the WAM user and approver management functions.

[Contact Us](#) [Privacy & Security Notice](#)



Community Access ▾
User Profile
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Welcome, **Luke Kaufman**

Request Web Community Access

This page allows you to select communities that are available to you on the Web Access Management page.

**Instructions:**

1) To join a community, check the box next to the community name. You can join and leave multiple communities at one time. When you are satisfied, click the "Submit" button at the bottom. Some communities require authorization, you will be notified via an email when your enrollment in the community is approved by the community owner.

2) If you wish to leave a community that you are a member of, contact web application access support team at [EISD@epa.gov](mailto:EISD@epa.gov)

**Your current communities are checked below. Add checks to new communities you want to request to join.**

Air Quality System (AQS)  
 All Hazards Waste Management Planning Tool (AHWMPT)  
 AQS Db Users  
 Atlassian Users  
 BIAC Program Support  
 CADDIS - Causal Assessment Diagnosis Decision Info Sys  
 CBOR SQL view Users group  
 Clean School Bus Community  
 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey DEP  
 ECHO Enforcement Sensitive (EPA employees only)  

▾ Emergency Management Portal Communities
 

- Emergency Management Portal - OA
- Emergency Management Portal - OAR
- Emergency Management Portal - OARM
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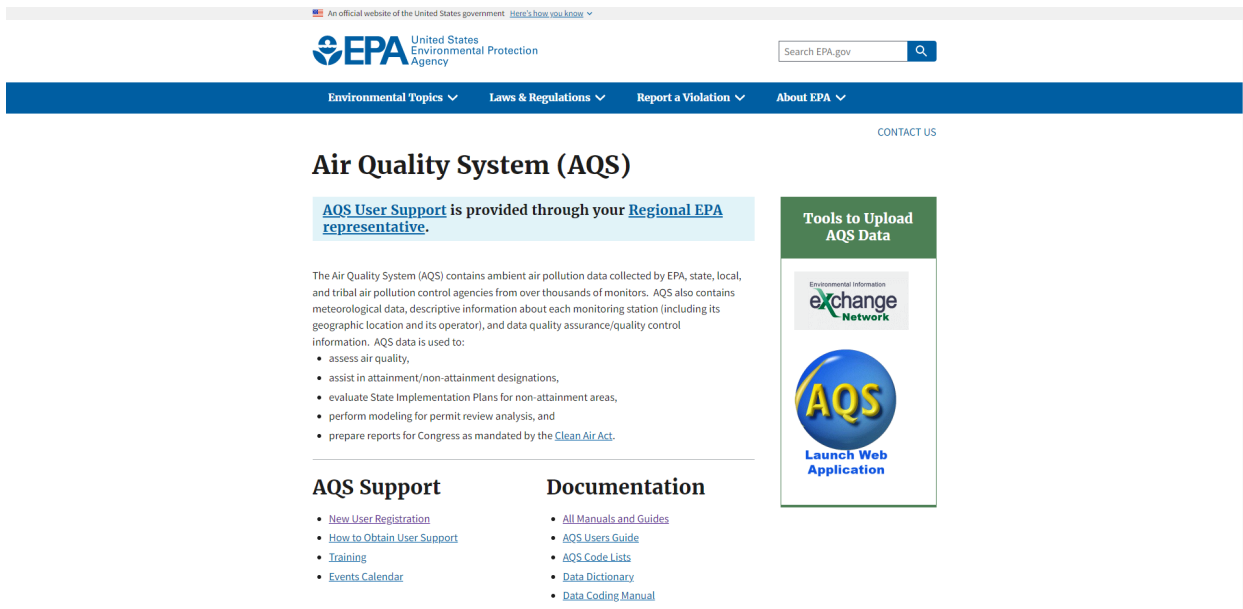
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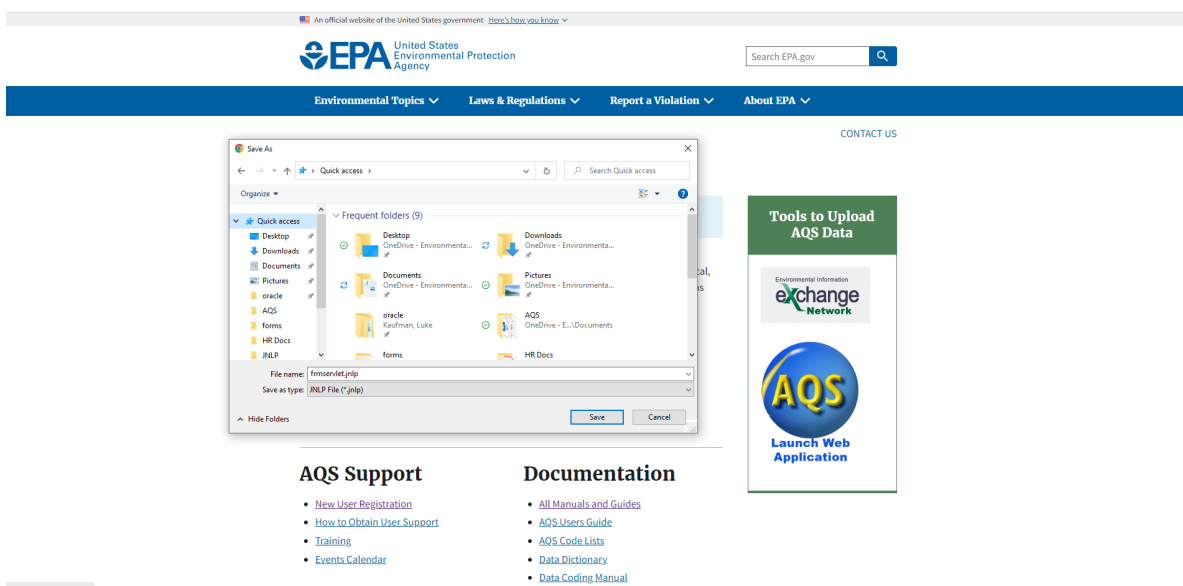
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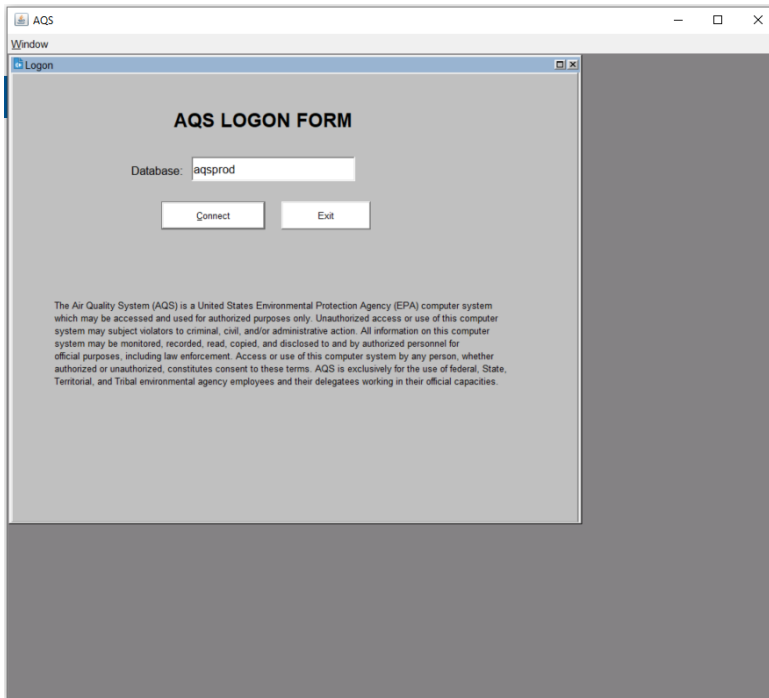
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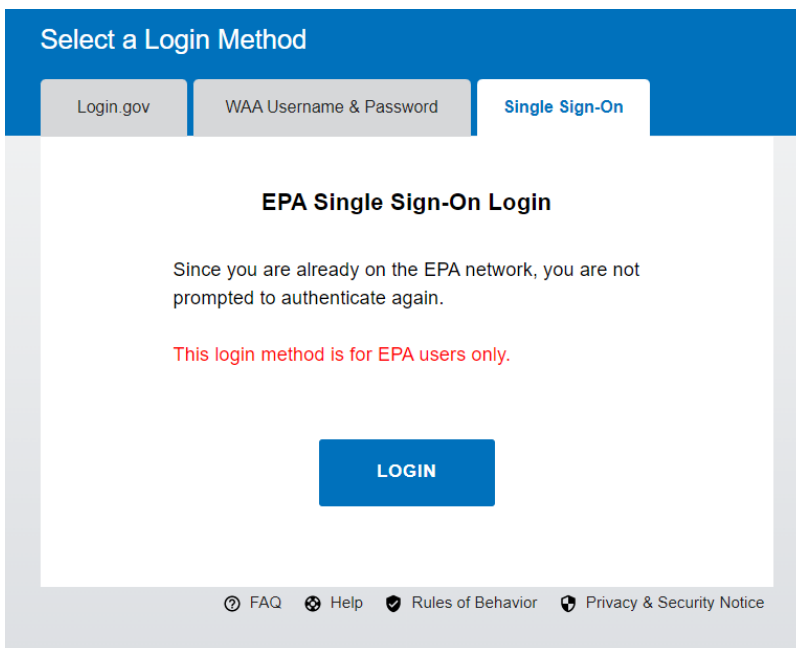
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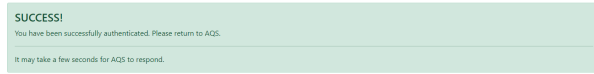
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