**Questions from 05/12/2021 Mortality Experience Data Collection RDC Submission Meeting**

1. My company has already submitted 2018 data for the Kansas data call. Is the data file going to be the same for the NAIC data call?

**A:** It should not be assumed that the file layouts are identical. We know that the NY data call has several differences from VM-51 specifications. You should compare your KS layout with the one in VM-51 to be sure. Also, RDC requires a comma-delimited file. We are not sure that was the case for KS and NY.

1. The VM-51 Appendix 4 file layout has field widths. Since the file is comma delimited, is that a maximum size or does the data need to be that size (e.g. padding with spaces or leading zeros)?

**A:** The field widths found in VM-51 Appendix 4 are the maximum widths for each field. It should be noted that VM-51 Appendix 4 also includes the field position within the file. This is invalid since the file is comma-delimited. We are submitting a Valuation Manual amendment to have that position column removed.

1. Is there one sign in for both FTP and RDC?

**A:** Yes. Company administrators can use their NAIC login credentials to access both FTP and RDC. Some emails were sent out with separate FTP login information; however the NAIC login will work as well.

1. When RDC sends out an email, who receives it (company administrator, all users, submitter)?

**A:** The email will go to the person who submitted the data file.

1. Is there an alternative to submitting through RDC? One of our files is too big to submit through most sites?

**A:** At this time, we are not aware of any size limitations with RDC. We suggest that you attempt to submit with RDC first. If there are problems, then you can email us at experience\_reporting@naic.org and we will work with you to receive your submission.

1. Do you have to stay logged in while RDC is running validations, or can you come back and check exceptions once an email notification is sent?

**A:** It is not necessary to remail logged in while RDC validations are running.

1. Does the data file contain a header row?

**A:** No. If a header row is included RDC will not accept the file.

1. What about the other files (control totals, questionnaires, etc.)?

**A:** Those should be submitted using the company’s secure FTP site.