

Pin Up Calendar

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First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who work in rural America and wear many hats. Most of you are asked to service water, wastewater, keep up the parks, maintain roads and the list goes on.

The paper work seems tedious and less important to, for example, sewer in someone's basement, but it must be done.

One of the most overlooked reports is the influent (incoming sewage) sampling. This is done only once a year, which is why it is easily forgotten.

It's kind of like your wedding anniversary, it only happens once a year, but boy you better remember that date! This is why, I suggest you use one of those freebee calendars you get from a local business and post it in the lab or office and CIRCLE THE DATE to begin sampling your influent, since it needs to be done on a 24-hour composite.

- First, I would suggest you print ALL your DMR's at the beginning of your fiscal year. You should find a date in which you are required to submit your influent samplings. Go to that calendar and in red marker circle that date. In most cases, it will fall in the last quarter of your year; but by printing the whole year, you can know exactly when you are to report.
- Second, allow yourself enough time to complete the sampling. The sampling must be a composite of 24 hours; allow yourself enough time, so you don't start testing to close to the last day of the recording month.

If you have further questions you can refer to the Appendix A, under sampling, in your permit or give me a call.

Unlike making up a forgotten wedding anniversary to your spouse by making special dinner reservations or sending a bouquet of flowers to her at work, DEQ is less forgiving!