

## 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 as a file in XML format.

That EML document will need to be submitted 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.edirespository.org>.)

To download the EML document, click the **Download EML** link in the top toolbar. The EML document is constructed for you and downloaded to your browser's download folder. This document is in XML format, consistent with the EML schema.

If you're proficient in EML editing, you might choose to open the file in an XML editor (such as Oxygen, for example) to examine or edit it. Please note, though, 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 of the metadata. If you're skilled in EML editing, however, there may be cases where you'll want to do this, for example to add some metadata not currently supported by ezEML.