Downloading the EML Document

After you've entered the needed metadata and checked it for validity and completeness (see "Checking Your Metadata" in this User Guide), you are ready to download the EML document in XML format.

That EML document is the end-product that has been the goal of this entire exercise. You'll need to include it along with your data files when you submit your data to a data repository, such as the repository managed by EDI, the Environmental Data Initiative. (See EDI's Data Portal at https://portal.edirepository.org.)

To download the EML document, click the **Download** link in the top toolbar. The EML document will be constructed for you and downloaded to your browser's download folder. This document is in XML format, consistent with the EML schema, and can then be opened in an XML editor (such as Oxygen, for example) and examined or edited.

Please note that if you edit the XML file in an XML editor, instead of editing the metadata in ezEML, your XML document will no longer agree with ezEML's version. If you are skilled in EML editing, however, there certainly may be cases where you want to do this.

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