



COMPLIANCE ADVISORY ENFORCEMENT ALERT

Making You Aware of Incentives and Compliance Assistance Opportunities

Compliance & Enforcement

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Reminder about Mandatory Change to Submit Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Discharge Monitoring Reports Data Electronically as of December 21, 2016

Who is affected by this initiative?

Facilities with New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) permits who discharge Stormwater or discharge to Surface waters **and** who currently submit paper Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR).

Why is DEP issuing this advisory?

The DEP is implementing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Electronic Reporting Rule, which was published on October 22, 2015. This rule requires the electronic reporting and sharing of Clean Water Act NJPDES program data.

Starting with the monitoring periods beginning January 1, 2017, the DEP will no longer be sending paper DMR forms to affected permittees and **will no longer be accepting paper DMR forms from affected permittees. Paper DMRs submitted after that date may result in permit violations for non-submission of data.**

All facilities required to submit their DMRs electronically will also have to submit any other monitoring report forms required under that permit (i.e. WCR's, RTR's, etc.) electronically. Revisions to any previously submitted paper monitoring reports will also need to be submitted electronically.

What is DEP doing?

The Division of Water Quality Permit Administration Section has notified the affected permittees about this new requirement, provided links for further information, and supplied a copy of the NJDEPS Agreement for Electronic Submission of Monitoring Report Forms (MRFs).

The Division of Land Use and Water Enforcement may issue enforcement actions for reporting violations that result from failure to register for or implement electronic DMR reporting by the deadline. This enforcement action can result in the assessment of penalties of up to \$50,000 per DMR.

What should I do?

- 1) Register for the NJPDES MRF Electronic Submission Service. Directions on how to register are available at http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pdf/NJPDES_MRF_Submission_Service_Registration_Steps.pdf
- 2) Complete, sign and send the NJPDES Agreement for Electronic Submission of MRFs, http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pdf/NJPDES_agreement_form.pdf, **prior to December 21, 2016** to:

NJDEP Permit Administration Section
Mail Code 401-02B
P.O. Box 420
401 East State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

Who should I contact with questions?

Please contact the Division of Water Quality, Permit Administration Section at (609) 984-4428 with any questions.

Where can I get more information?

For an overview of the electronic MRF submission service:

http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pdf/NJPDES_MRF_Submission_Service_Overview.pdf.

For the electronic MRF submission service reference manual:

http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pdf/NJPDES_MRF_Submission_Service_Reference_Manual.pdf.

For training videos on the electronic MRF submission service:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/mrf.htm> and scroll to the bottom of the webpage.

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