



Fact Sheet for Requesting DEP Guidance on Public Water System Monitoring during an Emergency

Public water systems experiencing challenges with sampling or analysis due to the availability of staff or laboratories, or the inability to enter homes/buildings for distribution system sampling may request the DEP to use discretion to review modifications to sampling requirements due to emergency situations. Be advised that some instances may not need DEP review and approval. It is important to read the below scenarios to determine if a request is applicable.

Scenario	Action
You need to deviate from the pre-approved distribution system sampling locations but can collect the required number of samples and they are representative.	<p>You do NOT need DEP approval.</p> <p>Visit our website to view additional guidance, memorandums, and Best Management Practices for more detailed information on appropriate alternate sampling locations and guidance for modifying your Sampling Plan.</p>
You need to modify your Revised Total Coliform Rule, Disinfectant By-Product Rule, or Water Quality Parameter Sampling Plan to reflect alternate sampling locations.	
Your water system is not in operation for the quarter due to closure of the facility.	<p>You do NOT need DEP approval.</p> <p>Email watersupply@dep.nj.gov with "Water System Out of Service" in the subject line</p>
You cannot collect the required number of samples for a specific parameter (due to lab availability, staffing issues, access issues, etc.)	<p>DEP approval is needed *</p> <p>Read our Best Management Practices for more details.</p> <p>Complete a Request for DEP Guidance on Public Water System Monitoring Due to an Emergency in its entirety and email it to watersupply@dep.nj.gov with "Request for DEP Guidance on Monitoring" in the subject line.</p>
You are having difficulty operating your system or complying with other related licensed operator requirements (i.e. full-time licensed operator requirements, staffing, licensed operator access and/or availability etc.).	<p>DEP approval is needed *</p> <p>Contact the Division of Water and Land Use Enforcement:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(973) 656-4099 (Northern) (609) 292-3010 (Central) (856) 614-3655 (Southern)</p>
Other questions?	<p>Read our Best Management Practices or Email watersupply@dep.nj.gov with "Question on Request for DEP Guidance" in the subject line</p>

*Be advised that the DEP reserves the right at any time to issue violations, penalties or require issuance of a Boil Water Advisory (or Do Not Drink as applicable) immediately upon a determination that there is an increased risk to public health.