

## **One Tool for Checking Release Point Location Information**

In January 2012, DEQ updated the validations within the ERIC system with regard to release point locations. Specifically, the system default for the distance between the front gate coordinates and any release point coordinates is 500 meters. DEQ can increase this on a case-by-case basis.

There are a number of tools that are available to help users to quickly and easily visualize the locations of all their release points on a satellite image. One tool that DEQ staff use can be found at this website: <http://www.earthpoint.us/ExcelToKml.aspx>. Tools such as this allow data to be imported from a spreadsheet and converted to the format (.kml) that Google Earth requires.

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