

**US Geological Survey  
3D National Topography Model Data Collaboration Announcement  
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**3DHP-E: Estimated Timeline for 3DHP Data Validation**

The following is an estimated timeline of the data validation process after data is delivered to the USGS. Data will not be accepted by 3DHP until it has passed validation. This document is a guideline only and actual dates may vary.

Larger projects may be broken into smaller blocks each known as a “work unit”. These work units are delivered to USGS by the data provider often in staggered deliveries with one or more work units in each delivery. Some projects may be small enough to be delivered as one work unit. The USGS reviews each work unit individually.

After a work unit is delivered to the USGS it is assessed to ensure the data were delivered in the proper format. Following confirmation of proper data formatting, the validation process will begin. The initial review process can take up to ninety (90) days after the work unit is delivered to USGS. Feedback is submitted to the USGS point of contact who communicates it back to the partner and/or data provider. Data providers have sixty (60) days to provide data corrections if requested. USGS has thirty (30) days to complete the review of the corrected deliverables. If the data still require corrections after evaluation, the correction cycle will be repeated.

As soon as a work unit has been validated, the Elevation Derived Hydrography (EDH) is ready for ingestion into the 3DHP dataset and publication on The National Map. This process of validation and ingestion/publication is repeated for each work unit that comprises the entire project. Validated and ingested data will be available through The National Map 3DHP services at the next scheduled quarterly update. Static versions of 3DHP will be made available for download annually. The figure below illustrates the estimated timeline of a project from delivery to the USGS through publication on The National Map

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<b>Delivery 1</b>	Work Unit 1	Initial Review 90 days	Corrections Requested 60 days	Review Corrections 30 days	Corrections Requested 60 days	Review Corrections 30 days	EDH Ingested to 3DHP Published Quarterly via Web Feature Service	<b>All Data Published to National Map</b>
	Work Unit 2	Initial Review 90 days	Corrections Requested 60 days	Review Corrections 30 days	Corrections Requested 60 days	Review Corrections 30 days	EDH Ingested to 3DHP Published Quarterly via Web Feature Service	
<b>Delivery 2</b>	Work Unit 3	Initial Review 90 days	Corrections Requested 60 days	Review Corrections 30 days	EDH Ingested to 3DHP Published Quarterly via Web Feature Service			
<b>Delivery 3</b>	Work Unit 4	Initial Review 90 days	EDH Ingested to 3DHP Published Quarterly via Web Feature Service					
	Work Unit 5	Initial Review 90 days	Corrections Requested 60 days	Review Corrections 30 days	EDH Ingested to 3DHP Published Quarterly via Web Feature Service			

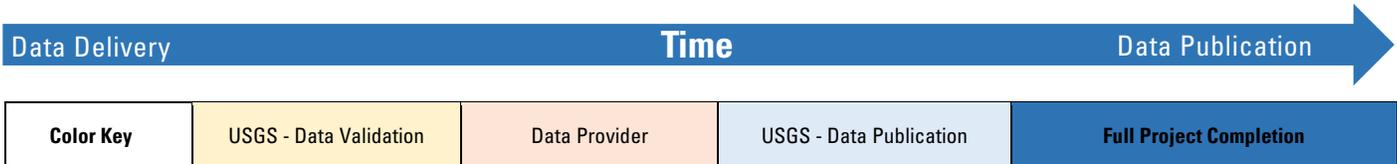


Figure 1: Estimated timeline of a project from delivery to the USGS through publication on The National Map. This example has 3 staggered deliveries broken up into 5 work units. Data may go through a series of correction cycles before validation is complete. This is an example for illustration purposes only. The actual time and number of corrections cycles for a project to be validated and published on The National Map may vary.