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# Command Reference: ReadInstreamFlowStationsFromList()

Read instream flow station data from a list file

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The `ReadInstreamFlowStationsFromList()` command reads a list of instream flow stations from a delimited list file and defines instream flow stations in memory. The instream flow stations can then be manipulated and output with other commands. The following dialog is used to edit the command and illustrates the syntax of the command.

**Edit ReadInstreamFlowStationsFromList() Command**

This command reads instream flow stations from a list file containing columns of information. Instream flow stations indicate locations where surface water flow can be associated with a minimum flow constraint. Columns should be delimited by commas (user-specified delimiters will be added in the future). Identifiers and names (and in some cases other information) can be read - most subsequent commands only need a list of identifiers. It is recommended that the location of the file be specified using a path relative to the working directory.

The working directory is: C:\Develop\StateDMI\_SourceBuild\StateDMI\test\regression\UserManualRef\FillInstreamFlowStationsFromHydroBase

List file:

ID column:  Required - column (1+) for ID.

Name column:  Optional - column (1+) for name.

Command:

```
ReadInstreamFlowStationsFromList (ListFile="ifs_list.csv", IDCol=1, NameCol=2)
```

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**ReadInstreamFlowStationsFromList() Command Editor**

The command syntax is as follows:

```
ReadInstreamFlowStationsFromList (Parameter=Value,...)
```

#### Command Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default
ListFile	The name of the list file to be read.	None – must be specified.
IDCol	The column number (1+) containing the stream gage station identifiers.	None – must be specified.
NameCol	The column number (1+) containing the stream gage station names.	None – optional (name will be initialized to blank).

At a minimum, the list file must contain a column with instream flow station identifiers. Lines starting with the # character are treated as comments. If the first line's values are surrounded by double quotes, the line is assumed to indicate column headings.

A sample list file is shown below:

```
# Stream gage stations as a list file
#
"ID", "Name"
IFS1, "INSTREAM FLOW REACH 1"
IFS2, "INSTREAM FLOW REACH 2"
...
```