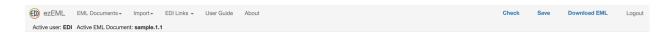
## **Checking Your Metadata**

Certain metadata values are required for an EML document to be considered valid. Various other metadata values are not strictly required by the EML standard but are highly recommended.

ezEML's **Check** feature helps you determine when all of the required and recommended values have been completed.

To use it, click the **Check** link in the toolbar at the top of the page:



That will bring up a screen that looks something like this:

## Metadata Check Back **Data Tables** Severity Reason Explanation Attribute Definition Error Required An attribute **Definition** is required Code Definition Required A code **Definition** is required. Error Attribute Definition Error Required An attribute **Definition** is required Attribute Definition Required An attribute **Definition** is required. Error Attribute Units Error Required A Numerical attribute is required to have a Standard Unit or Custom Unit defined. Description Warning Recommended A data table **Description** is highly recommended. Creators Item Severity Reason Explanation Creator Warning Recommended An ORCID ID is recommended.

Each Required or Recommended item that's missing or in need of correction is listed. Each item starts with a link that will take you directly to the page where the item can be found.

In the example above, for example, several Data Table attributes have missing Definition fields. Clicking one of the **Attribute Definition** links takes you directly to the attribute in question. Fix the missing value and then do the **Check** command again. Proceeding in this way, you'll see the list grow smaller until you're done.